



American Legion
Alpharetta Post 201, Inc.

PO Box 314
Alpharetta, GA 30009

MINUTES

General Meeting – February 16, 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 JROTC of Roswell High School and prayer was offered by *Chaplain Past Commander Martha Conway* who also mentioned the health challenges faced by *PPC Gerald Lynch*, *Past President NiNi Lynch* and *Herb Roderick*. All officers and Executive Committee members were present except for *Past Commander Bob Byrd* who has notified us that he will be on extended business travel for a number of months.

The minutes of the January general meeting were approved as were those of the February 9, 2016 Executive Committee meeting. *JA Charles Turner* clarified the use of the word "ground" in the Executive Committee meeting minutes.

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

REPORTS

Baseball – *Commander Turner* said that a very busy baseball season will begin shortly. More games will be played and revenue will begin to return to former levels. He reported that the Orkin Foundation has funded the new, higher outfield fence that was recently installed.

Boys State – *Commander Turner* reiterated the importance of the American Legion Boys State program and said that we had a critical need for a person to chair this year's program. Anyone interested should contact him.

Membership – *Adjutant Pete Esker* said that membership stood at 724 which is 92% of our goal. He presented eight new members and six transfers for membership – *Victor E. Ackerman Jr.*, *Vito Del Popolo*, *Hans Gervais*, *Brad Anderson*, *David G. Mitchell*, *Michael A. Somers*, *John T. Flack*, *Juan Salazar*, *Frank Ruane*, *Robert E. Baird*, *Ted L. Craig*, *Fred Crigler*, *Michael W. Riegert*, and *Roger L. Walters*. All were approved unanimously. *Esker* reported that 22 Post 319 members have transferred to Post 201.

Finance – *Finance Officer Fred Swyters* reported the following balances in various Post accounts as of January 31st:

Club House account	\$10,925.50	Post	\$12,283.85
Bingo	11,672.27	Baseball	7,081.15
Walk of Memories	259.14	TOTAL	\$42,221.91

He also is working on a slight procedural change which will give us comparable figures from the previous year to help with business decisions.



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Public Relations – No report.

S-A-L – *SAL Treasurer Rick Gimpel* said that they had 131 renewals and were at 72% of their goal of 181. Renewals are running ahead of last year.

Helping Hand – *Chair Andy Davis* told of various challenges he faces with our program including duplication of efforts of other organizations and agencies. He finds it frustrating and ineffective and wishes to tender his resignation as chair. His resignation was regretfully accepted with thanks for all his past efforts.

Service Officer – *Service Officer Sr VC Bob Shafer* told of Home Depot Foundation's recent efforts to not only improve/rehab vet organizations' posts and chapters but to help individual vets as well.

Children & Youth – *Jr VC Lisa Dernovish* restated her firm, continuing interest in heading up C & Y programs.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Good of the Legion

Post Commander Turner reported that Alec Holloway, who was sponsored by the Post, won the 9th District Oratorical Contest and would move up to the area-level competition.

Jay Coleman, chair of the Executive Committee, said that the next Old Soldiers Day planning meeting would be 7 PM Wed., Feb. 17 at the Post.

JROTC Chair PPC Martha Conway gave an overview of the Legion JROTC awards program – four medals each to Roswell and Centennial High Schools. She said it meant a lot to students. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM with appropriate prayer and honors to the colors.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Esker, Adjutant