



American Legion
Alpharetta Post 201, Inc.

PO Box 314
Alpharetta, GA 30009

MINUTES

General Meeting & Joint Installation Ceremony – July 21, 2015

The meeting, an annual special event, was called to order at 8 PM in the main hall of Post 201 by outgoing Commander Bob Byrd and opened with appropriate ceremony and prayer. In addition to those regularly seated at the head table guests included Department Commander Tom Mash and his wife Suzy Mash, Nimi Lynch ALA past state president and past national chaplain, outgoing Post 201 ALA president Deb Swyters; Post 201 SAL commander Derek Garmon and ALA state adjutant Ron Griest.

The minutes of the June general meeting were approved as were those of the July 9, 2015 Executive Committee meeting.

Committee Reports

Membership - Membership chair *Adjutant Pete Esker* reported that there have been more than 345 renewals to date (about 44% of goal). The names of 15 candidates for Post membership and six transfers-in were presented and voted in unanimously. New members are:

Transfers In:

Darryl Boyd	Army	RVN
John Kavulia	Navy	RVN
Tony Ewers	USAF	Gulf War
Richard Ford	Army	RVN thru Present
Harold Littlefield	USAF	Korea
Daniel Byrne	Army	RVN

New Members:

Thomas Grant	USMC	RVN
William Monahan	USAF	RVN
Maximo Martinez	Army	Gulf War
Jeffrey Davy	USAF	RVN
Scott Heil	Army	Grenada thru present
Julio Gonzalez	USMC	Gulf War
John Dowd	Navy	Grenada thru present
William Lachnit III	USMC	Present
Michael McFadden	USAF	RVN thru present
Rob Scott	USAF	Present
James Robison	USAF	Present
Chris Siercks	USMC	Present
Charles Crumley	Army	RVN
Neil Roth	Army	RVN
Bruce Pawlikowski	Army	Present



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Past Commander Marty Farrell: Introduced a guest from the Alpharetta Veterans Project who gave details of their plan to get veterans' stories on videotape for posterity. There will be a sign up sheet for those interested and taping will be done here although the team can visit a vet if necessary.

The evening's many guests were then introduced and were greeted warmly by the audience. Commander Byrd then singled out outgoing executive committee member Herb Roderick for his many years of faithful service in numerous responsible positions. Herb was saluted by those present. Commander Byrd then presented mementos to his officers and others in appreciation of their service. He then named *Don Arndt* Legionnaire of the Year, citing him as an "unsung hero" with great dedication and service to the Post.

Installation of 2015 – 2016 officers for the various branches of our Legion family then followed.

Following installations the meeting resumed under the chairmanship of *Commander Dennis Turner* who made brief remarks of thanks and then called for adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Esker, Adjutant