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Joe Maltese Commander 2020-2021



Barry Litsky Adjutant 2020-2021

October 8, 2020

General Assembly Meeting Minutes

General Assembly was convened at 1900 hours. Meeting was opened by Commander Joe Maltese.

Roll call of officers and executive committee members was conducted and determined a quorum present for post business.

Minutes of the Executive Committee of October 6, 2020 were read to the general membership and accepted.

Jacksonville/Duval County Councilman Michael Boylan was in attendance. He spoke of the upcoming election process and projects for the city/county. He expressed his support for the American Legion Post 372. He also applied to be a member of the post SAL unit.

2nd Vice Commander Patricia Patrick will be organizing with the ALR a Tricycle Race in an effort to raise revenue. The date is to be determined at a later date.

Finance Officer Craig Bernat provided the Post 372 Financial Report reflecting our building fund/savings account has \$11,564.02. Post 372 checking account balance is \$4,503.58. The report was accepted by the general membership subject to audit.

Membership Chairman Craig Bernat advised that post membership for 2020 is 139, which is 64.7% of our quota of 210. We are third in the district and above our goal.

Executive Committee member Jim Hughes Boys State Committee discussed an identified candidate and will follow up with a list of additional candidates.

Executive Committee member Bill McGraw discussed that the Christmas Baskets campaign was changed to a food drive for the Mandarin Food Bank. Sustainable food items will be collected at the post and then provided to the food bank for distribution to those in need.

Executive Committee member Steve Sullivan, Chairman of the storage unit committee discussed the use of an existing shelving system in the unit now as opposed to obtaining materials to build new shelving in the unit. This was presented to the general membership to determine what action to proceed. The membership voted to remove the existing unit and build new shelving. Numerous 2x4's were pledged to be donated. Sullivan will monitor the project.

ALR Director Chuck Benham spoke of numerous fund raising opportunities for the district and post.

SAL Commander Carl Zuber advised that the status of the junior shooters program is progressing. He is soliciting participants and coordinating with department program administrators.

Rita and Ron Robbs, Post 137, Patriot Riders made a presentation regarding the Snowball Express that provides an all-expenses paid vacation experience to Disney World, to children of veterans who were killed. They advised of the need for funds and Patriot Rider merchandise is available for purchase. During this event the Patriot Riders escort the participants the entire time. They also partner with the Gary Sinise Foundation which sponsors the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 2012 hours.	