

AMERICAN LEGION HARDING POST 113
1251 Ring Road
Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701
Minutes Executive Committee Meeting, 28 Feb 2017

Commander John Saunders opened meeting at 6:00 pm with appropriate ceremonies.
Members absent; SAL Cdr, Steve Curry / Athletic Officer, Steve Schafer

Chaplain, Bill Roberts: Remember those persons in prayer who are listed in the Bugler. Please provide phone numbers to the Chaplain so he can reach out to them. Thoughts and prayers, in particular, to Jack Killion and his family, are requested.

Management, Stephen Stewart: Provided a hard copy calendar of events thru August. Most every Saturday from now until 8 July is scheduled for an event.

1st Vice, Joe Garrett: Membership goal for 2017 is 1,384. Current membership is at 1,104 members at 80% of goal. Discussion centered on there may be 65 additional members to put toward the count – will look into and resolve. Legion members are encouraged to bring on just one member each and the Legion goal will be met.

- Those who recruit 2017 new members of three or more (that were not members the previous year) are eligible for a Legacy Forward pin.
- Those who bring in ten or more members (includes renewals) to the legion may select any jacket within the emblem sales catalog.

Finance Officer, Represented by Commander Saunders: No outstanding bills – all are paid up to date.

- Provided a balance sheet and a profit and loss report.
- The building loan is at \$59,941.
- There will be a pistol raffle with the drawing to be held on June 30th. The funds will go toward debt relief of the building loan.
- Tom Folsom will be leading a Texas Hold'em Even on 1 April. There will be an open house the same day.
- The legion refrigerator is not operating properly. It is owned by Coca Cola and they will be reached to repair it. Should they not, a motion was made and passed to authorize up to \$3000.00 toward the purchase of a new one.
- A reserve fund of 51K has been met

Historian, Rick Crouch: Requested ALA to provide an After Action Report and pictures of the recent successful Blood Drive.

Service Officer, Al Maruszewski: 15 claims have been submitted.

Publicity Officer, Beverly Watkins: March Bugler has been completed and mailed out. Articles, flyers and calendars for April Bugler submission are due **NLT 23 March, Thursday.**

Child and Youth Officer, Airborne Cook: A claim submission was approved authorizing \$1,790.00 to a family in need.

SAL Representative, Mark Kennedy: The recent Chili Cook Off during Super Bowl game netted \$250.00

- Jimmy Buffett night is scheduled for May 20th.
- Road Block is scheduled for June 10th. Volunteers are requested/welcomed.
- Color guard members are welcome.
- Bingo during February was a good month!

Commander Saunders, representing American Legion Riders: The current Christmas display in the E-town park needs to be changed. Volunteers are requested to support this effort.

ALA President, Diane Kennedy: The blood drive held on 25 February was a success with 22 units of blood donated that “saves 66 lives”.

- A dance/birthday/auction is scheduled for 18 March, Saturday.

Mark Kennedy, Nominating Committee Chair: Current Legionnaires running for office include: Color Guard, Mark Kennedy / Sergeant at Arms, John Crow / Asst Sgt at Arms, Glen Walter / Child and Youth Officer, Airborne Cook / Publicity Officer, Beverly Watkins / Service Officer, Al Maruszewski / Historian, Rick Crouch / Property Book Officer, Tom Folsom / Finance Officer, Brian Knoch.

- Current open positions remain for: Commander / 1st Vice / Adjutant / Chaplain

Old Business, Commander John Saunders:

- Clean out the lockers in the hallway near the conference room – locks will be cut they will be cleaned at COB on 2 March. Put your name on the locker if you are using one.
- The next focus for renovating and cleanup will be the upstairs rooms and the restrooms.
 - All families are to clean up their respective areas upstairs, otherwise, it will be cleaned up for them and discarded.
 - The game room has been completed. The theme for decorating is college sports – any sports memorabilia is welcome.
 - The legion Conference Room has been completed.
 - Main hall floors have been completed.
 - The lounge will be painted.
 - The intent is that every part of the building will be touched up by August.
- Volunteers are needed for Bingo nights. Commander is asking for all members to give at least one night a month volunteering for bingo. Bingo is what keeps the legion doors open.
- Per Brian Knoch, Finance Officer – April 28th, at 1000 hrs a time is set up to put be on Channel 2 TV. See Brian for any topics of discussion you would like to have discussed or be on TV.

New Business:

- May meeting will have a “Post Everlasting” presentation.
- A Legion Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for April 22d with entertainment. A list of volunteers is requested from each family representative to be able to plan, appropriately. Each family is requested to recognize their own volunteers. Families are asked to help defray the cost.
- A Joint Membership meeting is scheduled for March.
- A First Responder Appreciation Dinner is being hosted on March 16th. A request for \$300.00 was made to spend toward the event; motion made and passed.
- A review of the number of Bugler mail outs is requested of Adjutant Harris. For those who have an email no hard copy will be mailed.
- Hooray for Hero’s is scheduled for May 20th. The Legion will have a booth set up and volunteers are requested.
- See our Commander who has a flyer with information for a program the Red Cross is sponsoring called, “No Veterans Should Die Alone” that will be support the new veterans nursing home.
- BBQ, Blues and Bikes is scheduled for May 27th. No official request has been received from E-Town. Commander will call and inquire. POC for the event is Steve Smith.
- Finance Officer, Brian Knoch, will run the Memorial Ceremony of events for May 29th.
- Discussion centered on having a DJ after Joint meeting but was voted down as that is a “work night”.

Good of the Legion:

- 2d Vice, Denzil Lyle, states the property tax was not properly filled.
- Next Joint Membership meeting scheduled March 2, 2017.
- The Exec Committee meeting scheduled for 14 March.

Meeting was adjourned with appropriate ceremonies.

ATTEST: Beverly Watkins, Publicity Officer

John Saunders, Commander