



S.A.L. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUMMARY – May 2, 2018

The monthly Executive Committee meeting of the Sons of the American Legion Veterans Memorial Squadron #347 was held at 5:30 PM in the Post #347 Conference Room. There being a quorum of 8 present, the meeting was called to order by Commander George Worton at 5:30 PM. The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag, a prayer by Assistant Chaplain Ben Kisielica and the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers in attendance: George Worton, Paul Pitts, Gary Blanchard, Mike Shebel, David Callies, Gary Bishop. Absent were: David Booth, Danny Adams, Jack Dirga, Cory Meloni, Doug White, Mel Cirullo and Post Liaison Len Biederman. Also in attendance: Asst Chaplain Ben Kisielica, Asst Adjutant Bob O'Neal, and Richard Duncan (District 6 Commander).

Commander Worton's first item of business was the Golf Outing scheduled this Friday (May 4th) at Harbor Hills, which will be a shotgun start at 8:30AM. Volunteers will need to be there between 7:30-7:45. Still need 1-2 more volunteers for registration. There are 21 hole sponsors (14 paid), 70 golfers (45 paid). We've collected \$549 so far. There will be Super Mulligans, a raffle, door prizes, and a Chinese Auction.

Legionnaire Mel Acles came into the meeting and made a request for a donation to support a fundraiser by The Villages High School Bowling Team (8 team members) National Tournament in St Louis starting June 21st. The fundraising goal of \$7,500 is almost there and they could use some help. When questioned, Mel stated that \$500 would be appreciated. A discussion ensued after Mel was excused, with Gary Bishop speaking against spending money for this project, and Paul Pitts speaking in favor of supporting the students. It's not a budgeted item. Dave Callies felt that since there is only one veteran parent, it does not fit our model. Commander spoke in favor of donating; Paul Pitts reiterated that the school is not "rich" and we should support this because of the future potential of the kids.

Commander Worton's second item of business was the Casino Night scheduled for Friday June 8th. Commander Worton will edit and print a brochure made by Doug White which describes the variety of games to be offered for play with "Monopoly Money". The doors will open at 5:00 PM with food available only in the lounge for members and their guests. Gambling will start at 6:00 PM. The cost will be \$25 per person. Tickets will be printed up ASAP and go on sale immediately. Members and officers will be encouraged to sell tickets (officers will be asked to sell at least 10 tickets). Daily Sun to publish information; Commander Worton will purchase ad space in the newspaper.

1st Vice Commander Pitts reported that membership is at 109.5% of our goal; membership total is 644. For this year's membership renewal drive, post cards will be sent out, followed by an email blast. Members will be asked to list all of their mailing addresses.

House Committee Report: Gary Bishop plans to resign from the committee July 1.

Gary Bishop suggested a \$5 fee to replace lost membership cards; discussion ensued. Paul Pitts suggested waiting for a decision. No decision reached.

2nd Vice Commander Report: Gary Blanchard reported for Dave Booth that Thursday May 10th at 11:00 AM there will be a Memorial Service at Bushnell Cemetery for Rick Nixon, a veteran who took his own life. Immediately following the service, friends and family are invited for refreshments at the Nixon home located at The Fairways, 5299 CR 125B-1, Wildwood, FL 34785.

Dave Callies reported that Monday night sales have slowed, but still above \$600/night. The menu will be modified when Doug White returns with the addition of Cheese Curds.

Asst Adjutant Bob O'Neal reported that there was no correspondence.

The meeting was properly closed with a salute to the flag and a closing prayer by Asst Chaplain Ben Kisielica and was gavelled closed at 6:12 PM by Commander George Worton.

Yours in God and Country,
Bob O'Neal
Assistant Adjutant