



American Legion
Alpharetta Post 201, Inc.

PO Box 314
Alpharetta, GA 30009

MINUTES

General Meeting - June 16, 2015

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 8 PM in the main hall of Post 201 by Sr. Vice Commander Shannon Gott and opened with appropriate ceremony and prayer. All officers and Executive Committee members were present except for the Commander, Finance Officer and Chaplain who were excused. There was one guest – Past Commander Jack Short of Post 361 in Richmond, VA.

The minutes of the May general meeting were approved but a motion was made to remove a paragraph from the draft minutes of the June 12 Executive Committee and refer the actions described in it back to the house committee for further discussion. The paragraph dealt with proposed changes that would have impacted negatively on the Military Order of the Purple Heart's meetings here. The revised minutes were then approved.

Committee Reports

Membership - Membership chair *Adjutant Pete Esker* reported that there have been 812 renewals to date (105% of goal). The names of four candidates for Post membership and one transfer-in were presented and voted in unanimously. New members are Charles Bernstein, John Dickerson, Bob Gonor, Philip Weber, and Erik Flink.

House Committee - *Sr. Vice Commander Gott* said that the lighted sign at the Wills/Rucker intersection was being refurbished and new letters were being procured at a cost NTE \$250.

Bingo – Chair *Past Commander Gerald Lynch* said the committee was “still doing its job” and put \$12-K in the bank.

Old Soldiers Day – *Executive Committee member Jay Coleman* said that the locally renowned project needs help. Said there were opportunities to assist with support for various activities right here at the Post on parade day. He asked potential volunteers to attend the next OSD meeting at 7 PM on 17 June.

Vets Visiting Vets – *Chair Mike Giglio* said that the first joint meeting of the working group was tonight and the main focus was on localizing the visit sites. They want to get sites closer to our area and have two in mind. More info will be forthcoming shortly.

SAL – *Commander Derek Garmon* said that their membership was at 182 which is 82% of goal. He then gave a rundown of recent programs and events that the squadron had put on in support of the Post. He also gave details of the annual golf tournament to be held on Sept. 16.



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Old Business

Judge Advocate Charles Turner invited the group's attention to the newly-installed display of past commanders photos on the wall of the main hall. He has other additions he will make in the future.

Commander-elect Dennis Turner said that a new entertainment coordinator is being selected. He is a member of the SAL and will serve on the house committee under its chair. The dance group wishes to move the dance times up 30 minutes to increase participation. This will be brought to the house committee.

New Business

None

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2nd Vice Commander elect Lisa Dernovich gave details of a new fund raiser, a raffle that provides air travel from Delta and resort accommodations from Marriott anywhere in the US. It will start tonight and ends with the drawing on Labor Day. Tickets are \$5.00 and the person who sells the winning ticket will get \$100.

Past Commander Gerald Lynch reminded everyone of the upcoming department convention in Dalton. The Post will be entitled to more than 35 delegates and so far has only four named. The commander can appoint delegates and those interested should be in contact with him or the adjutant.

Legionnaire Chuck Lange said that the VA dental health program was being expanded.

Installation of officers will be at the July meeting – July 21.

Judge Advocate Charles Turner told of a request for support from the Wounded Warrior Project – a national organization that is being examined for its aggressive fundraising, high executive salaries and the low percentage of donations that go to actually help veterans. He said that a letter to its president also questioned why it didn't help veterans from all wars.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Esker, Adjutant