



MINUTES

General Meeting – February 17, 2015

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 8 PM in the main hall of Post 201 by Commander Bob Byrd and opened with appropriate ceremony and prayer. All officers and Executive Committee members were present except Sergeant at Arms Herak and SAL Commander Garmon, who were excused. There were no guests.

The minutes of the February 10, 2015 Executive Committee meeting were approved as printed and distributed as were the minutes of the January 2015 general meeting.

Committee Reports

In the absence of *Food chair Winston Brunn* the Commander thanked the Auxiliary for the hard work in preparing and serving tonight's pre-meeting meal.

Membership - *Membership chair Adjutant Pete Esker* reported that there have been 710 renewals to date (92% of goal). He presented the names of seven candidates for Post membership – Garold Blackburn, Louis Cerwinski, Kyle Fleming, Tom Tjomstol, Travis Hand, James Anderson Jr., and Robert Rogulski – and two transfers from other posts; Jerry Humphries and James Rice. Mr. Rice and Mr. Tjomstol were present and spoke to the membership. All were approved unanimously.

Finance- *Finance Officer Swyters* reported that we had \$52,377.98 in deposits. He said that gaming revenue is going up and that there are now nine machine which bring in approx. \$1800 per month. In his role as Baseball chair he said the first game should be played this week. The drainage problem in a dugout is being repaired at no cost and he's hoping to improve food quality at the concession stand. He also reported that the club room's Queen of Hearts jackpot is up to \$4600.

House – *Chair First VC Gott* said the committee had no report.

Entertainment – *Commander Byrd*, committee chair, reported that revenue for the first six months was \$62,680 with expenses of \$36,332. He is on the lookout for new talent, new bands and would like suggestions from members.

Bingo – *Chair Past Commander Gerald Lynch* said "bingo is still putting money in the bank".

Old Soldiers Day – *Past Commander Marty Farrell* announced that there would be an OSD meeting on 18 Feb.

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Oratorical & Helping Hands – *Chair SAL member George Conway* said that the Post 201 oratorical competition went well as did the District Nine finals held here on Feb. 14. He thanked everyone for their help. He also said to be sure to notify him of any veteran and/or family in need.

SAL – *Past SAL Commander Rick Gimbel* said that the squadron was working hard to bring up its low renewal numbers (only about 55%). He asked dual members to please pay their dues and reach out to remind others. He said they are planning another fish fry for March 6.

There were no reports from **JROTC** and **Boys State**.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Correspondence

The Adjutant read a card from the Daknis family of Cumming thanking the Post for giving them a memorial bible honoring the passing of Post 201 Legionnaire Louis Daknis, a 69-year member of the Legion. They especially singled out *Service Officer Bob Shafer* for spending time with them and enriching their appreciation of Legionnaire Daknis's service.

Good of the Legion

Commander Byrd said he's hoping to get some different card games going in the club room to include pinochle, an old favorite. He's looking for players.

Judge Advocate Charles Turner reported that the recent District Nine meeting went well. He also mentioned that this year's state convention will be held in Dalton and it's not too early to begin making arrangements. The next district meeting will be in Canton, details to follow.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM with appropriate prayer and honors.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Esker
Adjutant

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