



## S.A.L. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUMMARY – August 2, 2017

The monthly Executive Committee meeting of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #347 was held Wednesday, August 2, 2017, 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 Asst Chaplain Ben Kisielica, and the Pledge of Allegiance. 8 Officers present were: George Worton, Paul Pitts, Gary Blanchard, Danny Adams, Doug White, Mike Shebel, David Callies, and Gary Bishop. Also in attendance were: Past Cmdr Richard Duncan, Asst Chaplain Ben Kisielica, Youth Cmte Chairman Matthew Duncan, and Post Liaison Len Biederman. Absent were David Booth, Jack Dirga, Cory Meloni, and Bill Gray.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

Commander George Worton opened discussion about whether visitors to the Exec Cmte meetings are allowed to speak. There was no definitive answer from members. The Judge Advocate will research the issue and report at the next meeting for future action. For today, visitors can speak after being recognized by the Chair.

Cmdr Worton announced there is a Purple Heart Ceremony scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Memorial Park near Spanish Springs.

Adjutant Doug White confirmed with Pat, the hall manager, that the Crab Race dates are set for: Sept 25, 2017; January 15, 2018, and March 12, 2018. These are all Mondays and food will be sold from 5 PM until at least 6:30 PM. Food will be limited to burgers, cheeseburgers, and possibly fries (TBD). Crab Race Chair Gary Blanchard says he'll need about 4 additional volunteers to help the 2 he already has lined up. The Adjutant will send out an email to the ~36 members who have actively expressed volunteer interest.

Cmdr Worton noted that kitchen supervisors are needed for Monday burger night and for NFL Sundays. He wants to get several people for each and rotate on a weekly basis so that nobody has to do it full-time. Adjutant will include this request in the volunteer request email.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Gary Bishop says the Annual Post Golf Tournament is being held at Mallory CC on Sept 29<sup>th</sup>. Teams can sign-up using the form at <[http://florida-  
legion.com/sons\\_images/Golf\\_Tourney\\_Signup\\_Sheet\\_092917.pdf](http://florida-legion.com/sons_images/Golf_Tourney_Signup_Sheet_092917.pdf)>. The cost is \$90/golfer. Gary proposes that the Sons sponsor the tourney at one of the sponsorship levels (gold, platinum, etc). Paul Pitts motioned that we sponsor at the Silver level, which is \$150; seconded by Gary Bishop. Motion was Approved.

Gary Bishop says he and Dave Callies are going to take orders for their custom-designed Sons' tee-shirts, either for honoring your Father or your Grandfather. Payment will be collected at the August General Membership meeting on 8/16 and will cost \$10-15, depending on size and whether you want your name printed on it.

Halloween Dance Chairman Richard Duncan says the event is confirmed for October 30<sup>th</sup>. He has a verbal agreement for entertainment with 'Johnny' for ~\$375; this will be firmed up shortly. Since this is a Monday night there will be burgers and cheeseburgers sold, possibly also fries (TBD). No snacks will be allowed to be brought in. Richard is looking for an assistant, and someone to take over the event next year. The Adjutant will include this in his volunteer request email.

Finance Report from Danny Adams:

- Checking acct balance as of July 31<sup>st</sup> is \$3,341.
- In reviewing food cost invoices, he suggests a review of pricing on major items. Also, he suggests reducing the number of suppliers, since during July he cut 46 checks for food purchases from various suppliers. George agreed to do some research on this and report back. Gary Bishop says he is close to completing a cost analysis of the Monday night menu and this will



provide some guidance for suppliers and varieties of items. Paul Pitts suggested we study the use of a debit card for food purchases. This was discussed but did not garner much support, due to controls and responsibilities being so widespread.

VA&R Chairman Gary Blanchard discussed the difficulty in finding out when one of our members passes away. He suggested someone be assigned to read local obituaries, but it was pointed out that many of our members live away from the area. It was decided there is no good way to find this out, so we'll simply encourage members to read obituaries and take note of anyone listed that is a Legion or Sons member and keep the Chaplain advised. The Asst Chaplain for the summer is Ben Kisielica and he can be contacted at 847-915-1582. In the fall, when Jack Dirga returns, he can be contacted at 860-416-8655.

Gary Bishop noted that the organized table shuffleboard group is moving from Thursday to Monday. This may impact our meal sales (lower on Thursday, higher on Monday). Richard Duncan noted that in years passed this group was allowed to bring in their own snacks and that would be bad for our Monday hamburger sales. Gary will check on this with the Post House Cmte.

There was no update from the Scholarship Cmte.

Our Youth Chairman, Matthew Duncan noted that the Lake Weir HS JROTC Sgt-Major wants to know they can perform color guard for any of our upcoming meetings or events. Cmdr Worton will take this under consideration and get back to Matthew. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr Paul Pitts may make a visit to the Sgt-Major and discuss the Sons organization with the cadets. Matthew will help coordinate this.

Richard Duncan asks if we have a Special Olympics Chairman yet. So far nobody has taken on this role for the 2017-2018 year. Richard noted that the Fall Bowling event is already gearing up and there is a need for volunteer coaches and other helpers. This will be included in the Adjutant's volunteer request email.

Danny Adams asked if there were written rules about what is considered an excused absence for an officer missing a meeting. Nobody could find a definitive rule in the Constitution, Bylaws, or Handbook. There was just a statement about office abandonment, if an officer misses 90 days of meetings he is subject to removal. The Judge Advocate will research this issue and report back.

Cmdr Worton discussed how we should allocate the money donated to the 'tip jar' at Monday and Thursday meals. The kitchen volunteers have repeatedly state they do not want this money for themselves, but would like to have it donated to a worthy cause. After much discussion the consensus was to have it donated to the Post specifically for use in purchasing kitchen utensils (knives, pans, cutting boards, etc).

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Paul Pitts discussed our possible donation to the Operation Home Bound group which does a wheels-on-wheels service in the community. He said the organization wants to show some Sons members how the operation works and explain who gets services and where their money goes. A group of Officers will visit the organization on an upcoming Tuesday and report back to the Exec Cmte. The group consists of: Danny Adams, Gary Bishop, and Paul Pitts. If others want to attend, contact Paul at 813-335-9406.

Danny Adams, Finance Officer, says he will be out of town from 8/9 through 8/15. If there is an emergency and someone needs a check cut during this time, they can request it from the Finance Assistant, Mike Shebel (219-221-1611).

There being no further business, the Acting Chaplain said a closing prayer, the flag was saluted, and the meeting was adjourned by the Commander at 6:48 PM.

Yours in God and Country,  
Doug White  
Adjutant