



S. A. L. General Membership Meeting Minutes

On June 15, 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 25 members in attendance including 1 potential new member and 9 members from the Executive Committee. There were no guests. 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.

The minutes from the General Membership Meeting held on May 18, 2016 and from the Executive Committee Meeting (where we did not have a quorum) held on June 1, 2016 were emailed to the membership prior to this meeting for the membership to review. There were no corrections to the minutes. Gary Bishop made a motion to accept the minutes from the General Membership Meeting. The motion carried. Gary Bishop made a motion to accept the minutes from the Executive Committee discussion (it was not a meeting since there was no quorum). Bill Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Finance Officer Bill Spriet, read the Finance Report. Gary Blanchard made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Bill Preston. The motion carried.

Commander Stroud called for reports from the 1st & 2nd Vice Commanders and for Committee Reports. There were no reports.

Sick Call—Commander Stroud announced that Danny Giovanni has severe pneumonia.

New Business—There was discussion on the fiscal year end donations that our squadron will be making. Bill Spriet also led the discussion on how our squadron budgets before and during the fiscal year. Bill Spriet answered questions regarding the “Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual” report he prepared. Charlie McGlone (scholarship committee) further explained the process of how the checks for the winners of the scholarships that are

issued. Richard Duncan made a motion to accept the P&L statement and to make payment on the items on the report as it was presented. The motion was seconded by Craig Bradley. The motion carried.

Commander-Elect Bill Preston requested volunteers come forward for programs and committees he wants to form for the upcoming year. He then led a discussion on nominating delegates to the upcoming State & National Conventions. Based on our membership, our squadron has 53 votes to pay for and cast. Bill made a motion to approve up to 53 delegates and have anyone at the meeting who wishes to attend either of the conventions be able to attend at their own expense. Danny Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed. Bill Preston nominated Danny Adams to attend the conventions as a delegate. Danny Adams nominated Bill Preston to attend the conventions as a delegate. Both Danny and Bill were approved to attend the conventions as delegates.

Correspondence--Adjutant Standfest read the correspondence received that included letters of thanks from Lake Weir High School, four letters of thanks from scholarship recipients, a note of thanks from "Joe" (for an unknown reason), a letter of thanks from the Special Olympics of Florida for our donation, a letter of thanks from the VA clinic for serving coffee & donuts, and our Membership Statement from the Detachment showing that our squadron attained 116.40% of our membership goal. Note: If the five membership cards that are being sent out today are included, our squadron has then reached 117.53% of our membership goal.

New members – We had five potential new members whose applications were reviewed. Their membership applications have been checked and all have met the requirements to be members. First Vice Commander Gary Bishop read the names of the potential new members as David Mutterer, Lon Gaumer, Gary Gaumer, Carlos Olaguer and Perry Lenz. Perry Lenz was the only potential new member present. He introduced himself to the general membership. First Vice Commander Gary Bishop made a motion to accept the members. The motion seconded by Cory Meloni. The motion carried. The new member introduced himself and will meet with First Vice Commander Bishop who will brief them on membership expectations and present him with a new member's packet.

Other Business—Bill Walsh requested the names of the incoming officers who will be attending the installation banquet and their guests, along with their choice from the menu so the correct amount of food can be ordered for the dinner.

The meeting was properly closed at 7:33pm 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