

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Veterans Memorial Post 347
American Legion
Lady Lake FL
July 10, 2024

- At 5:30 pm, Commander Dave Musser opened the General Membership Meeting in good order. Roll Call indicated we had a quorum with one excuse: Sgt at Arms, Jim Dollins. There were no outside VIP's.
- Past Department Historian Phil Crouthamel and Past Eastern Area Sons' Commander, John Gorsuch were introduced.
- The minutes of the General Membership Meeting of June 12, 2024, were read. With no corrections or discussion, the minutes are accepted as read.
- The minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, for July 10th, 2024, were not available due to the Executive Committee meeting at 3:00 pm.

FINANCE: Bob Irvine gave a year-end financial statement ending June 30, 2024.

- The report shows the differences between the years 2023 and 2024 in the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss, Expenses and Net Profit.
- Also, he discussed the Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual.
- A \$10,000 line-item budget will be implemented for Volunteer Appreciation.
- The subject of salaries came to light. This will be handled in Executive Session.

A motion to accept the report: Dan Martin. Seconded-Dennis Storey. With no discussion, the report was accepted subject to audit.

1st VICE: Tina Burgess

Sixty new members were read into the minutes:41 New-18 Transfers-1 Reinstated.

Motion to accept: Tina Burgess Second: John Gorsuch No Discussion-Motion passed.

The attending members were given a chance to introduce themselves. Afterward a group photo was taken and will Post to the website.

Commander gave his welcome speech on being a better Legionnaire and volunteerism and visit our website.

- Renewal season is currently underway. We have had forty-nine walk-in renewals. We updated 38 Honorary Life memberships for a total of eighty-seven renewals to date.
- Scorecard: Army-28 Navy-14 Air Force-13 Marines-5 Coast Guard-1 Average birth year is 1955.
- As of July 10th, we have 6490 Legionnaires.

4824-Vietnam	463-Korea	318-
1Lebanon/Grenada		
297-Other	233 Persian Gulf	151-Global War
on Terrorism		
128-Worl War II	66-Panama	10-Unknown

2nd VICE: John Gorsuch gave the report.

- Sign up online to take an on-line coursed titled: "Intervention-Be-The-One". It's a 90-minute course and it is offered monthly.

- “Walk With Us” event. When: October 19th. Time: 9:00 am. Where: Lake Ocklawaha Park.

3rd VICE: Dan Martin

- 208 hours for maintenance.
- The Wasp problem has been taken care of

POST SERVICE OFFICER: Excused.

HONOR GUARD: Commander John Gorsuch

- Funerals: Honors at FNC-2 Honors Locally-1
- Events: Post-2 Community-0
- Hours: Honor Funerals-260 Post-91
- Miles: Honor Funerals-2490 Post-290
- Total membership-51
- The Honor Guard is always looking for volunteers. We have ten members who are over 80 years of age and are now inactive.

LOUNGE: Rob Burgess

He gave a brief rundown of the Lounge Income/Expense Report. He also submitted the annual Lounge Finance Report dated June 2023-june 2024.

KITCHEN: Harriett Turnbull

- Total volunteer hours were 957. Kitchen sales have been slow due to the holiday. She has submitted a total Meal Log with Income, Cost and Profit. Included is the Saturday breakfast. This does not include hall rentals.

AUXILIARY: Tina Burgess gave a report.

- Donations made by Unit 347 totaled \$169,675, up 37 percent from last year. Some of these donations included donations on rehabilitation aid to veterans with PTSD, College scholarships and second year Nursing Scholarships.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION: Commander Danny Roe

- Membership: 1061 members for 110.9%
- Sponsoring a new Squadron 403, Bushnell Vets. Just went on-line starting with 19 members. For more info, see George Worton or John Gorsuch.
- Halloween Dance: Saturday October 26th. Entertainment-Del Phis. Proceeds benefit Fischer House
- Valentine Dance: Saturday February, 8th. Entertainment-Jersey Frank. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics.
- Family Golf tournament: Saturday May 10th. (Rain date: May 17th) Broad Stripes Country Club (formally Stonecrest). More info to follow.
- Sons have agreed to give up the 5tg Snday in the kitchen to the Riders.

LEGION RIDERS: Director Linda Haynes

- Miles-17,498 Hours-2,811 Membership-133 with three pending. (10 inactive life, nine support)
- Legacy Ride: August 18-22
 - 1100 mile ride from Independence, MO to New Orleans, LA
 - Chapter 347 Riders will ride an extra 1200 miles from Post 347 to Independence and an extra 600 miles from New Orleans, LA.
 - Approximately 7-9 Riders are riding. Numbers are not definite.

- Bike raffle was drawn July 4th.

CHAPLAIN: Lisa Johnson

- Sick Call: Bill Duffy
- Post Everlasting: Thomas Bixler, John Blong and Richard Fields.

OLD BUSINESS

DONATIONS-None

NEW BUSINESS

- By-Laws revision posted to the website.
 - Some pertinent revisions discussed: Catastrophic issues when Post is closed due to emergency-Discipline issues-No absentee ballots-

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Nothing of Consequence

GOOD OF THE LEGION:

- Our Volunteer of the Month for July: Karen Palermo. Please keep the nominations coming in.
- **A reminder that future meetings will begin at 5:30 pm followed by social time.**

With no further business to come before the membership, the Commander closed the meeting in good order.

Meeting adjourned: 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip R. Crouthamel

ADJUTANT

July 10, 2024

ATTACHMENTS