



AMERICAN LEGION POST 402

Minutes for General Membership Meeting November 2, 2020

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 Chaplain Ed Nendick. Sgt. At Arms, Bill McCurdy draped the POW chair and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS – All were present except for Financial Officer; this position was vacant at the time of the meeting. Judge Advocate, Mike Starkman and Chaplain Ed Nendick joined the meeting via Zoom.

GUEST – None

MINUTES – The Minutes of the October 2020 meeting have been e-mailed to all Members, though there were concerns with the email distribution list. A motion was made by Mike Dwyer to accept the minutes as written. The challenge regarding the incomplete email distribution list was discussed and the Motion was seconded and carried. Adjutant took and action to review the email distribution list and work toward making updates where email addresses were available.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Commander, Bob Hoffman provided the available balances for the Post, however the Financial Report was tabled until a Financial Officer could be identified. Motion to table Financial Report, seconded and approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT provided by Vice Commander, Mike Dwyer. We have a total of 111 members that have renewed for 2021 which is 75% of our annual goal. November membership goal was set at 65%.

NEW MEMBERS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

West Bay Elementary School – Report of the Halloween Coloring Books being delivered to the West Bay Elementary School was given by Commander, Bob Hoffman.

JROTC Fund Raiser – Commander, Bob Hoffman provided a report on the 31 OCT 2020 fund raiser to benefit the JROTC fund. Event raised \$185 for future JROTC support efforts.

NEW BUSINESS

Report from Bay County Veterans Council – Vice Commander, Mike Dwyer indicated meeting was not held.

Correspondence – Adjutant, Mike Taft reported that the Post had received correspondence requesting donations; The Memorial Day Foundation, St Jude Children's Research Hospital and All Veterans Center, Incorporated. No discussion was had or motions made.

Law Enforcement Award update – Sgt of Arms, Bill McCurdy reported that the applications had been provided to the local first responders in our area.

Veteran's Day Events - Flag replacement West Bay Cemetery @ 1100, 8 NOV 2020, meeting at Post @ 1030. There will be a Veterans' Day parade in Panama City and a Joint Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held at Arron Bassett Park Veteran's Memorial @ 1600, 11 NOV 2020

Adopt-a-highway – next event date will be 0700 on 12 DEC. Kick-off will be from the *Escape the Room PCB* parking lot on 17292 Front Beach Rd.

Patriot's Run – Will be 14 Nov and volunteers will be needed. A motion to donate \$500 for the event to benefit the American Legion Children & Youth Foundation was offered by Jim Bowers, seconded and approved.

Working party – Commander, Bob Hoffman requested a working party to hang license plates on back deck and annual awards in post, no date was set.

Marine Corps Birthday – A celebration is being held at the Post on 10 NOV @ 1600.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

CLOSING PRAYER was offered by Chaplain Ed Nendick.

MEETING ADJOURNED – by Commander Bob Hoffman at 19:55 hours.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, December 7th, at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted

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Michael Taft
Adjutant

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Robert Hoffman
Commander