



## AMERICAN LEGION POST 402

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### Minutes for General Membership Meeting January 4, 2021

**OPENING** – The meeting was called to order at the Emerald Coast Post 402 by Commander Bob Hoffman at 18:01 hours. The flag of our country was saluted, and opening prayer was offered by the Commander. Sgt. At Arms, draped the POW chair and the Commander lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS** – All were present except Financial Officer; this position was vacant at the time of the meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Mike Dwyer; Judge Advocate, Mike Starkman and Chaplain, Ed Nendick joined the meeting via Zoom.

**GUEST** – None

**MINUTES** – The Minutes of the December 2020 meeting have been e-mailed to all Members. A motion was made by Jimmy Bowers to accept the minutes as written. The Motion was first/seconded and carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Commander, Bob Hoffman provided a report of the available balances for the Post ending the month of December. Both Commander Hoffman and Adjutant Taft gained access to the banking accounts. A Motion to accept the report subject to audit was made/first/seconded and carried.

Ken Hoffman had requested a member audit of the financial reports for the months of July through 5<sup>th</sup> October. Three members (Michael Taft, Ricky Kerr, Thomas Weidner) completed a member financial audit of the American Legion Post 402 financial records for the period (1 JUL 20 – 5 OCT 20), while Kenneth Hoffman was the Post 402 Financial Officer. A copy of the member assigned audit was provided to Commander Hoffman.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** - Currently we have 130 members for 2021. Our annual goal from Department is 145. Our goal for December 28<sup>th</sup> was 86.90% and we have 130 which is 89.66% of our annual goal! Reminder, all 2021 memberships should be renewed soonest.

**NEW MEMBERS** – We have one (1) new membership application; Daryl V. St. Arno (USA); all paperwork has been reviewed/received. A motion was made to approve the new member, the motion was first/seconded and approved.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**Fund Raising** – \$650 was approved to purchase a pistol, one (1) box of ammunition and raffle tickets to raffle as a fund raiser for the Post. Commander is currently in dialog with possible sources of purchase.

**Adopt-a-highway** – Completed on 12 DEC 20, thanks to all that attended. Also, a special thanks to “Bike the Beach” rentals for the loan of a golf cart to assist in the process. Jim Bowers recommended that following the next cleanup a “Certificate of Appreciation” be issued to the owner of Bike the Beach for their assistance.

**Wreaths Across America** - On DEC 19, 2020, American Legion Emerald Coast Post 402 (FL0718) placed wreaths at the West Bay Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes. Thanks to all that participated.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Report from Bay County Veterans Council** – (no report)

**Airport Welcome Center** – Commander mentioned that volunteers were needed to support this effort.

**Correspondence** – Received; Memo from the Dept of Florida American Legion regarding vetting for membership into the Dept Financial Committee, “Thank You” from the Anchorage Children Home for the American Legion donation of \$950, request for donation from the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, and two Christmas cards one from Danny Hixenbaugh and the other from the Dept of Florida American Legion leadership. No discussion.

**Membership Drive Opportunity** – Ed Nendick communicated that the Texas Roadhouse at Pier Park North indicated they were open to the American Legion having a membership drive table out front of the restaurant on Monday’s @ 1500 to support open recruiting. No discussion.

**American Legion Flag Retirement** – There will be an American Legion Flag Retirement ceremony on 10 JAN 21 @ 1330. Please feel free to join the ceremony or attend.

**Four Chaplains Ceremony** – A discussion occurred to determine whether the Post should hold a “Four Chaplains Ceremony” this year. A Motion was made to not hold the ceremony first/seconded and approved.

**Fund-Raising Events** – Reminder the Post has Bingo with food 30 JAN 21.

## GOOD OF THE LEGION

Nothing to report

**CLOSING PRAYER** was offered by Chaplain Ed Nendick.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** – by **Commander Bob Hoffman at 18:33 hours.**

**Our next meeting will be held on Monday, February 1st, at 6:00 PM**

Respectfully Submitted

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**Michael Taft**  
Adjutant

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**Robert Hoffman**  
Commander