



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 November 22, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:23 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	Richard Reading Acting John Moore	X		

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

Guest: Spouses and guests were introduced. List was at the front door.

Motion, seconded and approved to suspend the regular order of business. Dinner was enjoyed.

Highland Elementary presented our post with a large check from their Silver for Soldiers campaign for \$1405.00.

Jane Purslow was brought up and presented by Mike Kowal with a legislative resolution thanking her for all her dedicated work at many functions.

Roger Althouse, who lost his son to a snowmobile accident, presented our post with a thank you check for \$4,500.00 from their golf outing proceeds.

Joe presented special medals to Jane, Lynn O'Brien, Mike Kowal, Roger Althouse and Kim Braver for all her donated help to serve our meetings at Baker's.

WWII Legion dinner announced for 12/7. Spread the word and RSVP.

Report of Officers

Reports of officers were not taken in order to not delay the meal and awards.

Adjutant: Correspondence –



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Finance Officer: Brooks – No Report. Per Neff, Guest and spouses dinner netted \$105.00.

Mail Call: Hand out Birthday cards.

Special Committee Reports

Start Helmet Passing

Executive Meeting Minutes: Attached. Motion to Accept Minutes as presented Powers, Seconded, discussion and voice vote passes.

Total Attendance ?, (No Count Off) = Total members

50/50 drawing - \$153.00 to post, Bentivolio winner – Bentivolio.

Helmet Passing: - \$226.00 from Helmet passing.

Motion, second, passes to resume regular order of business and adjourn.

Closing Prayer and Ceremonies

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Tom Neff Acting for
Bear Hall, Adjutant



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Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting on November 21, 2016 as amended on 11/23/2016.

Meeting called to order at 6:09 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		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		
Trustee	John Robinson	X		
Trustee	Richard Reading		X	

Guests: None.

Commander brought several books to pass around. Neff offered his office as a central library for them, or any other place.

For the general meeting tomorrow, there will be 120 meals and the meeting should not last even an hour. We will do the 50/50, raffle, Jane photos, awards will happen.

Roger Althouse from Prestwick will give \$4500.00 for our work.

Treasurer Brooks reports \$155.00 donation was made from the West Highland Baptist church. Tomorrow, be at Highland Elementary school for a Veterans ceremony, be there at 2:30 pm. Four members said they will be there to receive the Silver For Soldiers gift of a money donation.

Thanks to John Moore for the web site maintenance. If anything relating to the web site is needed, please contact John directly.



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No meetings in December, 2016.

Bonnie Welbaum will bring a cake for Jane Purslow, OK'd by the committee.

Gordon Muir reports public announcements will be problematic since the Spinal Column puts a low priority on Milford and the Milford Times just fired some employees after joining the LA Times. Members, please contact both papers and tell them to cover all of Huron Valley.

Historian Larry Shaver would like the photo boards and POW table set up.

Treasurer Brooks gave the financial figures but I could not write them down. The ending balance is around \$7999.00.

At the VFW social night, ten to fifteen of our members were present, the cook was off sick.

Trustee Frank Kidd reported he will have the tickets for tomorrow.

First Vice Jack Weber reported the Exec Board meetings should be the third Monday of each month for 2017. August will be the only time it will be held the day before the general meeting. OK by all present.

Membership chairman, John Moore, reported notices go out by Constant Contact to everyone with an email address. He questioned whether Tom Neff should have access to it. I said not yet. Four new members applied. Two need additional documents and information. Joe Salvia asked for donations to help with the expenses of the Southern Command. Send donations to Commander Salvia. Only nine more need to pay their dues, so far. Larry Shaver will assist new members from Abbey Park obtain their military records.

John Robinson reported the WWII veterans Legion dinner is on 12/7/2016. Reception at five, dinner is at six pm. **TELL ALL TOMORROW ABOUT THIS DINNER.**

Veterans Day activities were discussed. Good feelings from them all.

Judge Advocate Dennis Powers says he has Petosky casino passes available which are good through 12/31/2016.

If any changes are to be made to our bylaws, advance notice is needed.

Discussion was had about a calling tree, alert roster to telephone those who do not have email. Joe Salvia will produce a roster.

Correspondence: Lakeland High School Scott Rolando asked for a donation. A motion to give \$50.00 was made, seconded and approved.

New business: Whether to renew our membership in the chamber of commerce? Motion made, seconded and approved to pay the \$50.00.

Rich Reading's health was discussed. Gordon Muir will call him to see if he needs our scooter.

