



AMERICAN LEGION POST 402

Minutes for General Membership Meeting April 5, 2021

OPENING – The meeting was called to order at the Emerald Coast Post 402 by Commander Bob Hoffman at 6:00 p.m. The flag of our country was saluted, and opening prayer was offered by the Chaplain. The Sergeant At Arms draped the POW chair and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS – All were present.

MINUTES – The Minutes of the February 2021 meeting had been e-mailed to all Members. A motion was made, and seconded, to accept the minutes as written. The Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Currently we have 146 paid members for 2021. Our annual goal from Department is 145, so we have exceeded our goals. We have 2 recent renewals and 3 transfers, so once those make into the database, we will have 152 members.

NEW MEMBERS – We have no new membership applications.

Finance Report – Provided by Finance Officer Mike Taft.

OLD BUSINESS

Fund Raising – The drawing for the pistol raffle was held at the March meeting. Historian Bill McGrath won the pistol and ammunition. After expenses, the Post made about \$1,900.00 on the pistol raffle.

Fund-Raising Events – Legion Bingo 13 March, there was a decent turnout.

Adopt-a-Highway – Was held on Saturday, 3 March. A good group of people showed up and the trash pickup was completed in about an hour. A local business, Bike the Beach, loaned the workers a golf cart at no cost to the Post.

NEW BUSINESS

Report from Bay County Veterans Council – Adjutant Mike Dwyer reported on the March meeting of the Council. The Military Welcome Center at the airport could use more volunteers.

Correspondence – A note was left at the Post from a member, Louis Glubaskas. The note said he never received his 2021 membership card. The person who took the phone call from Mr. Glubaskas said that when he described his card over the phone it was dated 2021. Adjutant Dwyer checked the Post records and Mr. Glubaskas' card had been issued and he is paid up for 2021. Unfortunately, we have no phone number or email address for him. Adjutant Dwyer sent Mr. Glubaskas a letter explaining the situation to him.

A packet was received from Department containing all the paperwork for our end of year report.

Post Meetings – The Executive Board decided at their last meeting to suspend broadcasting the meetings via Zoom and return to meeting in person at the Post. Social distancing is highly encouraged. Masks are not mandatory but can be worn if a member feels more comfortable.

Post Elections – Post elections will be conducted at the May member’s meeting. Nominations were taken with the following nominations being made:

- Commander – Bob Hoffman, Jimmy Bowers
- Vice Commander – None
- Chaplain – Ed Nendick
- Historian – Bill McGrath
- Sergeant at Arms – Bill McCurdy
- Finance Officer – Mike Taft

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year – Commander Hoffman presented a Law Enforcement Officer of the Year certificate to Investigator Jake Roberts of the Bay County Sheriff’s Office. Investigator Roberts works as a child abuse investigator. He was highly recommended by his supervisor, who accompanied him to the meeting.

Certificate of Appreciation – On 6 April at 1400, Commander Hoffman will present a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Tony Horton, owner of Bike the Beach, thanking him for loaning a golf cart to the Post for the Adopt A Highway clean up.

Fund-Raising Events – Next Legion Bingo is 10 April.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Project VetRelief – Vice Commander Bowers is a program that benefits Florida veterans specifically. He made a motion that the Post donate \$500.00 to Project VetRelief, Don Adsit seconded. The motion passed.

Junior ROTC Awards – Commander Hoffman advised that he would be travelling to Vernon High School to present medals to two JROTC cadets on 27 April. He also was asked by Arnold High School to also present medals, which will occur on 1 May. Adjutant Dwyer made a motion, and Vice Commander Bowers seconded, that each cadet would be given a \$50.00 gift card along with their medal. Motion passed.

VFW Security System – VFW Post 10555 has had a new security camera system installed. It had come to the attention of some of our members that the new system also recorded audio, in addition to the video. There were very strong feelings expressed that this was an invasion of privacy. Four members, Vice Commander Jimmy Bowers, Rick Leopold, Stacy Talbot, and Paul Hughes expressly asked that their names be recorded in the minutes as being opposed to any audio recordings being made of any American Legion meeting.

CLOSING PRAYER was offered by Chaplain Ed Nendick.

MEETING ADJOURNED – by Commander Bob Hoffman at 6:52 p.m.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, May 3, at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

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Mike Dwyer
Adjutant

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Robert Hoffman
Commander