

**Fallen Heroes Mandarin Post 372
General Membership Meeting
August 10, 2017**

The General Assembly meeting of American Legion Post 372 of August 10, 2017 was held at the Mandarin/St Johns Elks Lodge #2866.

The meeting was promptly called to order at 7 pm by Commander Painter.

Opening ceremonies were conducted.

The Commander recognized Dan Hemsall, Past Commander, Franklin Hunt, Past Commander, Roy Havekost, 5th District 3rd Vice Commander, Steven Spickelmier, First Vice Chairman of the Northeast Florida Veterans Council, and Shieryl Lahey, Keiser University's Delta Mu Delta.

Roll call of Officers was held and it was determined that a quorum was present. Finance Officer Comeaux was excused. Sergeant-at-Arms Lawn and Executive Board member O'Connor were absent.

The Adjutant read the minutes of the July 13, 2017 General Meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes as read was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to post the General Membership minutes online so that they can be read prior to the meeting and approved as read was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to post the Executive Board minutes online so that they can be read prior to the meeting and approved as read was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Finance Report was read and is attached to these minutes.

Motion to approve Finance Report pending audit was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The First Vice Commander reported that he had submitted a letter to Department and National so that Post 372 will be included under National's 502(c)3 status.

Reading in of New or Transferring Members

The Adjutant reported that the following Veterans had applied for membership or requested to transfer to Post 372:

James Davey	Army	Vietnam	Transfer from Post 400
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Motion to approve the transferring member was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Executive Board
- General Meeting
- Special Meeting

**American Legion
Fallen Heroes Post 372**

Date: 8/10/17

- Commander:
- Vice Commander:
- Adjutant/EO/SO:
- Finance Officer: et
- Sgt-at-Arms AD
- Chaplain
- Judge Advocate:
- Historian: valent
- Executive Board:
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- Executive Board:
- Service Officer:

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Shene Rodriguez
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Don Hemp sail
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FRANK NICHOLS
FRANK HUNT
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B. LITSKY

Members & Guests:

1. FRANK ANTON
2. Benny SFSOH
3. Barry LITSKY
4. Marty Kamb
5. [Signature]
6. John P. [Signature]
7. Dan
8. Shieryl Lahey
9. Jerry Lahey
10. CARL BIASO
11. Matthew Mulla
12. Paul Arambula
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Guests

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5. [Signature]



**American Legion
 Fallen Heroes Post #372
 (904) 297-8344
 www.MandarinPost372.org**



Alan W. Painter
 Commander
 2017-2018



Don Severns
 Vice Commander
 2017-18

- I. Call to Order Commander
- II. Opening Ceremonies Commander
 - a. Colors Commander
 - b. Prayer Chaplain
 - c. POW/MIA Ceremony Sergeant-at-Arms
 - d. Pledge of Allegiance Commander
 - e. American Legion Preamble Commander & General Membership
- III. Introduction of Guests Commander
- IV. Reading in of New and Transfer Members Adjutant
- V. Roll Call of Officers Adjutant
- VI. Reading of Minutes Adjutant
- VII. Finance Report Finance Officer
- VIII. Officers' Reports Commander
- IX. Old Business Commander
 - a. SAL Squadron Update Joe Maltese
 - b. Appointments – Commander appoints but must be approved by General Membership. Should have had a motion at the July meeting.
 - i. Dan Hempsall as Judge Advocate
 - ii. Barry Litsky and Sheri Rodriguez as Service Officers
 - iii. Sheri Rodriguez as Adjutant
 - c. Reimbursement of Convention Expenses for Sheri Rodriguez
 - i. She attended the Service Officer school and then stayed another night to attend classes understanding that she did so at her own cost. The Executive Board feels that she should be reimbursed for her costs since

she is using her learning to help build Post 372. Originally, the approved budget was \$350 and the actual costs were \$453.00.

d. Oktoberfest and Haunted Brewery Commander

Each volunteer shift of 4 people pays \$100 to our Post and \$200 in BUZZBUCKS to be used for free marketing in the BUZZ magazine for our Post. Volunteers will be performing basic customer service tasks such as checking tickets, selling tickets, selling or pouring beer, monitoring entries and general information type activities. Our Post can take-over an entire station and will be appropriately compensated and recognized.

