



American Legion  
Alpharetta Post 201, Inc.

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## MINUTES

### General Meeting – January 19, 2016

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 8 PM in the main hall of Post 201 by *Commander Dennis Turner*. The colors were presented by the Knights Battalion, Army JROTC of Centennial High School and prayer was offered by *Chaplain Past Commander Martha Conway*. All officers and Executive Committee members were present except for *Finance Officer Fred Swyters* who was excused and *Sgt. At Arms Mark Herak*. Special guests were *9<sup>th</sup> District Commander Geoff Toman* and *Army Chaplain (CPT) Jimmy Bellamy*.

The minutes of the November general meeting were approved as were those of the January 12, 2016 Executive Committee meeting.

Food Chair – *Legionnaire Winston Brunn* gave kudos to the ALA for the excellent meal served before tonight's meeting.

Guest Presentation – *9<sup>th</sup> District Commander Toman* gave membership statistics and mentioned that Post 201 was lagging behind in renewals. He also talked about the upcoming District Nine meeting in Cleveland, GA.

### REPORTS

Boy Scouts – *Executive Committee member and Scouting chair Ed Holben* reported that our Scouting District was in the midst of a reorganization but he was still working to get them involved in flag retirement ceremonies and the Walk of Memories.

Bingo – There was no report but *Commander Turner* made an urgent request for bingo volunteers. He said we mustn't lose the \$30-40-K from bingo but the situation is getting desperate.

Boys State, Oratorical Contests and Scholarships – The Post oratorical contest was cancelled due to lack of participation. The Post will sponsor a contestant in the District finals though. We need chairpersons for scholarships and Boys State.

Membership – *Adjutant Pete Esker* said that membership stood at 680 which is 86% of our goal. He presented three new members and five transfers for membership – *Harry Davis, Michael Thifault, Robert Smith, Francisco Perez, Jim Velcheck, Robert Ottesen, Derek Smith and William Goin*. All were approved unanimously as were 17 transfers-in from Roswell Post 319 which is disbanding.

Public Relations – *Past Commander Marty Farrell* reported that planning for this year's Old Soldiers Day has begun in earnest. There will be a planning meeting January 20<sup>th</sup>.



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S-A-L – *SAL Treasurer Rick Gimpel* said that they had 122 renewals and were at 67% of their goal of 181. He also gave details of events on Super Bowl Sunday Feb. 7th.

Helping Hand – Chair Andy Davis told of various challenges he faces with our program including duplication of efforts of other organizations and agencies.

Service Officer – *Service Officer Sr VC Bob Shafer* told of the recent absences of two long term members, both WWII vets, who hadn't been seen in a while. He urged members to check on their fellow Legionnaires who might be in need of assistance, etc.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Good of the Legion

*Judge Advocate Charles Turner* gave an overview of recent joint efforts by the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Legion that affected the Dobbins AFB area.

The recent passing of *Legionnaire Bob Quinn's wife Melinda* was announced and a moment of silence was observed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM with a prayer by guest Chaplain (CPT) Jimmy Bellamy and honors to the colors.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Esker, Adjutant