



## S.A.L. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUMMARY – August 1, 2018

An Executive Committee meeting of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #347 was called by Commander Adams on Wednesday, August 1, 2018, in the Post #347 Hall. Adjutant White took the roll call. There being a quorum of 8 present, the meeting was properly called to order by Commander Danny Adams, Jr at 6:35 PM. The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag, a prayer by Assistant Chaplain Corey Meloni, and the Pledge of Allegiance. 8 Officers present were: Danny Adams, Paul Pitts, John Gorsuch, Angelo Speziale, George Worton, Ben Kisielica, Doug White, and David Callies. Absent were: Bob O'Neal, Mike Shebel, and Charlie McGlone. Also attending was: Len Biederman-Post Liaison, Richard Duncan-C&Y Chairman, Corey Meloni-Asst Chaplain, and Paul Holzinger-Kitchen Manager.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr Paul Pitts stated that so far we have processed renewals and new applications equal to about 25% of our 2018-19 baseline of 652. The postcard renewal reminders seem to be working very well and we are above the renewal pace compared to the last two years for July. Paul also noted we are planning for a new member initiation on September 19<sup>th</sup>, immediately preceding the General Meeting. The Adjutant will be sending out an Evite to new members from 2016-current. Lastly, Paul indicated that he and Member-at-Large Dave Callies are working on new ways to recruit membership and encourage members to attend meetings.

George Worton, Finance Officer, gave a finance report for July:

- Total in bank accounts as of 8/1/18 = \$5,009
- Net Income for July = \$4,039 (this included some June invoices that were paid in July)
- Paul Pitts motioned to accept the finance report; seconded by Ben Kisielica. Motion was Approved.

### Committee Reports:

Events: Cmdr Adams discussed the proposed event for September 24<sup>th</sup>, a comedian/magician act called "The Crowteaser". The performer charges \$266, including booking fee, and the act lasts about an hour. Food will be served in the hall prior to the event start time of 7 PM. It was decided after discussion that we will limit the hall food order to either a burger w/fries or a cheeseburger w/fries, and there will be no table service, only window pickup. Paul Pitts motioned to charge \$7 for either selection; seconded by John Gorsuch. Motion was Approved. How much should we charge for a ticket? After much discussion a motion was made by Paul Pitts to charge \$8 admission; seconded by John Girsuch. Motion was Approved. It was decided that food service in the hall will run from 5:00 PM through 6:30 PM, and the show will start at 7:00 PM. We will also have a 50/50 raffle and door prizes. Adjutant will edit the donation letter for this event and distribute to the officers.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr John Gorsuch stated that we need to finalize plans for the October 29<sup>th</sup> Casino Night event.

Children & Youth: Chairman is Richard Duncan. C&Y Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 1:00PM (shotgun start) at Harbor Hills Golf Club. Dinner will follow at the American Legion Post #347 Hall. Notices are already being planned for publication in various Detachment and Department newsletters and websites, including our own. Richard also stated he is thinking of holding some sort of children's Christmas Party, but is not sure if it can be arranged. Len Biederman suggested just offering to assist with the existing children's Christmas and Halloween events that the Post #347 Legion and Auxiliary already have planned (and they have run in the past). Lastly Richard promoted the Wreaths Across America program for Lady Lake Cemetery. This event is a nationally run program and we will decorate the ~105 veteran gravesites in Lady Lake. Our own John Gorsuch is setup to give a speech and we need to engage the Boy & Girl Scouts. Volunteers are needed to help John Gorsuch with this event; contact him at <[gorsuchj.jg@gmail.com](mailto:gorsuchj.jg@gmail.com)>

JROTC Liaison: Chairman is Doug White. No Report.

Scholarship: No Chairman as of yet; we need candidates.



Legislative: Chairman is Mike Shebel. By-Laws revision/update is to be presented for review in September.

Kitchen: Joint Chairmen are John Gorsuch and Dave Callies. Sunday meal: Coordinators are Tony Watkins and George Worton. No report. Monday meal: Coordinator is Dave Callies. Sales pace is slowing for the summer, but still above last year's, running just above \$300. Thursday meal: Coordinators are Angelo Speziale and George Worton. They are considering a shrimp dish but will have to increase the price to \$10 to cover the additional cost of shrimp. It was agreed that this sounded like a good idea at least once in the 2-month menu cycle.

House: Chairman is Tom Soeder. No report.

MS Society: Chairman is George Worton. Walk planning will start much earlier this year. We hope to convince a local restaurant to do one night of revenue sharing as a fundraiser. Adjutant Doug White says he researched the possibility of a Go-Fund-Me page for our MS fundraising and said it costs 2.9% plus 30 cents per transaction, and there are no other costs to setup or operate a page. It was agreed to implement this idea and begin promoting it in emails and other member/Post communications. David Callies also suggests we take 1 Tuesday each month to solicit MS donations at the door to the Queen of Hearts drawing.

Americanism: No Chairman as of yet; we need candidates. Len Biederman offered to give a brief talk at our next membership meeting to describe what an Americanism Chairman does.

Community Service: No Chairman as of yet; we need candidates.

VA&R: No Chairman as of yet; we need candidates.

#### For the good of The Sons:

Cmdr Adams says The Riders have asked him if The Sons can make pizza for their monthly meetings. After much discussion Paul Pitts motioned to sell The Riders pizzas for \$10 each (a slight discount, since they are still a small group and have fewer funds) at their monthly meetings through June 2019; seconded by David Callies. The motion was Approved.

New Officers for 2018-2019 will be installed at a ceremony on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the hall. Dignitaries from the District and the Legion are expected to be present and participating. A social hour will be held for officers and their guests from 5:00 PM-6:00 PM, then a meal will be served at 6:00 PM.

Ben Kiselica motioned to accept Corey Meloni as Asst Chaplain; seconded by Paul Pitts. The motion was Approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was properly closed with a salute to the flag and a closing prayer, and was gavelled closed at 8:00 PM.

Yours in God and Country,  
Doug White  
Adjutant