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American Legion Post 2007



23 November 2020 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 1905 hrs by the Commander.

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers present except the Senior Vice and excused/sick Finance Officer.

The Sgt at Arms introduced the Junior Vice of Post 1937, Mike Kling.

October meeting minutes were read with motion to accept by Doug Jameson and seconded by Andrew Dunham. Minutes approved by membership.

The Executive Meeting minutes were read with motions to accept by Rich Gabel and were seconded by Doug Jameson. Minutes approved by membership. Discussion followed on whether the Executive Minutes needed to be read during the meeting or not. Reason is that the information is discussed during the course of the Post meeting. The Commander motioned to do away with the reading of the Executive Meeting minutes, seconded by Rich Gable. Membership approved.

The Membership Report was given showing 126 paid members for the current year.

The Finance Officer was not present due to illness so no report given.

Poppies – No report.

Veteran Affairs – No report. Doug Jameson stated he was unsure how the installation of SCCVA officers would be accomplished due to no meetings because of COVID.

Community Patriotic Observances – Pearl Harbor Day ceremony is still on for the 7th.

Honor Guard – Rich Gabel stated we now had 6 members with the addition of Andrew Dunham. He would like to have at least 10 members. The team would be able to do Taps at events with the trumpet that Rich has. The Highland Post would help by showing the team how to properly fold the flag. Rich then read the history behind Taps. He also mentioned how the firing of the M-1s would be done.

Americanism – No report.

Boy Scouts – No report.

Constitution and By Laws – No report.

Gifts to the Yanks – Les stated we were scheduled to deliver the gifts to the two homes.

Les discussed how we could perform the gift giving, possibly using the Honor Guard. However, we decided to do it, we will make it work. He mentioned we should use music as part of the program. Rich Gable volunteered to bring his PA system. There is a slight possibility that we could gather inside one of the facilities. It will depend on the current restrictions. Our gift order is already in and we're looking at early December to go to the homes.

No reports for any other program area.

Sick Call – The Commander announced that Glenn Gindler, the 5th Division Sr. Vice had passed away. Glenn had been a mentor to the Commander at the Division level. Bob Burrack was very sore after battling leaves all day.

Unfinished Business –

Messinger Cemetery

- We have a clean-up set for 28 November, 9 until noon.
- Honor Guard will be practicing for the ceremony on the 7th.
- Need to fill holes and look for any tripping hazards.
- Crushed rock was added to the driveway.
- Replace flags on veteran graves with flags donated by Post 1937.
- Install approximately 90 tablet markers to the gravesites.
- Pagett has partnered to help restore the schoolhouse.
- Veteran stones can be replaced by the VA. Two have already been replaced.

Flag Boxes

- The metal boxes are a no go.
- We may need to build wooden boxes
- Need to work on getting the large box painted.

New Business –

- The Commander spoke on the passing of Josephine Rose Owens on 6 December 1918 from the Spanish Flu. She is the lone grave located in the rear corner of the cemetery. He stated he would like to try and raise money to plant a tree in the spring if given permission by the St. Clair Historical Society. It would cost in the range of \$150 - \$160,
- Doug Jameson spoke on how a local vet-owned business, Sullivan's, was struggling with the imposed closure of restaurants and bars. He suggested that an event be coordinated at the bar with food trucks and the bar as a charity event that helps vet-owned businesses. We may be able to move on it after the first of the year. There were a number of possibilities with the event, such as a raffle or having the VSO to provide Veteran services. Gary volunteered to help.
- Doug Jameson then spoke as the Chairman for the St Clair Republican Party. He asked about the possibility of using the Honor Guard to post colors at the upcoming Lincoln Gala. The Commander stated he had checked with the Department and they stated that it could be done if:
 - a. If there is no gratuity of a meal. HG members would post and leave.
 - b. If the Democratic Party asked for a similar use of the Honor Guard, they could not be denied.

Rich Gabel spoke on his belief that in doing it, we get the colors out into the community and advertise the Post. Rich then motioned to allow the Honor Guard to be used for the Republican Party Gala and was seconded by Les O'Neal. Membership approved.

Memorial to a departed Member – 5th Division Jr. Vice, Glenn Gindler was again mentioned.

For the Good of the Legion

- Rich Gabel said he would visit local businesses to solicit donations for the Honor Guard.

50/50 Results – won by Doug Jameson -again - who donated the \$16.50 back for use of the Honor Guard.

Next Meeting to be held on 28 December with Executive Meeting at 1830 hrs.

Meeting adjourned at 2006 hrs.