Oktoberfest Jacksonville

- Friday Sept. 29th, 2017 (3 pm - 11pm)
- Saturday Sept. 30th, 2017 (10 am - 11pm)

Haunted Brewery

- Friday Oct 6, 2017 (5 - 11pm)
- Saturday Oct 7, 14, 21,28 (5 - 11pm)

X. New Business

- a. Post 372 Program Vacancy - Oratorical
- b. Fall Conference – November 02, 2017 – November 05, 2017.
- c. Need to reserve two rooms.

Renaissance SeaWorld
6677 Sea Harbor Dr
Orlando, FL 32821
\$135 plus tax, per night
Cut-Off date is October 2, 2017

XI. For the Good of the Legion

- a. 5th District Meeting, Post 316 (Mayport) – Sunday, August 13 at 2:00pm.
Everyone is welcome.
- b. Need to install Kirk Dempsey as Historian if he is there.

XII. Closing Ceremony

- a. POW/MIA Flag Retrieval Sergeant-at-Arms
- b. Closing Prayer..... Chaplain
- c. Adjournment Commander

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July 13, 2017**

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The meeting was promptly called to order at 7 pm by Commander Painter.

Opening ceremonies were conducted.

Roll call of Officers was held and it was determined that a quorum was present.

The Adjutant read the minutes of the June 8, 2017 General Meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made and seconded.
The motion passed unanimously.

The Finance Report was read and is attached to these minutes.

Motion to approve Finance Report pending audit was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Reading in of New or Transferring Members

The Adjutant reported that the following Veterans had applied for membership or requested to transfer to Post 372:

Kenny Lebel	Air Force	Persian Gulf	New
John P. Cully	Army	Vietnam	Transfer from Post 211 (Ohio)
Max Crocker	Air Force	Vietnam	Transfer from Post 400
Howard Stein	Air Force	Korea	Transfer from Post 400
Richard Tuten	Army	Vietnam	Transfer from Post 400
Bob Nay	Army	Vietnam	Transfer from Post 400
Steve Campos	Navy	LG/PN/WoT	New

Motion to approve new and transferring members was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commander Painter appointed Dan Hemsall as Judge Advocate, Barry Litsky and Sheri Rodriguez as Service Officers, and Sheri Rodriguez as Adjutant.

Officer's Reports

The Commander reported about his experience at the Convention and how Post 372 can get more involved by hosting more Legion Programs such Law & Order and Teacher of the Year Awards. He also provided a summary of the Executive Board Meeting held on July 6, 2017.

The First Vice Commander provided an update on Post 372's membership and noted that we ended the year at 160.24% which put us in first place in the 5th District. Former Commander Myra Jowers was named District Commander of the Year for her hard work and dedication to Veterans and the American Legion.

The goal for this year is 117 but we need 118 to be eligible for the Post Excellence Award. He noted that he is working with the Project Stay Active list and has had one response. The list is hard to work because 163 do not have an email address listed and 116 have no phone number listed.

The Judge Advocate thanked everyone who participated in the Flag Day activities.

The Adjutant reported that she has processed all membership renewals she has received and estimates Post 372's membership percentage to be approximately 44%.

The Sergeant-at-Arms had no report.

The Chaplain had no report.

Service Officer Litsky reported that he will resume his office hours on Tuesdays from 4:30 – 6:00pm at the Mandarin/St. Johns Elks Lodge.

Service Officer Rodriguez stated that she is posting VA information on Facebook and will begin office hours once school is back in session.

The Commander thanked the Officers for their work on the Post's transition during the long process.

Unfinished Business

The First Vice Commander reported that Sunbiz has been successfully updated and that all bank accounts have been transferred to the new Post Officers. Finance Officer Comeaux is the primary on the accounts. The First Vice Commander and Adjutant are secondary on the accounts. The 990 was filed by former Adjutant, Carl Jowers and is due again approximately 5 ½ months after the end of the Legion's fiscal year. The First Vice filed the 8822B which reports the change of responsible party to the IRS.

The Judge Advocate reported that he is working on updating the By-Laws with the addition of the Auxiliary and an annual audit requirement. It was asked why the Auxiliary needed to be added if they are their own entity. The Adjutant stated that she will research.

The Commander noted that the Auxiliary needs to use our bank account to receive money and pay bills until their Charter is approved and they can set up their own accounts.

Motion to create a subaccount for the Auxiliary in the Post's finances was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Adjutant showed a sample of a recruiting t-shirt for events and noted that she was going to get pricing for orders.

New Business

The First Vice Commander reported that there is interest in forming an SAL Squadron at Post 372. There are currently three to four interested.

