



Huron Valley AMVETS Post 2006
P.O. Box 48 Highland, Michigan 48357

"Serving all Veterans from all Eras"

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting on February 28, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm. by Joe Salvia, Title: Commander

Opening ceremonies were conducted:

(X) Colors in Place (X) Colors Posted (X) Opening Prayer (X) Pledge recited (X) Preamble recited

Roll Call of Officers

| TITLE | NAME | PRESENT | EXCUSED | ABSENT |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Commander | Joseph M. Salvia | X | | |
| 1 st Vice Commander | Jack Weber | X | | |
| 2 nd Vice Commander | Michael Willihnganz | X | | |
| Adjutant | Bear Hall | X | | |
| Finance Officer | Roger Brooks | X | | |
| Chaplin | Jerry Mantela | X | | |
| Judge Advocate | Dennis Powers | | X | |
| Public Relations | Gordon Muir | X | | |
| Service Officer | Joe Sutschek | | X | |
| Provost Marshall | Robert Matheson | X | | |
| Historian | Larry Shaver | X | | |
| Trustee | Frank Kidd | | X | |
| Trustee | John Robinson | X | | |
| Trustee | John Moore | X | | |

Minutes: Reviewed minutes, Motion to approve Green, Second Muir, Discussion, Voice vote passes

Guest: Shelby Hall, Michelle Robins, Blaze O'Connell, Don Helm

Motion to suspend regular Order of business Hall for guest speaker, second Fredrickson, discussion and voice vote passes.

Michelle spoke about Operation Injured Soldier out of South Lyon, Flier attached. Most things are free to Veterans. Have a place in Pelton, MI for Vets. Non-Profit organization, 501C3 all board members are unpaid volunteers.
www.injuredsoldiers.org

Motion to resume the regular order of business Hall, second Robinson discussion and voice vote passes.

Report of Officers

1st Vice Commander: Weber – No Report

2nd Vice Commander: Willihnganz – Personal note Mike's son is going back to China to teach.

Adjutant: Correspondence –



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Membership: Moore – Current membership is at 178. 1 Pending applications, Donald Helm US Army, 1954-56 Motion to accept Moore, Storm, motion Carried.

Chaplain: Mantela – Lloyd Haycock passed from Abbey Park, Henry back with us today. John Schmitz doing his Chemo and Dialysis at home tries to keep busy. Neff, 2 weeks ago spent weekend in HVH, turned out to be angina. Bob O’Lari daughter is done with her chemo, she starts radiation this week and she should be much better soon. Jim Root daughter has gone back to work and doing much better. Richard Reading is in Hospice for 3 months or more, Gordon talked with him last weekend, he was in great spirits, he is going to visit with him on Wednesday.

Finance Officer: Brooks – Report given subject to future audit. Motion to approve Robinson, Second Quinlan, discussion and voice vote passes.

Judge Advocate: Powers – No Report

Public Relations: Muir – May luncheon on a Saturday at noon for all Veterans since Vietnam War at Smoke Street Grill, WWII vets will be included also. Meeting with Milford Times to discuss articles in the times, Spinal Column will do all Veteran articles.

Service Officer: Sutschek –

Provost Marshall: Matheson – Email from Frank Kidd’s mom excused him for meeting. Bear was right 4 times this morning before 1030.

Historian: Shaver – last night did a silent watch for Bob Gerard, they asked for AMVETS to be there.

Trustees: Kidd – No report

Robinson – Calendar floating around, a lot of Color Guard events, Kurtz elementary did this calendar for us. Piano concert coming to Johns church see flyer.

Moore – Jane sent John pictures will have video from banquet up soon. American Legion has revamped American legion web page. Go look at it.

Mail Call: Hand out Birthday cards.

Special Committee Reports

Start Helmet Passing

Southern Command Report: Bell – Next Monday @ 6:30 PM they are entertaining some cub scouts at Abbey Park. John Hicks doing well. To encourage attendance they are having speakers there.

MWD Report: Weitlauf – holding pattern at cemetery. Jim Root will be bringing in fill next month. Stage being built, Foundation for Vietnam War dog memorial wall being done. Couple of funerals being done March 25 at noon, April 22 K-9 Veteran day.

Honor/Color Guard Report: Salvia – No Report



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Executive Meeting Minutes: Attached. Motion to Accept Minutes as presented Muir, Second Neff, discussion and voice vote passes.

Quarter Master: Mantela –No Report

Unfinished business: None

New business: Quinlan did ½ hour one man show at Carson High school today. Presentation given for Lacombe family for what they have done at the War Dog memorial and the Arch being built. Hurd – Moved Friday morning breakfast highland grill starts at 7 to 9. D's restaurant is great at making SOS, Tuesday morning 7 am he is making SOS. Olstevig, working with VSO, on March 21st @ 7 pm all Veterans are invited, dignity memorial will be at the meeting. Neff – American Legion legacy scholarship has changed. See Tom for details. Chidsey – freedom center at the airport, Chuck and his wife went there, was a rewarding experience.

