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**Joe Maltese
Commander
2022-2023**



**Barry Litsky
Adjutant
2022-2023**

May 11, 2023

General Assembly Meeting Minutes

General Assembly meeting was convened at 1900 hours.

Meeting was opened by Commander Maltese. Prayer was offered by Chaplain Montenaro. Roll call of officers was taken and a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Chuck Benham and second by Craig Bernat to approved the minutes of the April General Assembly, which was carried.

A motion was made by Chuck Benham and second by Becky Murphy to waive the reading of the minutes of the Executive Committee, which carried.

A motion was made by Craig Bernat and second by Mike Montenaro to approve the actions of the Executive Committee, which carried.

Membership report prepared by Chairman Bernat is showing our current membership at 212 which places the post at 92.98% of our goal of 228. Proposed member Alice Poole, USN retired was brought to the floor for membership into the post. A motion was made by Chuck Benham and second by Craig Bernat, which carried and Alice Poole was voted into the post.

Finance Officer Bernat prepared the 372 finance report for April which was sent to members via email. A motion to was made by Steve Sullivan and second by Chuck Benham which was to accept the report subject to audit which was carried.

The post will institute a standard operating procedure in conjunction with the newly approved constitution and by-laws by the legion.

1st Vice Commander Barry Litsky reported that the Law & Order awards held on May 6th at the Masons lodge was very successful and the honorees and their supervisors appreciated our recognition of their service. Also that the Canceled Stamp program continues.

Boys State Chairman Tom Schneider reported via email that Ryan Sharrit, a student at Christ's Church Academy was our selection to attend Boys State.

Commander Maltseke spoke of the need to continue to recruit new members and to reach out to members who not yet renewed their membership. The post needs 16 more to meet our goal of 100%.

Historian Frank Nichols is seeking photos and documents for the post yearbook. He will be submitting our book in the department competition.

ALR Director Chuck Benham reported that group will be participating in the Boots on the Ground event. Also will be representing the post in the funeral service for ALR member Erich "Pops" Terry. Also the SONS volunteered their efforts to assist a disabled veteran with yard clean up after a storm.

Audit Committee Steve Sullivan reported that the annual audit is due to be conducted.

School Medals Chairman Alan Painter reported that school medals will be presented to students attending Christs Church Academy (high School ,middle and elementary schools); Mandarin Oaks Elementary; Crown Point Elementary; Greenland Pines Elementary and Bartram Springs Elementary.

Third and final call for post officer nominations were conducted.

Commander: Joe Maltese, motion by Barry Litsky and second by Mike Montenaro and accepted by Maltese;

1st Vice Commander: Craig Bernat, motion by Mark Shelton and second by Chuck Benham and accepted;

2nd Vice Commander: Steve Sullivan, motion by Craig Bernat and second by Mark Shelton and accepted;

Finance Officer: Paul Arambula, motion by Barry Litsky and second by Craig Bernat and accepted;

Historian: Frank Nichols, motion by Alan Painter and second by Mike Montenaro and accepted;

Sergeant of Arms: Chuck Benham, motion by Barry Litsky and second by Alan Painter and accepted;

Executive Committee: Bob Sussan; Karen Tracy; Bob Berlandi; and Mark Shelton have accepted.

Committees for post home activities was developed and assignments are being made. Commander Maltese reported that permitting for the property is ongoing.

Chuck Benham suggested that the executive committee meetings be changed to Monday to eliminate a conflict with the riders meeting. It was agreed to change to Mondays.

Craig Bernat reported that he has wheel chair available to anyone that needs one.

The June meeting will be at the Williams YMCA on St. Jose Blvd.

The meetings was adjourned at 2015 hours.