



S.A.L. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUMMARY – April 4, 2018

The monthly Executive Committee meeting of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #347 was held Wednesday, April 4, 2018, in the Post #347 Conference Room. There being a quorum of 8 present, the meeting was properly called to order by Commander George Worton at 5:30 PM. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Sgt-at_Arms Gary Blanchard, and the Pledge of Allegiance. 8 Officers present were: Cmdr George Worton, David Booth, Gary Blanchard, Danny Adams, Cory Meloni, Doug White, David Callies, and Gary Bishop. Also in attendance were: District 6 Commander Richard Duncan. Absent were: Paul Pitts, Jack Dirga, Mike Shebel, and Mel Cirullo.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

Cmdr Worton discussed the newly planned Casino Night. Permission to use the Post hall for this event was just received from Pat. The event will be held June 8, 2018; doors open at 5:00 PM, event start at 6:00 PM. We will also sell a lottery board during May with a drawing at the event. The event coordinator will be David Booth. Dave says we'll need gifts from local businesses to be raffled off during the event. Dave will order tickets for the event from Mike Seidel; pricing will likely be \$25 per person. Officers will be asked to sell some tickets as well as being sold at the front office and lounge.

It was also discussed that we should have a lottery board for April with the drawing to be held during the Children & Youth Golf Tourney luncheon on May 4th. Details for this were not decided at the meeting.

Attention is turning very rapidly to the Children & Youth Golf Tourney on May 4th. More hole sponsors are needed at \$100 for Silver and \$250 for Gold levels (more signs for Gold). We also need more gifts from local merchants for raffle prizes. Most importantly, more players are needed; signup is \$70 per golfer and that includes the luncheon at the Post after the event. The Lake Weir HS JROTC has agreed to volunteer at the event and help out in various ways; thanks very much to these fine students. Visit our events website for more information and a downloadable entry form <http://florida-legion.com/sons_events>. Danny Adams motioned that The Sons be a Gold sponsor at \$250; seconded by Gary Blanchard. The Motion was Approved.

Gary Bishop reported on progress with Officer Nominations. Currently there is at least one nominee for each position. Nominations will close at the end of the April General Membership meeting on 4/18/18. Please call Gary at 352-317-4998 if you want to be nominated, or to nominate someone else. A copy of the Officer Nomination Form is included at the bottom of this document.

The April meeting has a full agenda both before and during the meeting.

- Initiation will start at 6:00 PM and be highlighted by the JROTC performing a sabre arch ceremony.
- FREE PIZZA for members and guests will start at 6:30 PM.
- The General meeting will start at 7:00 PM. At the meeting we will:
 - Lake Weir HS JROTC will present colors.
 - Finalize Officer Nominations (the vote is at the May meeting).
 - Legion Baseball representatives Terry Phillips and Andy Burkett will give a talk about this important Legion program and how it is rapidly growing in Florida after a long hiatus.

Finance Officer Danny Adams gave a brief finance report:

- March 2018 Net Income was \$1,803 before donations were given out and before the JROTC Ball food is accounted for as a donation. Donations for March totaled \$6,165.
- COGS YTD is now 68%; good progress in reducing this important factor so far. The COGS Cmte continues to work on this issue to get continuous improvement.
- The bank accounts as of 4/3/18 totaled \$15,363.
- It was noted that the costs for providing dinner entrees for the Lake Weir HS JROTC Ball have not yet been calculated; George will be providing this soon. Once calculated then this amount will change from an COGS expense to a donation amount, further improving COGS and March Net Income.



- Danny discussed additional donations to be delivered in April, over those already voted on in last month's meetings.
 - Fisher House = \$2,500
 - Combat Veterans to Careers (CVC) = \$1,000
 - USA Cares = \$500
 - Boy Scout Troop #244 = \$500
 - Danny motioned to recommend this donation total of \$4,500 to our membership; seconded by Dave Callies. Motion was Approved.

Gary Blanchard stated that three new homes for deserving Veteran families are to be dedicated by Habitat for Humanity Veterans Village in Umatilla on Saturday, April 14, from 10AM – 11AM. If you wish to attend, please RSVP by calling 352-483-0434 Ext. 118, or emailing <shari@habitatls.org>. You can learn more at their website <<https://habitatls.org/lets-celebrate/#more-3093>>.

Danny Adams expressed some concern that he felt there might be some hesitation for members to show their objection to items brought up during meetings. He felt it would be worthwhile to reinforce an environment of openness at meetings and prevent "group think" where members go along with the crowd.

Gary Blanchard announced that the CVC organization sold out their reverse raffle (300 tickets @\$100 each) in under three weeks. He and Dave Booth recommended that we might consider a similar event for The Sons. We could have fewer tickets at lesser cost each or some other combination. The CVC event features the popular Scooter the DJ as entertainment while tickets are being drawn during the evening.

Gary Blanchard also said he was finally able to formally deliver

Adjutant Doug White noted that he just received a thank you letter from Habitat for Humanity for our \$2,500 donation and that it was eligible for the matching grant from RoMac Lumber & Supply! Cmdr George Worton stated that he plans to visit RoMac and thank them for the matching grant.

There being no further business, Sgt-at-Arms Gary Blanchard said a closing prayer, the flag was saluted, and the meeting was adjourned by the Commander at 6:20 PM.

Yours in God and Country,
Doug White
Adjutant

Officer Nomination Form

2018/2019 Ballot

The Sons of the American Legion

Squadron #347, Lady Lake, FL

I, _____, nominate the following individual, _____, for the position of _____.

Signed: _____

Member #: _____; Date: _____

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I, _____, accept and consent to the nomination as stated above.

Signed: _____

Member #: _____; Date: _____