



S. A. L. General Membership Meeting Minutes

On May 18, 2016, the monthly meeting of the Sons of the American Legion Veterans Memorial Squadron 347 was held at 6:30 pm in Post 347 Hall.

The First Vice Commander checked membership cards at the door for those in attendance. There were 41 members in attendance including 1 potential new member and 9 members from the Executive Committee. Member at large Art Hodge, Chaplain Jack Dirga and Sgt at Arms Deano Mosingo were not present with excused absences. Legion liaison Len Biederman was present.

The colors were posted and the American Flag was saluted. Past Commander Richard Duncan put the POW-MIA Flag in place, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone then stood in silence for our fallen comrades and Veterans followed with the reading of the Preamble. Mike Bartczyk led us with the opening prayer. Commander Stroud conducted the meeting.

Commander Stroud announced that Danny Adams' father is in the hospital, that Joe Francis has died, and that Norm Anderson has had heart bypass surgery.

The minutes from the General Membership Meeting held on April 20, 2016 and from the Executive Committee Meeting held on May 4, 2016 were emailed to the membership prior to this meeting for the membership to review. There were no corrections to the minutes. Richard Duncan made a motion to accept both sets of minutes as posted. Mike Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

With the excused absence of Finance Officer Bill Spriet, there was discussion to make the Treasurer's Report available for review. Cory Meloni made a motion to waive the reading of the Treasurer's Report because it is available for review. The motion was seconded by Tim Mee. The motion carried.

Commander Stroud thanked Craig Bradley and Bernie Harcher for working in the kitchen by moving the appliances, cleaning the floors and moving the appliances back into place.

New members – We had three potential new members whose applications were reviewed. Their membership applications have been checked and all have met the requirements to be members. Bob Daniher was the only potential new member present. He introduced himself to the general membership. Second Vice Commander Gary Blanchard made a

motion to accept the members. Motion seconded by Charlie McGlone. The motion carried. The new member will meet with Second Vice Commander Blanchard who will brief them on membership expectations and present him with a new member's packet.

Nomination Committee member Charlie McGlone read the names of the nominees for the Executive Committee for next fiscal year. Doug White requested and made a motion to hear from both candidates that are running for contested offices. The motion was seconded by Ron Monat. The motion carried. Candidates for Commander Danny Adams & Bill Preston, and candidates for first Vice Commander Gary Bishop & Gary Blanchard spoke about their credentials. The ballots were distributed to the members with valid membership cards followed by the casting of the votes. The ballots were counted by Len Biederman and Charlie McGlone.

Old Business—

George Worton announced that he and 2nd Vice Commander Gary Blanchard visited Colleen Shaut's favorite charity, the ARC of Sunrise to find out what the organization needs for their members as SAL 347 would like to make a donation to support the organization in memory of Colleen Shaut. This organization has approximately 100 people in their facilities with disabilities such as cerebral palsy. The ARC of Sunrise has discovered that there is a bowling alley nearby that offers unlimited bowling all summer (3 games per day including rental bowling shoes) for \$14.95 per person. They would like to take approximately 20 of their members bowling through this program this summer along with having pizza and other party favors one time for this group of 20 members. The Executive Committee had decided that a donation of \$350 is worthwhile. Mike Hicks made a motion to make the \$350 donation to the ARC of Sunrise for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Cory Meloni. The motion carried.

Second Vice Commander Gary Blanchard thanked all of those who have volunteered to place and take down flags at the national cemetery for Memorial Day weekend. The maximum number of volunteers was reached.

George Worton gave an update for the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee has requested at an Executive Committee meeting that the scholarship awards be raised by \$1000 so that three scholarships (one for \$2000, one for \$1000 and one for \$500) be awarded to each of the high schools that SAL 347 sponsors (Lake Weir HS & Belleview HS). George made this motion, seconded by Gary Bishop. The motion carried.

Bill Preston announced that he made a \$128 donation for the NEF (National Endowment Fund) that he had promised (this is 25 cents per member of our squadron). Bill has presented his \$128 check to SAL 347 for this purpose. SAL 347 will donate the \$128 to the NEF. Bill then requested that SAL 347 donate 50 cents per member to the NERF (National Emergency Relief Fund). Cory Meloni made a motion to make the \$256 donation to the NERF. Richard Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commander Stroud will present both of these checks at the upcoming Detachment Convention.

Charlie McGlone announced the election results for the contested positions. Bill Preston

won the election for commander. Gary Bishop won the election for First Vice Commander. The election results will be posted in the hallway leading to the lounge.

The meeting was properly closed at 7:20pm with prayer given by Mike Bartczyk, retirement of the POW-MIA flag by Past Commander Richard Duncan and salute of the flag.

Yours in God and Country

Timothy Standfest, Adjutant