**AMERICAN LEGION POST 1799**

**EXCOM BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**ZOOM Meeting**

**June 22, 2020**

1. Call to Order and Welcoming by the Post Commander took place at 6:10 PM
   * + Pledge of Allegiance – Led by the Post Commander
     + Opening Prayer – Led by the Post Commander
2. Roll of Officers attending:

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|  | **Present** | **Absent** | **Excused** |
| Post Commander | **X** |  |  |
| 1st Vice Pres | **X** |  |  |
| 2nd Vice Pres | **X** |  |  |
| Adjutant | **X** |  |  |
| Fin Officer |  |  | **X** |
| JAG | **X** |  |  |
| PSO |  |  | **X** |
| Chaplain | **X** |  |  |
| Public Affairs |  |  | **X** |
| Sgt at Arms |  |  | **X** |

1. The Post Commander began a discussion of the agenda items
   1. Officers for the 2020-2021 year – the Commander and JAG Officer used email to solicit from the current Officers if they would consider continuing in their current positions for the upcoming year. Each individual indicated via return email that they would be happy to serve for another year.

**Resolution**: The Adjutant provided the following:

*Whereas* our American Legion Post is in unchartered waters due the COVID-19 Pandemic and we are maintaining social distancing and refraining from holding in person meetings, and

*Whereas* the normal election procedures would normally be accomplished in an in-person meeting, and that is not the directive from the AL National Headquarters, and

*Whereas*, the Post as a whole wishes to remain as safe as possible, and

*Whereas*, members of the executive team have canvassed the current Post Officers, and

*Whereas* each of the officers have in turn, provided an email response that they would be willing to serve in their current position for the upcoming 2020 – 2021 term, therefore,

*Be it resolved* that the Executive Committee accept the nomination of the following slate of Officers for the 102 year of the American Legion, Post 1799, Haymarket, VA:

Commander David Revill

First Vice President Mark Siegel

Second Vice President Rob Brock

Chaplain Curt Hackett

Adjutant Dennis Corrigan

Financial Officer Bill Walsh

Judge Advocate General of the Post Robert Wyman

Public Service Officer Greg Alexander

Sargent at Arms John Schortemeyer

The resolution was seconded by Bob Wyman.

The Commander called for a voice vote which was unanimous in its passage as there were no NEA votes or abstentions.

1. Meeting schedule

A discussion/decision was made to reset our meetings for both the EXCOM and the General Membership meetings. All members should be reminded that they are invited to both meetings and we will be setting them up for the next three months to be ZOOM Meetings. We can host up to 100 individuals. If you do not have a computer, you can also dial in via phone.

**EXCOM** Fourth Wednesday of every month

6:30 PM July 22

Aug 26

Sep 23

**General Membership** Fourth Saturday of July and September

10:00 AM July 25

Sep 26

1. Finance Offer’s Report

The general funds in the bank stand at $1,249.00 and the Post’s CD investments are $15,730.00.

1. Membership Report

As of June 30, 2020, active/current members were 125. Post 1799 achieved 104% active members. July 2020 also is the month to kick-off our Post’s 2010 – 2021 membership drive. Our goal for this next year is 129 active, paid up members!!

1. New Business
   1. Annual Department of Virginia Election
      1. Following Delegates were appointed by the Commander
         1. Delegate Chairman David Revill
         2. Delegate Irwin Lazar
         3. Delegate Chris Malone
         4. Delegate Robert Wyman
         5. Delegate John Schortemeyer
      2. The Virginia Department election will take place virtually on July 11. There is a slate of officers that have been proposed and the results will be published mid-July.
   2. Serve Our Willing Warrior’s 5th Anniversary Celebration
      1. Initial event scheduled for July 4th weekend, is now rescheduled for Aug 15th
      2. The celebration will be centered around a Corvette exhibition and the event is being billed as “Vettes for Vets”
      3. Post 1799 is going to share a canopy at the event to advertise as the AL Post in Haymarket-Gainesville. We have brochures to put into give away bags and what we need is support. Folks to be at the booth, folks to show up to help celebrate five years of service that the SOWW retreat center has made to wounded vets and their families. Remember, we gave SOWW a $10,000 check earlier this year.
2. Member Discussion Items
   1. Requesting all Post members to look at the Website (AL1799.org) and provide any comments/changes/requests to the Web Master.\
   2. An appeal was made to organize a REACH OUT event. In the discussion we spoke about tying three things together: 1) Doing the reach out to our members, especially those we don’t normally hear from, 2) pushing our membership initiative/renewal of dues, and 3) letting folks know about our meeting schedule (listed above) for both the EXCOM and General Membership meetings.
   3. The Commander issued a “Call For Action” to see if anyone in our Post would be interested in being appointed as a “Legislative Action Chairmen.” The EXCOM fully supports this initiative and will do all in its power to make sure the volunteer is provided whatever support they need.
3. Adjournment
   1. Following the closing prayer by the Chaplain, the Post Commander moved to close the meeting at 7:37pm.