



S. A. L. Minutes

On September 16, 2015, 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 Adjutant checked membership cards at the door for those in attendance. There were 27 members in attendance including 6 potential new members and 7 members from the Executive Committee.

The colors were posted and the American Flag was saluted. Commander Stroud had the Acting Sergeant at Arms (Art Hodge) put the POW-MIA Flag in place, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike Bartczak stood in for the Chaplain who is absent and gave the opening prayer. Everyone then stood in silence for our fallen comrades and Veterans followed with the reading of the Preamble and the Executive Board Roll Call. Chaplain Jack Dirga, Finance Officer Bill Spriet & Sgt at Arms Deano Mosingo were the only officers not present.

The minutes from the General Membership Meeting held on August 19, 2015 and from the Executive Committee Meeting held on September 2, 2015 were emailed to the membership and posted at the door prior to this meeting for the membership to review. Second Vice-Commander Blanchard made a motion to accept the minutes as posted from the General Membership Meeting. Motion seconded by Craig Bradley. Motion carried. Art Hodge made a motion to accept the minutes as posted from the Executive Committee Meeting. Motion seconded by Gary Bishop. Motion carried. Finance Officer Spriet was absent. The finance report was read by Adjutant Standfest. Steve Peterson made a motion to accept the report as read. Seconded by Gary Bishop. Motion carried.

Old Business-

First Vice Commander Gerry Beauchamp requested help in the sale of tickets and help on the golf course (set up, tear down, etc) for the golf outing to be held on September 25th.

New Business-

Bill Preston made a presentation of the Squadron History Book he presented to the Detachment and the District 6 History Book that District Historian George Worton presented. Squadron 347 was not considered on the state level, but the same book received a 100% rating on the national level. He then presented the plaque awarded to the squadron to Commander Stroud.

Tom Soeder gave an update on the Urn Project for indigent veterans. He showed an example of an urn that in the form of a kit and also a completed urn. A \$30 donation buys one urn and Squadron 347 donates \$1000 per year to the Urn Project.

Commander Stroud made the announcement of the funeral for Jeannie Gray (wife of Past Commander Bill Gray) to be held September 17th at 11am. He requested members to attend for support and respect of Bill & Jeannie Gray.

Gary Bishop made the announcement of the Lady Lake Chamber of Commerce Shop Local Expo. He currently has seven volunteers and needs one more so he can have four teams of two men each. Bill Preston and Danny Adams volunteered. They will meet at the St Timothy's church parking lot at 9am on September 30th.

Second Vice Commander Gary Blanchard is announced that we are serving coffee and donuts at the VA Facility on SR-42 the fourth Wednesday of every month (which is September 23rd this month). He needs two volunteers every month.

Commander Stroud announced that the District 6 meeting will be held at Post 347 at 9am. Members are welcome to attend.

Second Vice Commander Gary Blanchard announced that he needs volunteers to set up and tear down for the Harvest Dance (to be held on September 18th) and the Halloween Dance (to be held on October 31st).

Correspondence-

From the Detachment of Florida as of September 7th, we are 59.33% of the membership goal.

New Members-

First Vice Commander Gerry Beauchamp read the names of six new member applicants (see attached list) whose applications have been verified & approved. Two applicants were present (Angelo Speziale & William Sellers) and the grandfather of one applicant (Jonathan Cole who lives in Chicago) appeared on behalf of his grandson. Bill Preston made a motion to accept the new members as read. Seconded by Tim Standfest. Motion carried. Gary Blanchard announced he will present a new member packet to each new member.

Meeting properly closed at 7:18pm with prayer given by Mike Bartczak, retirement of the POW-MIA flag (Art Hodge) and salute of the flag.

Yours in God and Country

Timothy Standfest, Adjutant