



**American Legion
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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 1900hrs

OPENING CEREMONIES

ROLL CALL: Frank Nichols Adjutant: Quorum archived 18 members and guests attending

SICK: Carl Zuber, Bill Wilber

CORRESPONDENCE:

Special edition of Legion Link released notice: Posts can receive a percentage of the proceeds from state wide 50/50 raffle. Post can sign up using routing numbers from checking or saving accounts. Members then use drop down menu to select post when submitting their tickets.

50,000 veterans need your support. You can contact members of Congress and tell them to pass the Major Richard Star ACT, this act would benefit veterans who are medically retired due to combat-related injuries before they were able to serve 20 years.

Veer Sahasi, a high school student, is looking to preserve the oral histories of American veterans by doing Zoom® on line interviews. If you would like to participate, contact Adjutant for more information.

Post was presented award for 90% membership retention.

Post received award for outstanding support for Military families.

MINUTES for June general meeting posted on line. A motion was made to waive reading and approve as posted on line was made by Craig Bernat 2nd by Bob Borlandi. Motion carried.

A motion to waive reading the executive committee was made by Mark Shelton and 2nd by Bob Berlandi.. Motion passed.

GUESTS; None noted

FINANCE REPORT 1st Vice/SAL commander Craig Bernat presented his final report for fiscal year 2022-2023. (full report available on request). Stating post using QuickBooks as an accounting tool to include legion SAL, ALR. Also talked about need to seek professional audit in the future due to increased fiscal responsibility of post to its members. Stated \$50 discrepancy on SAL checking account would be monitored and reported on by new finance officer at July meeting. Motion to accept the financial report as presented and subject to audit was made by Mike Montonera 2nd by Bob Berlandi. Motion carried.

Special recognition was made by Commander Maltese noting the exceptional job and results Comrade Bernat has performed in his duties as Financial Officer and Membership Chairperson.

Post #372 Legionnaire's General Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 1900 hours, with a social hour held at 1800. Meetings are held at the Elks Lodge at 4280 Oldfield Crossing Drive, Jacksonville, FL.



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MEMBERSHIP; Memberships for fiscal year 2022-2023 goal 228; results 239. 104.82%

New or transfer members for 2023-2024 (6). From post 400; James McCague, Malcom Souter, Michael O’Leary, Francisco Garcia. New members Tony Quintana, Robert Estes. Motion made by Steve Sullivan to approve membership request to join post. 2nd Karen Tracy. Motion carried.

CHAPLAIN no report

JUDGE ADVOCATE Bob Sussan; New constitution, Bylaws from Department have been approved: reviewing same to line up with post, to avoid conflict.

OLD BUSINESS: Back to school base at YMCA 7-23-2023.

Frank Nichols; History book in progress for 2-23-2024, looking for events with photos identified with names and places included with photos.

Post home updated information.

NEW BUSINESS: Fireside chat 7-23-2023 At Allane’s (pool party). Post fundraising, Acquisition committee needs a chairperson. Need for this committee to request grants, and other source of income.

Flaming Flamingos Baseball season has ended. Don Crawford (SAL) announced as new commissioner.

Planning for Early Bird dinner

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION. The Flags we have are in storage unit. Commander Maltese will contact other post to see if we can join in their flag retirement service.

on July 27TH , 2023 (Armistice Day) Visit The USS Orleck ship 6pm-9pm to support Korean War Armistice Day Remembrance. Annual Korean War Armistice Day Remembrance Honoring Korean War Veterans on the 70th Armistice Day Anniversary July 27th 2023-6pm-9pm. Attention all riders needed for Flag line

August 19th Jax Elks having seminar for Veterans services. Many vendors available more information coming soon.

With no further business to come before the assembly, closing ceremonies were accomplished and the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 2010