



## S.A.L. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY – December 7, 2016

The monthly Executive Committee meeting of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 347 was held Wednesday, December 7, 2016, in the Post 347 Conference Room at 5:40 PM. The following is a summary of the discussions and actions.

Officers present were, Bill Preston, George Worton, Deano Mosingo, Jack Dirga, Bill Gray, Doug White, Danny Adams, Corey Meloni, Richard Duncan, and Butch Stroud. Officer assistant Mike Shebel and Legion Liaison Len Biederman also attended. Absent were Gary Bishop, and Tom Laicha.

Some Officer re-arrangements were made due to the resignation of Treasurer Tom Laicha. Commander Bill Preston appointed Danny Adams as the new Treasurer. Commander also appointed Mike Shebel as the new Judge Advocate, replacing Danny Adams. Bill Gray volunteered to be the Assistant Treasurer and the Commander appointed him effective immediately.

Adjutant Doug White reviewed membership progress. Of the 86 non-renewed members that were personally called over the last 3 weeks, 25% have sent in their renewal payments. As of the last transmittal our paid 2017 membership stands at 490, which is 93.5% of the 2016 benchmark.

Commander brought up the question of how to manage lapsed membership renewals. Can a lapsed member pay after-the-fact for previous years to allow his continuous years count to be un-broken? It was decided to include in our Standing Rules the policy of allowing prior unpaid membership years to be made up by paying \$8 per year, and the full dues for the current/upcoming year.

Commander noted that at the Detachment's Fall Conference a collection was held to support the family of John Jennings' grandson, who is battling cancer. Commander donated \$100 personally and also \$100 from our Squadron. Bill Gray motioned to approve the \$100 Squadron donation; seconded by Jack Dirga. Discussion: Over \$1,400 was collected at the Conference. Motion was Approved.

Bill Gray motioned to approve a \$2,500 donation to the Fisher House; seconded by George Worton. Discussion: Our donation would be used to support Florida Fisher House activities; we hope to present the donation in person to a Fisher House representative, and/or Kirk Miller, the Sons' National Fisher House committee chairman, at an upcoming membership meeting. Motion was Approved.

Commander discussed having guest speakers at our membership meetings. Speakers from organizations we support, or of general interest, to try and increase the attendance at our meetings. Bill Gray said 1 or 2 scholarship recipients may be speaking at the December meeting. If anyone has ideas for guest speakers, please forward them to the Commander or the Adjutant.

Commander proposes purchasing and wrapping ~100 small gifts for long-term in-patients at area Veteran's Hospitals and deliver them before Christmas. He proposes we wrap the gifts at



our 12/21 membership meeting. Bill Gray motioned that we allocate \$200 for this activity; seconded by Richard Duncan. Motion was Approved. It's possible that Santa (AKA Jack Dirga) may help us deliver the gifts. The Adjutant will send an email requesting gifts and gift-wrapping donations as well as help with wrapping at our 12/21 meeting.

Commander requests for a special prayer for Charlie McGlone, who is recovering from surgery and remains in the hospital as of today. Jack Dirga motioned to allocate up to \$150 to send a ham and/or fruit basket with 750ml of "cheer" to the family. Motion was Approved.

Adjutant Doug White suggested advertising the Sons' by printing a pamphlet that describes the military memorabilia displayed at The Villages Eisenhower Recreation Center. The pamphlet would include a sponsorship ad for the Sons' organization and how to join. Bill Gray motioned to allocate \$200 for this purpose, subject to budget approval by the Treasurer; seconded by Deano Mosingo. Discussion: Adjutant has not yet approached The Villages to gain approval for this pamphlet; he was awaiting Exec Cmte approval first. Motion was Approved.

Commander discussed having the Squadron and the Post endorse Past Commander Tom Soeder for the position of Detachment Historian. George Worton motioned to endorse Tom Soeder for Detachment Historian; seconded by Richard Duncan. Motion was unanimously Approved. Commander will present the question of endorsement to officials at the Post to gain their support. The endorsement also needs to be approved by the membership on 12/21.

Commander asked Special Olympics Chairman Corey Meloni to give an update on owl sales. Corey says there have been 42 owls were sold so far, and total revenue is ~\$1,000, including donations. An additional 25 owls have been ordered, but Avon is discontinuing sales after 12/31/16.

There being no further business, the 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