

American Legion Post 9-11

March 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes

1830 Opening Ceremonies carried out by: Post Commander Dan Beatty.

Roll Call of Officers - Absent: Peggy Escolopio (Adjutant), Frank Escolopio (Sergeant at Arms), Angela Potter (Service Officer), Randy Fritz (Judge Advocate),

Minutes of Previous Meeting: February 2016 meeting was cancelled secondary to the snow storm. January meeting minutes were approved. Executive Meeting minutes were approved (Bill Miller's motion and Karen Hartling's second...motion carried).

Guests: Bob Cleveland, former Army, was living in California...potential member. Kaitlyn Ward of Tri-Lakes Cares, District 7 Representatives: Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Historian, Adjutant.

Reports:

Membership: Membership from the AL State's 2/3/16 report has Post 9-11 at 83.72%. On 2/17/16 that number had risen to 88.95%. On-line renewals in Jan 2016 (no Feb 2016 Meeting) were documented by the AL State at 9 members.

Finance: Vern Kuykendall provided finance documents dated 23 Feb 2016 and then gave the Finance Report based on those documents.

Executive Committee: Commander Beatty provided a verbal update of the Executive Meeting...with all agenda items from that Executive Meeting also duplicated on this Post Meeting agenda. Therefore, all of those topics were covered during this Post Meeting.

Service Officer: Not present...no report.

Sick and Bereaved: Jim Bergeron reported that Ken Ferran, Sons of the American Legion member, passed. A memorial service is scheduled.

Restaurant Committee: Alicia Gatti reported the upcoming evening meal to support the Palmer Lake School library. She stated that 30 military families go to that school. She also reported a Celebrity Bartending scheduled on 1 April, with a silent auction. \$15 cover charge. 7-10 pm. Proceeds go to Project Wounded Warrior USA.

Gaming Committee: Vern reported upcoming games.

Auxiliary: No report.

Old Business:

1. **Boy's State (04-11 June):** Ron Pitt briefed on this topic. See Ron for details and to support this program.
2. **Post Home Committee - Depot Status:** Commander Beatty reported no change to current status.
3. **Grant Inputs:** Commander Beatty noted we still require a volunteer for this year.
4. **Membership Push:** Commander Beatty read AL State documents and then reported the AL State has a membership drive...and subsequent membership awards (e.g. Recruiter of the Year). See Commander Beatty for greater details and to support this membership drive.
5. **Veterans Pictures:** Jim Bergeron reported the progress of the Veterans Banners...and the path forward. The Knights of Columbus will provide \$300.00 "seed money". Veteran pictures will go for \$125.00 for 10 or less. See Jim for greater details.
6. **Eagle Scout Nomination:** If you have any interested potential Eagle Scouts, please see Commander Beatty.

New Business:

1. District Visit: The District Guests brought forward 12 topics for presentation or discussion. Those twelve topics included: District Commander's Staff introductions; Membership of our post; Membership of the State AL; June Department Convention; May District Convention; May visit to CO of AL Commander who will Walk for Veterans in the Garden of the Gods; Membership Contest; AL Baseball participation with Post 209; Finance and District dues; AL is

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non-partisan in politics; 100 Anniversary shirts available; AL sells American Flags and the Post gets 10% of the sales. Commander Beatty thanked the distinguished guests for their travels and briefings.

2. **CO Caucus:** Commander Beatty spoke of potential conflicts with this meeting and the CO Caucus which are held simultaneously. He also reminded all in attendance not to wear any AL recognizable items to any political event.
3. **Nomination Committee and Elections:** The commander reminded the meeting that Bill Miller chairs the Nomination Committee. All positions and one BOT position are available.
4. **Tri-Lakes Cares:** Guest Kaitlyn Ward spoke as the \$500 recipient received by Tri-Lakes Cares. The monies are used on veteran clients...medical bills...family needs (e.g. diapers) ...oil changes...utility bills.
5. **Ice Fishing Tournament:** Historian Ray Kinder spoke well of Bill Miller's efforts in support of the ice fishing tournament...boring holes in thick ice to support Wounded Warriors.
6. **USAFA Wing Open Boxing:** The tournament will be held 9 March. The Commander spoke of the support programs associated with this event...the Honor Flight. The Honor Flight takes vets back to D.C. A motion was made to support this event with \$500.00. Eddie seconded the motion. The motion carried with one opposition.
7. **Memorial Day Events – Ron Carlisle partnering with VFW Post 7829:** See Ron to support this event.
8. **AFJROTC Awards - Air Academy High:** The Post 9-11 has again been asked to support the AFJROTC Awards this year by presenting the Military Excellence and Academic Excellence AFJROTC Award winners. Tom Weyer is running this activity.
9. **Tri-Lakes Little Leagues:** A motion was made to support this activity for \$100.00. Janet Ferran seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Posted with the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence was brought forward for the good of the Post at this meeting.

50-50: Recorder did not document this event, or its outcome.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Commander Beatty conducted the closing ceremonies.