



S. A. L. Minutes of Executive Committee

On April 6, 2016, an Executive Committee meeting of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 347 was held at 1730hrs in the Post 347 Conference Room.

The meeting was properly called to order 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 McGlone, Bill Preston, Tim Standfest, George Worton & Richard Duncan. Legion Liaison Len Biederman was also present along with Eastern Area Commander Tom Soeder.

New Business – Commander Stroud made a proposal to donate money in memory of Colleen Shaut to her favorite charity or to her family to help offset any unforeseen costs due to her death. Discussion on this showed that it is well known that Colleen’s passion was with special needs, handicapped and autistic kids since she would bring some kids she was watching to the post for breakfasts, etc. This subject is tabled until there can be further research to determine which organization was her favorite.

Commander Stroud announced that there is a sign up sheet in the lounge for the 40 & 8 golf outing on April 23rd at Water Oaks.

There was discussion on and a motion made by Richard Duncan (and seconded by Gary Blanchard) to make a new standing rule for Squadron 347 that a member of the squadron can only hold one elected office per person. Motion carried.

Tom Soeder announced that Detachment Commander Joe Eckenrode will be in our post lounge for a meet & greet on April 15th at 3pm prior to the retirement party for Ed Shuebrooks. Tom also showed the agreement he made with the post commander that shows the SAL responsibilities for this event. He noted that the bartenders will be working for tips only and drink prices will be the same as in the bar. Tom requested help in setting up and

tearing down. Bill Preston will be attending this event and he volunteered to run the 50/50. Bill Preston made a motion to donate the proceeds from the 50/50 to Ed as a retirement gift in the form of cash or a gift card for whatever he wants to spend it on. Richard Duncan seconded that motion. Motion carried. Richard Duncan volunteered himself and his grandson Matthew to also assist in running the 50/50. There will also be donations taken for Ed's gift at the table as guests arrive. Richard Duncan also made a motion to have the squadron pay for the commander's dinner. Motion was seconded by Gary Blanchard. The motion carried.

Bill Preston announced that he will be donating 25 cents per member of our squadron to the National Endowment Fund (NEF) through our squadron. He asked that our squadron donate 50 cents per member to the National Emergency Relief Fund (NERF). Bill Preston made a motion that the squadron donate 50 cents per member of our squadron to the NERF after he donates 25 cents per member of our squadron to the squadron and have his donation earmarked for the NEF. George Worton seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Gary Blanchard attached a copy of the schedule of events that to take place in conjunction with the Flags for Fallen Veterans event over Memorial Day weekend this year.

The meeting was properly closed with prayer and a salute to the flag at 1810 hrs.

Yours in God and Country
Timothy Standfest, Adjutant