



**American Legion  
Fallen Heroes Mandarin Post #372  
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**February 8, 2024**

### **General Assembly Meeting Minutes**

**General Assembly meeting was convened at 1900.**

**Meeting was opened by Commander Maltese. A roll call of officers was conducted. Prayer was offered by Chaplain Montenaro.**

**Chaplain Montenaro offered prayers for our members in distress: Frank Nichols recovering from eye surgery; Chuck Benham recovering from injuries sustained in a motor cycle accident; George Hurd and Bob and Sarah Sussan dealing with medical issues. He also reported that he and two members of the auxiliary attended the Four Chaplains memorial service on February 4, 2024 representing post 372.**

**A motion was made by Dan Hemsall and second by Mike Montenaro to accept the minutes of the January General Assembly. The minutes were accepted.**

**A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the February 6<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee was offered by Craig Bernat and second by Alan Painter. The reading of the minutes was waived.**

#### **Correspondence:**

**The 105<sup>th</sup> Department Convention will be held June 13-16 at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista at 1701 Hotel Plaza Blvd. Lake Buena Vista, FL. Post registration will open in April.**

**Finance Officer Arambula provided the monthly financial report A motion to accept pending audit was made by Dan Hemsall and second by Mark Shelton The report was accepted.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander/Membership Chairman Bernat provided the membership report for January 2024 reflecting 181 members which is 75.42% of our quota. He is continues sending out recruiting letters. He also advised that membership and renewals can be accomplished on line. Anthony Browne was presented for membership into the post. A motion to accept was made by Dan Hemsall and second by Mark Shelton. Browne was accepted by vote of the membership.**

**Commander Maltese is going to be guest speaker on February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Rotary International.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Bernat, also director of SAL reported that they are sponsoring a raffle as a fund raiser.**

**It was arranged that the candidate(s) for Boys State will attend our April meeting which was arranged by Boys State Chairman Tom Schneider.**

**Alan Painter is administering the School Medals program. He is also working on arrangements for flag retirement.**

**LEO Chairman Litsky advised that application packages have been sent to Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and Jacksonville Fire Rescue. The awards presentation will take place in May on a date to be determined.**

#### **Old Business:**

**Commander Maltese reported that efforts are continuing in the processing of governmental requirements for the purchased property to include the Saint Johns River Water Management.**

**Members are encouraged to continue to provide documents and photos to Historian Frank Nichols.**

**The Riders participated in their annual summit which had very good attendance and was a success.**

**A pool table has been donated to the post by a local resident.**

**Forms for the memorial bricks can be obtained on line and forwarded to the post program manager.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Bernat is looking into various grants for materials and funding for the post home.**

**All members are requested to have some presentation brochures with them so when contacts with prospective donors are made they will have our complete information.**

Post #372 Legionnaire's General Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 1900 hours, with a social hour held at 1800 hours. Meetings now held at the Mandarin Club 2892 Loretto Rd., Jacksonville, FL.

## **New Business:**

**Executive Committee member Tracy reported on her progress with her challenge coin fund raising program. It was agreed that the Signature company will be the supplier. Coins will then be sold in support of funding for our post home.**

**The monthly Fireside Chat will be held on February 17, 2004 at the home of Tim and Reed Bailey.**

**Discussed multiple infractions by a member of our Sons. It was determined that the member's behavior was unacceptable for a member of the Legion Family. The member will be terminated for behavior unbecoming of a Legion Family member.**

**The meeting was concluded with a prayer by Chaplain Monternaro at 2013 hours.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 1929 hours.**