The Commander suggested that a recruiting incentive program be created so that members who recruit members can win gift cards in a drawing. The Membership discussed an

American Legion Mandarin Post 372
Finance Report
7/31/2017

VyStar Accounts

Checking:

Beginning Balance:	\$4,564.02
Ending Balance:	<u><u>\$5,453.46</u></u>

Revenue/Income

Deposits:

Dues Renewal paid to post	\$ 765.00
Hot dog	\$ 263.00
Interest Checking Acct	\$ 0.44
Interest Savings Acct	\$ -
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 25.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 44.00
Auxiliary Temporary Revenue	\$ 306.00
	\$ -
Total Revenue/Income:	<u><u>\$1,403.44</u></u>

Expenses

Total Expenses:	<u><u>\$514.00</u></u>
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Savings:

Beginning Balance:	\$611.18
Ending Balance:	<u><u>\$611.18</u></u>

Respectively Submitted

Post 372 Membership report

Thursday, August 3, 2017

Membership	Category	Note
177	National	
10	PUFL	
14	WWII	
117	Dept	55.556%
126	Find Members	3 responses, 1 email no good
17	Stay Active	1 response
163	No email	116 no phone

- To be eligible for the Post Excellence Award, we need 118
- We have 4 deceased members as of July 1st - 2 WWII Veterans, 1 Korean Veteran, and 1 Vietnam Veteran.
- 4 delinquent members from 2016
- We have 12 WWII Veterans
- 37 Legionnaires have renewed online
- 69 Legionnaires have renewed altogether

Revenue/Income

Deposits:

Dues Renewal paid to post	\$	765.00
Hot dog	\$	263.00
Interest Checking Acct	\$	0.44
Interest Savings Acct	\$	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$	25.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$	44.00
Auxiliary Temporary Revenue	\$	306.00
Total Revenue	\$	1,403.44

Operational Expenses

Renewals to Dept qty x \$29	\$	444.00
Sun Biz	\$	70.00
Total Operational Expenses	\$	514.00

Program Expenses

Total Program Expenses		\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$	514.00

July 24, 2017

The American Legion
P.O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46204

ATTN: National Judge Advocate

Dear Sir:

The undersigned, a duly authorized officer of **American Legion Mandarin** "**Fallen Heroes**" Post No. **372** Department of **Florida**, does hereby authorize the National Organization of The American Legion to include it in its application to the Department of Internal Revenue for a group exemption letter so that this Post may be exempt from the payment of Federal Income Tax under the provisions of Section 501 (c) (19) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954, as amended.

81-3081247

POST EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Sincerely,


8/3/2017

Alan Painter, Post Commander

American Legion
Mandarin "Fallen Heroes" Post 372, Inc
11250-15 Old St. Augustine Road, PMB 138
Jacksonville, FL 32257

Ten Cents has never meant so much to so many...

What can you do with a dime??

- **Consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.**
- **Specifically, in Florida...**
 - **Help provide Emergency Assistance for Florida Veterans;**
 - **Help Florida Veterans get the VA benefits they deserve;**
 - **Help mentor Florida Veterans, through the good and the bad;**
 - **Project Vet Relief is a means to help a Veteran, not give them a handout and then forget about them.**

How can you help??

- **As a District, we can work together to **Inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation.****
- **Ask for your change in dimes and put them in this bottle!**



The Mighty 5th Challenge!!

- **What better way to **Foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism** than to help other Veterans?**
- **Department Commander Shuga made Project Vet Relief his Project and his goal is to raise \$50,000.**
- **Which Post can raise the most???**
 - **We will report, by Post, the amount raised to Department.**
- **Place bottles at other locations in your area for an even greater donation from your Post.**
- **This bottle holds \$700 in dimes!**



Palm Valley Post 233

560 N. Wilderness Trail Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Proudly presents our 6th annual :

2017 Law & Order Awards



Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

Corporal Jennifer R. Burres

St. Johns County Sheriffs Office

LEO Alumni:
Sid Mickler
Stacy Ettel
Robbie Robinson
Rafael Fuentes
Samantha English



Firefighter of the Year

Engineer Brian D. Freeland

St. Johns County Fire - Rescue

FF Alumni:
Katrina Silvia
Casey Lane
Art Naidzich
Jason Baer
Robert Harper

Sunday, September 10, 2017 from 10:00am to 12:00pm

Join us for a Buffet Breakfast

Meet and greet our local heroes, the first responders.

Event is open to the public, support our heroes.

Meet and greet the American Legion Family of Post 233.



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