



American Legion
Alpharetta Post 201, Inc.

PO Box 314
Alpharetta, GA 30009

MINUTES

General Meeting – March 15, 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 "Knights" of Centennial High School and prayer was offered by *Chaplain Past Commander Martha Conway* who also mentioned the 97th birthday of the American Legion and the recent passing of Post 201 loyal Legionnaire *Herb Roderick*. All officers and Executive Committee members were present except for *Ed Holben and Mark Sharples* who are on travel.

The minutes of the February general meeting were approved as were those of the March 8, 2016 Executive Committee meeting.

REPORTS

Food Chair – *Legionnaire Winston Brunn* gave kudos to ALA members *Lee Harrison, Tania Potter, Shelda Cooper, Mary Greenway, Jane Turner, and Karen Hicks* for the outstanding turkey dinner served before tonight's meeting.

Baseball – *Commander Turner* said that a very busy season is beginning and we will see a lot of good baseball on our constantly improving field.

Children & Youth – *Jr VC Lisa Dernovich* gave details of the Easter egg hunts scheduled for the coming weekend. Some 1500 eggs have been "stuffed" for the children's hunt which will be at noon on Saturday, March 19th.

Boys State – *Chair Ken Christian* said that he's been in contact with our target schools and has three applications so far.

Finance – *Finance Officer Fred Swyters* reported the following balances in various Post accounts as of March 1st:

Club House account	\$5,897.50	Post	\$11,347.41
Bingo	13,410.94	Baseball	5,322.70
Walk of Memories	431.55	Cash on Hand	6,800.00

TOTAL \$42,221.91

Public Relations – *Past Commander Marty Farrell* noted some recent actions aimed at getting increased coverage for Post activities.

Membership – *Adjutant Pete Esker* said that membership stood at 739 which is 94% of our goal. He presented one new member and four transfers for membership – *Larry E Beaty, Ernest F Hines, Rupert L Sexton, James Herbertson, and Shields Blankenship*. All were approved unanimously.



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Service Officer – *Service Officer Sr VC Bob Shafer* re-emphasized efforts by the Alpharetta Chamber of Commerce and Home Depot to find veterans who need assistance in repair and rehab of their homes. He will assist qualified applicants.

S-A-L – *SAL Treasurer Rick Gimpel* said that they had 149 renewals and were at 83% of their goal of 181. He also highlighted Saint Patty's Day activities planned for the 17th.

Old Soldiers Day – *Executive Committee Chair Jay Coleman* stressed the importance of this more than six-decade old special event and the role Post 201 plays in its success. He asked for more help and said the next planning meeting was Wed., Mar. 16th at 7 PM.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Good of the Legion

Post Commander Turner called Post 201 *Legionnaires V.E. Asherbranner and Ralph Martin* to the head table to salute them for their 60 years of continuous Legion membership. A citation from National Commander Dale Barnett highlighting their loyalty was read and they were presented with certificates honoring their achievement.

The Adjutant gave some details of the Post's assistance to the kickoff meeting of the new Alpharetta chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution which included providing them with flags and patriotic regalia. The chapter will hold a "Welcome Home" ceremony for Vietnam veterans at our Walk of Memories at 11 AM on March 29th. The mayor of Alpharetta has been asked to speak and the public will be invited. (Event was subsequently cancelled by DAR) It was noted that Post 201 now had its own Scout Troop – Troop 51 – whose first meeting here will be on March 30th.

Winston Brunn reported that the roof appears to be leaking. Roof will be checked.

Judge Advocate Charles Turner gave some details of the Spring Conference scheduled for the coming weekend in Duluth.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM with prayer and honors to the National Colors.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Esker, Adjutant