General meeting is at 6:00 pm, be there early at Bakers. No Exec nor general meeting in December. Next exec meeting at Comeback Inn at 6:00 pm on the third Monday in January, 2017. Joe will talk to Bear about sending out multiple reminders.

Motion made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm.



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Respectfully submitted,
Tom Neff for Bear Hall, Adjutant

PROPOSED: please send me your corrections immediately. Tom Neff.

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting on January 16, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:08 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		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		
Trustee	John Robinson	X		
Trustee	Richard Reading		X	

John Moore filled in for Rich Reading. Roads were extremely icy tonight. No shows had to be excused.

Guests: None.

BANQUET: Phil Weitlauf could not make the meeting. The banquet is set for Sunday, 2/12/2017. 1 pm happy hour, 2 pm dinner and show. Bakers of Milford. Requested John Moore quickly send out a broadcast about it. 80 people anticipated at \$20.00 per person. The post subsidized about 50% last year. **MUST RSVP by 2/7/2017 TO JOE SALVIA.** Entertainers do not need a down payment because they have dealt with us before. Their fee is \$450.00. Cash bar. We will pay for the bartender + tax + gratuity at 20%. OK to invite friends



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who are veterans since this is also an outreach to other young veterans. Do not invite the general public who are not veterans. This theme is the cold war. Attendees may be asked to tell stories about their cold war experiences. Motion made, seconded and passed to pay for up to \$250.00 for Phil's expenditures for this banquet.

Commander Salvia asked for nominations for Amvet of the year. Names were bantered. Voted unanimously for Jerry Mantela as Amvet of the year for his work on the jackets, name tags, work as Chaplain, keeping track of those needing assistance or/and prayer. John Moore will work with Bear Hall for an award for this.

Joe brought up the Boogie-Woogie concert, the Dave and Amy's coffee meeting and the one at Americus; please attend.

Joe brought up the idea of a movie at Milford Cinema, again, perhaps on a Sunday afternoon. Neff has 13 Hours, another has Sully and Band of Brothers. Perhaps hold this on Sunday, March 12, 2017. Joe will coordinate with Dave at Milford Cinema for the date and time.

Parade meeting will be held 1/17/17 at 6 pm before the American Legion membership meeting at the Legion hall.

FINANCIAL: Roger Brooks reports end of 2016 balance of \$11,581.73. All bills are paid. A \$500.00 payment has not yet cleared our bank. \$1,000.00 was paid to the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund of Michigan.

COLOR GUARD: Larry Shaver reported that the MLK day color guard did a good job and was appreciated. On 1/28/2017 our color guard was requested to be at the hockey game at the ice rink in Brighton, assemble at 715 for the 8 pm game. The rink is on the North side of Grand River between Pleasant Valley Road and US-23. Wear Military or Amvet clothing; pizza, pizza, pizza! Do you need to hear PIZZA?

E-Comm meeting Constant Contact email notice for tonight's meeting was only received by some just today. No advance notice. Neff did not get any notice except through Bear.

Email headings: Should announce AMVETS and the topic. Please read all email notices.

Death: Bonnie's mother passed away on or near Christmas. Neff will send a card to her from the executive board and all Amvets.

DUES: All but four have paid their current dues, per John Moore, membership.

Frank Kidd: A photo of the breakfast members is ready for a restaurant.

JUDGE ADVOCATE POWERS: He has been working at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital with the service officers. There is a severe problem with the transfer of veterans from one provider to another with little continuity. They must start over in gaining trust and knowledge of their



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condition and needs. He is working to stop the constant transfers to different therapists, psychiatric nurses which often create RX changes and relationship stressors.

BANQUET: Again, a motion was made by John Robinson, seconded by Jack Weber and all voted yes to pay 1/2 of the banquet expenses which the twenty dollars per person does not pay.

COLOR GUARD: John Robinson reported that Haas Lake Park would like a color guard at their park on Memorial Day but the color guard is extremely busy on that day and cannot support them.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: Jack Weber reported he has made contact with the SANGB flyover people, the Coast Guard and the blackhawk owners.

Question was made to Neff about any news or changes of which I am aware; answer: negative. I email my minutes to all who are mentioned, whose emails I have, for approval before submitting them to John Moore for publication. I am trying to do good.

Commander Salvia urged all to get their notices to the members on time, so we have maximum participation.

BYLAW CHANGES: If there are any changes requested, send them to Dennis NOW, NOW so he can check them out with the existing rules and be on time for the March 2017 meetings.

Motion to Adjourn 19:29, seconded and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Neff for Bear Hall, Adjutant

PLEASE SEND ANOTHER NOTICE OF THE BANQUET RIGHT NOW.