



S. A. L. Minutes of Executive Committee

On December 2, 2015, an Executive Committee meeting of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 347 was held at 1700hrs in the Post 347 Conference Room.

The meeting was properly called to order by Commander Stroud with a prayer (given by Chaplain Jack Dirga), a moment of silence for our fallen comrades & missing Veterans, saluting the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members in attendance were Butch Stroud, Gary Blanchard, Gary Bishop, Jack Dirga, Deano Mosingo, Bill Spriet, Charlie McClone & George Worton
Excused were Past Commander Richard Duncan, Tim Standfest and Billy Preston.**

New Business – Gary Bishop opened a discussion on how to better utilize the volunteer's and how to get more people involved. Butch described how some events are well staffed but some need additional help. Samples of volunteer sheet was handed out for discussion and it was suggested that each event should have a leader that would co-ordinate each activity. Charlie McClone and Gary Blanchard noted that there seems to be more people willing to volunteer and that the workload needs to be more evenly distributed than is the case now so the burden does not land on a very few shoulders. Suggestion was made to have a sign-up sheet for each event at the regular meetings so we can recruit new faces. Butch noted that Dave Radcliff would likely take one or two events as leader. Suggestion was also made to email the membership with this requesting that members volunteer 4 hours a month or more for motivated volunteers.

Bill Spriet addressed the issue concerning Canadian members' dues. We are charged \$35 for processing a Canadian check and in addition we cannot accept Canadian currency for similar reasons.

Gary Blanchard shared that the coalition has helped a number of Veterans with resumes and other assistance and 7 have benefited to date. An impressive start for a program aimed at needy Veterans and their families.

Deano Mosingo asked that a plaque for Richard Duncan be ordered as Past Commander and Butch advised that it along with a Lifetime Membership card is also in the works.

Gary Blanchard asked for clarification as to when the monies from the Halloween and Harvest dances would be distributed to the Coalition for Florida Veterans. Butch stated that the monies are generally sent at the end of the Administrative year although this can be changed. Special situations such as the timeframe for recognition for Special Olympics may cause those dates to change. Gary will speak to the Coalition and get back.

The meeting was properly closed with prayer and a salute to the flag at 1905 hrs.

**Yours in God and Country
Temporary Note taker MAL George Worton for:
Timothy Standfest, Adjutant**