



## **S.A.L. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUMMARY – January 2, 2019**

An Executive Committee meeting of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #347 was called by Commander John Gorsuch on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, 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 Gorsuch at 6:30 PM. The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag, a prayer by Chaplain Ben Kisielica, and the Pledge of Allegiance. 8 Officers present were: John Gorsuch, Tony Watkins, Angelo Speziale, George Worton, Ben Kisielica, Doug White, Mike Shebel, and Charlie McGlone. Note – the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr position remains vacant as of December 5, 2018. Absent was: Bob O’Neal and David Callies. Also attending was: Len Biederman-Post Liaison, Richard Duncan-District 6 Commander, Bernie Harchar-Volunteer Coordinator, and Gary Blanchard.

### Committee Reports:

Membership: Acting Chairman is Doug White.

Adjutant White stated that so far we have processed 560 renewals and new applications equal to 86.0% of our 2018-19 baseline of 652. This includes 82 New Members. Renewals/New rate is ~8-15% behind the last two years pace; but new members are ahead by 26% so far. Doug plans to send a mailer to remaining non-renewers in late January. Richard Duncan asks if we should do phone call reminders now to the non-renewers instead of waiting until March. George Worton motioned to have the officers make reminder calls to all non-renewers during January; seconded by Tony Watkins. The motion was Approved. Therefore, Doug will wait until February to send the mailer reminder to remaining non-renewers.

Events: Acting Chairman is John Gorsuch. No new information. It was suggested that we hold some type of event on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, which is currently open in the hall calendar.

Finance Report: by George Worton:

December 2018 Finance Summary:

- Total income = \$7,130.11
- Total COGS plus other expenses = \$3,955.94
- Net Income = \$1,583.09
- Bank Accts & Cash On-Hand as of 12/6/18 = \$11,788.09

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. The Adjutant has secured the Lake Weir JROTC to provide 20-25 golf tourney volunteers; which we will feed lunch and dinner to. Also, on April 6, 2019, Post 323 Palm Harbor is hosting a C&Y picnic and all Sons are invited.

JROTC Report: Chairman is Doug White. No report.

Legislative: Chairman is Mike Shebel. No report.

House Cmte: Chairman is Angelo Speziale. No report.

MS Society Project: Chairman is George Worton. David Callies will continue to solicit MS donations at the door to the Queen of Hearts drawing a couple times per month; this has raised a lot of money so far.



### Open Issues:

Cmdr Gorsuch appointed Doug White as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander for the remainder of the fiscal year. The Executive Committee endorsed this appointment by a show of hands.

Cmdr Gorsuch appointed Bob O'Neal as Adjutant for the remainder of the fiscal year. The Executive Committee endorsed this appointment by a show of hands.

The position of Historian is therefore open as of today. The Commander has 90 days (April 2, 2019) to appoint a candidate before this position becomes eligible for open nomination and election.

### New Business:

George Worton reported that he is going to coordinate additional Dine-to-Donate event nights at Texas Roadhouse in Jan/Feb/Mar; details to follow.

It was noted that our proposed event for February 15<sup>th</sup> is canceled due to the proximity to the already planned Auxiliary Fashion Show event 2 days later.

Doug White suggested we sell a limited-ticket lottery board where 100-200 tickets are sold for \$5-\$10 each. Once the tickets are sold out, the winner is selected. There could also be more than one winner, with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes of \$10 or \$20 cash. We would sell tickets during our Sun/Mon/Thur meal dates. Once one board is sold out, we could open up another one. This idea was generally accepted as worth a try.

### For the Good of the Squadron:

Cmdr Gorsuch encouraged all officers to invite members to help them out with their duties. This is a way to reach out to members and also to groom future officer candidates.

Doug White read the correspondence:

- Received a letter of thanks from The American Legion Legacy Fund for our \$500 donation (from 2017-18 fiscal year).
- Received a flyer about the 40&8 club's Annual Golf Tourney on 2/25/19. They requested we sponsor a hole for \$50. Doug motioned to sponsor a hole for \$50, but nobody seconded it; the motion died.

Angelo Speziale discussed a rumor he heard that The Post is about to replace the front oven in the kitchen. He was concerned because he felt it was the back oven that really needed replacement. Doug suggested we ask if the old front oven could be moved to the rear to replace the really bad rear oven.

Richard Duncan announced that Post 80 in St. Cloud is holding an Organizational training class for anyone who is interested. The class will be on January 19, 2019, from 8AM – 5PM. Contact Richard for details at <[yoyouno2@gmail.com](mailto:yoyouno2@gmail.com)>.

There being no further business, the meeting was properly closed with a salute to the flag and a closing prayer, and was gaveled closed at 7:26 PM.

Yours in God and Country,  
Doug White  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander



## **S.A.L. SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY – January 16, 2018**

A special executive Committee meeting of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #347 was called by Acting Commander George Worton on Wednesday January 16, 2018 in the Post #347 hall to discuss a motion.

The meeting was properly called to order at 8:10 PM by the Acting Commander Worton. A quorum of eight Officers was present: Doug White, Tony Watkins, Angelo Speziale, George Worton, Ben Kisielica, Mike Shebel, Charlie McGlone, and David Callies. John Gorsuch and Bob O'Neal were absent.

Acting Commander Worton discussed that past Commander Danny Adams was unable to close the sale of his FL home due to the government shutdown delaying action on his buyer's VA loan. Consequently he is unable to move into his new home and is living with relatives and storing his belongings. This has caused him some unexpected expenses at a difficult time.

Angelo Speziale motioned to donate \$1,000 to help offset some of Danny's unforeseen costs associated with his move to Indiana; seconded by Charlie McGlone. Motion was Approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was properly closed at 8:15 PM.

Yours in God and Country

Doug White

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (Acting Adjutant)