

General Assembly Minutes March 14th, 2024

1. Commander Maltese opened the meeting at 1900hrs

1. Opening ceremonies: Salute, Prayer, Pledge, POW/MIA, Preamble

2. Members sick or in distress: George Heard, Carl Zuber, Bill Weber, Bud German, E. Morgan,

Post Everlasting Tom Schneider

3. Introduction of guests: Past commander Dan Hemsall, Past commander Alan Painter.

4. Roll call conducted. Quorum achieved 17 members present 0 guests.

5 Bob Berlandi moved and Becky Murphy seconded approval of the February minutes as posted. Motion passed unanimously

6. Craig Bernat moved and Bob Berlandi seconded waiving the reading of the minutes of the February executive committee meeting. Motion passed unanimously

7. CORRESPONDENCE: Review of web site for Legion Link.

8. OFFICER REPORTS

1st Vice presented his membership report. 222 members as of Fe 28, 2024. 92,5% -No new members. Also reported on post creating a foundation for 501c 3 donations. This foundation would cover Northeast Florida. Looking for board members. Contact 1st vice Craig Bernat at info@alpost372fl.org if you are able to serve.

Contact 1st Vice with any fundraising or grant suggestions info@alpost372fl.org to avoid duplication.

1st Vice and Sons Commander

Craig Bernat reported Sons membership at

128% of quota for period ending February 28th, 2024.

2nd Vice reported aluminum cans no longer collected at Elks lodge. New pick up will be at monthly meetings.

Finance officer presented the finance report. A motion to accept the report subject to audit made by Steve Sullivan and seconded by Craig Bernat passed unanimously.

Boys State Committeeman Alan Painter reported that

Chairman Tom Schneider Passed away February 17th, 2024. His service to the Legion was duly noted. Alan will resume duties temporary for 2024. Post needs a new Chairman for Boys State.

9. Program and Committee Reports:

- i) RIDERS: In state Unity ride will be in two parts. 1st ride in spring, 2nd in the fall.
- ii) Sons of The American Legion: Sons continue to grow in number. They have already achieved 128% 2023-2024 membership goal.
- iii) AUDIT Committee: There are new rules pertaining to the conduct of audits that are in the new By-Laws which are being finalized and should be out soon
- iv) BLOOD DRIVE: Don't forget to give credit to American Legion Post 372 when you donate blood. Also, mention to the Adjutant for tally on the CPR.
- v) CANCELED STAMPS: Save your canceled stamps and forward to Comrade Litsky. He will send them off when he has a large enough collection.
- vi) JROTC: We still have medals to give out. We need a chairman for the program
- vii) LAW & ORDER: Letters went out to Sheriffs department and Fire department. Fire Department responded with a chosen candidate. Awards ceremony will be held at Masonic lodge, 2914 Loretto Rd. May11, 2024. 1600 (4pm)
- ix) School Metals: Chairman Painter reported letters have been sent out.
- x) LEGION BASEBALL: Season kicks off Jan 1st with registrations Deadline for Team Registration, Insurance, & Background checks June1st, 2024.
- xi) AMERICANISM: Beaches Honor Guard is desperately in need of new members. See Commander for details.

ALL committee chairmen and committee members please contact each other. If you're not sure what committee your on-contact adjutant for details. adjutant@alpost372fl.org

We need committee chairpersons and chair members for a few committees

10. OLD BUSINESS: New Home Committees – We still need a chairperson for the HR Committee.

Historian: Keep sending pictures and highlights of activities to Frank Nichols.

300 Inaugural coins have been shipped. Will be \$15 Cash only. Can be ordered and picked up at monthly meetings until sold out.

11. NEW BUSINESS: New home update.

A. Fireside chat at Commanders house Feb 16th, 1600. Post officer training at post 137 10am Feb 16th. Life celebration at post 129 2pm for Joe Maichle Feb 16th. 9-3pm Retired veterans' event at NAS JAX, Feb 16th 2024.

Nominations for Post officers 1st round. All 9 elected positions are open for nomination. Also many committees need chairman and chair personal. Nominations will continue at April and May meeting. With elections posted on line after May meeting. In addition a new appointed position is open Quartermaster.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: There being no further business brought before the assembly, closing ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 2018 hrs.

Respectfully submitted by: Adjutant Frank Nichols.