



S. A. L. Minutes

On July 1, 2015, an Executive Board meeting of the Sons of the American Legion Post 347 was held at 1730hrs in the Post 347 Conference Room. The meeting was properly called to order with a prayer given by Gary Blanchard, a moment of silence for our fallen comrades & missing Veterans, saluting the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance were Richard Duncan, Bill Spriet, Butch Stroud, Gerry Beauchamp, Tim Standfest, Gary Blanchard, Tom Soeder, Len Biederman and Bill Preston.

New Business – Tom Soeder made a suggestion that a standing rule should be developed regarding putting a procedure in place for the endorsement of candidate(s) for any office(s). Commander Stroud appointed Richard Duncan, Bill Preston, Gerry Beauchamp and Gary Blanchard to a committee to develop this standing rule.

There was a discussion and vote regarding which uniforms are to be worn at the installation banquet to be held on July 11 at 1730 hrs. It was determined that the white shirt dress uniforms will be worn.

There was discussion about sending four SAL members to the VA facility on SR-42 to serve coffee & donuts one day per month from 7:30am to 11:30am. Volunteers are needed for this project.

Commander Stroud has appointed Bill Preston as the Americanism committee chairman. His goal is to work toward winning the 5 Star/10 Ideals Award. Gary Blanchard mentioned that he would like to see our squadron continue to support the Coalition for Florida Veterans Project as part of the Americanism Program.

There was discussion on getting more members to help in the kitchen during our regular fundraisers (Burger Night, Italian Night, NFL Sundays). Our Members at Large will be looking for more help in these projects.

Legacy Fund – Bill Preston started the fundraising drive for the Legacy Fund with a \$100 donation and would like to have the squadron donate from

its funds. Richard Duncan made a motion that the squadron donate \$250 to the Legacy Fund, seconded by Gerry Beauchamp. Motion carried. An additional \$180 (for a total of \$280) was donated to the Legacy Fund by the Executive Board members at this meeting. The Legacy Fund donation has to be made before the national convention which will be held on August 26 to 28, 2015 in order for the award to be added to the plaque the squadron has received.

Financial Officer Bill Spriet reported that we have total cash assets of \$4651.49 as of July 1, 2015 (start of our fiscal year). Bill Spriet will use the donations from the last fiscal year as a goal or guideline for our donations goal.

Commander Stroud mentioned that in the near future we need to examine our food prices because the cost of the hamburger patties have increased \$5 per box (12 patties per box).

The meeting was properly closed with prayer and a salute to the flag at 1900 hrs.

**Yours in God and Country
Timothy Standfest, Adjutant**