



American Legion  
Alpharetta Post 201, Inc.

PO Box 314  
Alpharetta, GA 30009

## MINUTES

### General Meeting – May 16, 2017

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 7 PM in the main hall of Post 201 by *Commander Dennis Turner*. The colors were presented by the color guard of the Centennial High School JROTC and prayer was offered by *Chaplain Past Commander Martha Conway*. All officers and Executive Committee members were present. After the meeting was opened the color guard was presented with special recognition for their participation in Old Soldiers Day activities. The minutes of the May Executive Committee and the April regular meeting were approved.

#### REPORTS

Membership – *Membership Chair Tom Billings* reported that membership stood at 776 which is 94% of our goal of 830. He presented five new members – *Chris Hagler, Terry Shark, Seth Warner, Genevieve Livingston, and Timothy Elmore* - and two transfers – *Robert Stentstrom and Scott Crain* - for membership. All were approved unanimously.

Finance – *Finance Officer Fred Swyters* reported that account balances as of April 30th, 2017, were as follows:

Club House account	\$3367.69	Post	\$12,076.78
Bingo	6,586.20	Baseball	14,489.63
Walk of Memories	5,426.72	Cash on Hand	6,900.00
TOTAL \$47,847.12			

He said in June we expect to pay \$2700 for county and city liquor licenses and \$1300 for gaming machine license renewal.

The commander called for a motion to divert from the regular order of business for the election of post officers for 2017-2018 – the motion was made, seconded and passed.

#### ELECTIONS

The adjutant presented the slate of unopposed candidates for Post officer positions:

<i>Commander</i>	<i>Dennis Turner</i>
<i>Sr. Vice Commander</i>	<i>Lisa Dernovich</i>
<i>Jr. Vice Commander</i>	<i>Bob Chickillo</i>
<i>Finance Officer</i>	<i>Fred Swyters</i>
<i>Judge Advocate</i>	<i>Charles Turner</i>
<i>Executive Committee (3 yrs.)</i>	<i>Derek Smith</i>

A motion was made and passed to empower the adjutant to cast one unanimous ballot for all the candidates, which he did. The membership responded with a round of applause for all. The commander called for the election of delegates to represent the Post at the Department convention in June. *Chaplain PPC Martha Conway, JA Charles Turner, PPC Marty Farrell and membership chair Tom Billings* were selected. All past commanders and current officers are automatic delegates and the commander was given the authority to name eligible Legionnaires to



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fill any vacancies. The meeting then reverted to the regular order of business.

Baseball – *Commander Dennis Turner* said that the baseball program was very busy and is doing well. There will be several tournaments this weekend.

Scouting – *Scouting Liaison Ed Holben* reported that the troop will have a Court of Honor next week. Expected attendance is 120. He said that Eagle projects include a new fire pit and improvements to the horseshoe pits.

Boys State – *Chair Ken Christian* reported that he has five applications.

Children & Youth – *Jr VC Lisa Dernovish* said that Alpharetta's children and youth orchestra will again perform at the Post on Memorial Day.

Service Officer - *Sr VC Bob Shafer* said that he has been working with Cherokee County on homeless veteran issues.

Food Committee – *Chair Winston Brunn* gave special thanks ALA member *Tana Wagner* for the outstanding Italian meal she provided tonight. The membership gave her a round of applause.

Walk of Memories – *Judge Advocate Charles Turner* reported that he had installed another brick in memoriam to another Georgia servicemember recently killed in action. He also said he had new junipers coming in.

SAL Commander Derek Garmon - said that the SAL membership was at 154, 73% of their 210 goal. He also said their Cinco de Mayo event was a success. They are in the planning stages for a surf & turf dinner on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and their annual golf tournament has been scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Old Business

*None*

New Business

*None*

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*JA Charles Turner* mentioned that only a few tickets were left for the MOPH gun raffle to be held here Memorial Day. The upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> District meeting was also mentioned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM with prayer and honors to the National Colors.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Esker, Adjutant