Good and Welfare of the Post:

Total Attendance (Count Off) = 55 Total members

50/50 drawing - \$83 winner – Chidsey

Helmet Passing: - \$ 121 from Helmet passing , Motion to Operation Injured Soldier Hall, Second Robinson, Discussion and Voice vote Passes.

Closing Prayer and Ceremonies

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Bear Hall, Adjutant



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Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting on March 20, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by, Commander Joe Salvia

| OFFICER | NAME | PRESENT | EXCUSED | ABSENT |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Commander | Joseph M. Salvia | X | | |
| 1 st Vice Commander | Jack Weber | X | | |
| 2 nd Vice Commander | Michael Willihnganz | X | | |
| Adjutant | Bear Hall, by Tom Neff | X | | |
| Finance Officer | Roger Brooks | X | | |
| Chaplain | Jerry Mantela | X | | |
| Judge Advocate | Dennis Powers | | X | |
| Relations | Gordon Muir | X | | |
| Service Officer | Joe Sutschek | X | | |
| Provost Marshall | Robert Matheson | X | | |
| Historian | Larry Shaver | X | | |
| Trustee | Frank Kidd | X | | |
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| Trustee | John Moore | X | | |

Guests: None.

Commander said we will have a visitor from the Great Lakes National Cemetery at our Tuesday meeting.

Finance Officer received a thank you letter from Operation Wounded Soldier for a donation of \$121.00. Balance on hand is \$8417.16 and all bills are paid to date.
A deposit of \$30.00 was received from the winner of the 50/50 raffle at the Sunday movie.

Membership John Moore says all dues are paid except one member who says he wants to pay but has not. A discussion was held as to whether he may need help with the payment. A new applicant from Camp Lejune needs to be found. Neff will try to locate him.



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Concert: John Robinson reminded us of the Historical Society's Bob Milne piano concert this Friday at Milford Presbyterian church at 7 pm.

Joe brought up the idea of a movie at Milford Cinema, every three months or so. We agreed on May 21, 2017 at 1:30 pm, if that date is good with Dave from the Milford Cinema. Jack Weber will obtain a blu ray version of Midway. Back up movie will be Neff's Lone Survivor, about the navy seals. We agreed this would be a navy theme day. The first movie was successful and we will keep the donation at \$3.00.

Elections: When? Check bylaws.

General Membership meeting next week: PIZZA! Bear to include pizza in the announcement. Neff emailed Bear to include this good news.

Luncheon: Gordon Muir says the next luncheon will be at Smoke Street in Milford on 6/10/2017 at noon for veterans after Vietnam and from WW2. The last one was for Vietnam era veterans.

Flag day sales: Joe will investigate our ability to sell flags again on Main Street on 6/10/2017. Friday evening, all day Saturday and perhaps Sunday morning. Perhaps we can sell bundles of flags to businesses to give out or sell; 100 flags for \$100.00. Business keeps what they sell.

Golf outing: Thursday 6/15/2017 at Mystic Creek; honor guard is requested there. Gordon Muir is the point of contact. Proceeds to go to Bear's MI Abilities charity fund.

Yankee Air Museum will be here to talk about donations for moving an historic WV-2 aircraft from another state to the Yankee Air Museum at Willow run.

Web site: John Moore will get the missing minutes and put them on the website.

Highland Fest: Parade this Saturday, 5/20/17. Relay for Life on the same day. Color Guard requested for both.

Veteran breakfast at Highland Grille: New people are showing up, good news. Ask Jack Weber for details.

Breakfasts in a backpack: Mike Willihnganz said this Optimists function supports kid's lunches on weekends when they do not get their free lunches at school. \$75.00 each or \$135.00 for two; \$500.00 for a table of eight at 59 West on M-59 on Saturday March 25, 2017. Tickets at the door. \$300.00 feeds one child for a whole year.

Amvets District meeting: Per Jack Weber, our post is the Post Of The Year for the second year in a row and perhaps could be State Department Post Of The Year.

Office Max sent put some discount cards for veterans.



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Chaplain: Jerry Mantela asked Neff how his heart is functioning; much better, thanks but only two heart valves working properly. Richard Reading is in high spirits. He is aware he is on his journey to Heaven. He says he does want to have visitors at his home in Livonia; 36293 Mallory Court, Livonia MI 48154. Home phone 734-591-6183, cell 586-945-4745. Please call him.

Frank Kidd mentioned Life Lock has a special deal but is not free. Neff says try Credit Karma.com which gives you your credit score and report from 2/3 of the bureaus for free as often as you want them.

Press releases: Gordon Muir says Jerry Young volunteered to write newspaper articles.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed. Adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Neff for Bear Hall, Adjutant