



AMERICAN LEGION POST 402

Minutes for General Membership Meeting March 1, 2021

OPENING – The meeting was called to order at the Emerald Coast Post 402 by Commander Bob Hoffman at 18:00 hours. The flag of our country was saluted, and opening prayer was offered by the Chaplain. Sgt. At Arms draped the POW chair and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS – All were present except Financial Officer (vacant). Judge Advocate, Mike Starkman, Chaplain, Ed Nendick joined the meeting via Zoom.

MINUTES – The Minutes of the February 2021 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.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Currently we have 143 members for 2021. Our annual goal from Department is 145. Our goal for February 25th was 93.10% and we have 143 which is 98.62% of our annual goal! Reminder, all 2021 memberships should be renewed soonest.

Several outside American Legion Members have inquired about transferring to our Post, if they are current in dues, they will need to complete a Member Data Form that is sent to Department, if they are currently unpaid, we can handle the transfer locally.

NEW MEMBERS – We have two new member request; Paul Stratton (US Army) and Robert Crisp (US Army), all paperwork has been reviewed and fee received. A motion was made by Bill McCurdy to approve the new members, the motion was first/seconded and approved.

Finance Report – Provided by Commander Hoffman, a motion was made to accept the report subject to audit; 1st/2nd 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. A pistol has been purchased and raffle ticket sales began in early February; 250 total tickets at \$10 per ticket. If all tickets are sold, a drawing for the Glock 19 Gen 5, 9mm Pistol with a box of ammo will be held during 1 MAR 2021 General Membership Meeting. **A drawing held at the end of the meeting, with a ticket pulled by Mike Dwyer, Bill McGrath was the winner!**

Fund-Raising Events – Legion Bingo 13 February, good turnout and fund raising.

NEW BUSINESS

Report from Bay County Veterans Council – (no meeting)

Correspondence – Request for support from 90 Works, they provide supportive services for Veteran Families, in Bay County.

Post Elections – Post Elections are coming up in June, over the next few months consider how you can best serve Veterans and the community through your involvement.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year – We have a nomination; how best can we recognize this individual. Ken Warina motioned to offer a certificate and \$100 gift card to the winner, after a 1st/2nd the motion was approved.

Adopt-a-Highway – 6 March @ 1000, meeting at Parking lot on Front Beach Rd.

Fund-Raising Events – Legion Bingo 13 March.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Change in Appointments – Both Mike Dwyer and Mike Taft resigned their current Officer positions effective 1 March 2021 @ 2400. Mike Taft volunteered to take on the role as Finance Officer, a vote of all Officers present at the Executive Board meeting six of six approved the selection effective 2 March 2021 @ 0001. Mike Dwyer agreed to an appointment, as the new Post Adjutant, all were in agreement, also effective 2 March 2021 @ 0001.

A motion was made by Bill McCurdy to have Jimmy Bowers fill the vacant 1st Vice Commander position, Jimmy accepted the nomination, the general membership present and on Zoom voted unanimously to approve.

Programs – National Oratorical event cancelled, each Department will select a single winner to be recognized; a 1st District applicant made it to Department. **Medical School Scholarship** and **Nursing School Scholarships** due 1 APR 2021.

Department of Florida Children and Youth Picnic – 3 APR 2021 @ 1200 in Titusville, Florida.

CLOSING PRAYER was offered by Chaplain Ed Nendick.

MEETING ADJOURNED – by **Commander Bob Hoffman** at 1900 hours.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, April 5th, at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted

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Michael Taft
Adjutant

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Robert Hoffman
Commander