**AMERICAN LEGION POST 1799**

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL**

**EXCOM BUSINESS MEETING**

**February 24, 2021**

1. Call to Order and Welcoming by the Post Commander at 1905 hours

Opening ceremony was omitted due to the virtual meeting

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by the Commander

Opening Prayer – Chaplain

1. Roll call of Officers – Conducted by the Adjutant

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|  |  | **Present** | **Absent** | **Excused** |
| Post Commander | **Revill** | **X** |  |  |
| 1st Vice Pres | **Seigel** |  | **X** |  |
| 2nd Vice Pres | **Brock** |  | **X** |  |
| Adjutant | **Corrigan** | **X** |  |  |
| Fin Officer | **Walsh** | **X** |  |  |
| JAG | **Wyman** |  |  | **X** |
| PSO | **Alexander** | **X** |  |  |
| Chaplain | **Hackett** | **X** |  |  |
| Public Affairs | **Lazar** |  |  | **X** |
| Sgt at Arms | **Schortemeyer** | **X** |  |  |

Ward Nickisch and Chris Malone were also in attendance.

1. Adjutant Preview of Meeting agenda
   * Adjutant discussed reporting requirements for all of the Program and Committee chairs. Intent is to have information we can put on our Website to “get the word out!”
2. Minutes of the previous meeting – Read by the Adjutant. Greg Alexander motioned to accept the Minutes as read, Bill Walsh seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve.
3. Finance Offer’s Report – Bill Walsh (Per EXCOM guidance, financial reports are restricted from public access. Members should contact Adjutant or Finance Officer for reports.)
4. Membership Report – Bill Walsh
   * There are 119 paid and PUFL members.
   * There are 11 members from last year who have not yet renewed and another 13 members who did not renew in 2019 or 2020. If you know anyone interested in joining our Post who has lapsed in renewing, please give them a shout out!
   * The Post Goal, set by the VA Department is 127; the Post is at 94%
5. Committee/Program Reports
   * **Boys and Girls State – Irwin Lazar**

* Irwin has received 2 Boys State and 3 Girls State applications from Battlefield HS, we are still waiting on applications from Patriot HS
* There are no further updates on the Boys State program (and there won't be until mid-April). Current guidelines are that we can send one boy per school to Radford Univ at a cost of $400/each. I do not yet know limits on Girls (virtual) State, but the cost per girl is $100.
* Irwin will be reaching out to set up interviews via Zoom in March.
  + **End of year awards for Battlefield HS JROTC students**

Bill Walsh will lead this effort to acquire the awards, create the certificates, and work with the JROTC Unit to identify the awardees. Estimated cost is $80 - $90.

* + **February Fund Donations Fund Raiser**

$2,210 have been donated by 27% of the Membership. Recent inquiries indicate that more contributions may be coming. The EXCOM wants to express a HUGE THANK-YOU to all those who have donated to our Charity Funds.

* + **National and Post Events**
* National Event - 100 Miles in 100 Days Walk for Hope

March 1, will start the registration period for this event via the AL Website. Cost is approximately $30. You receive a T-Shirt to wear while walking and a certificate. You can walk, run, skate, swim, ride a bike, drive a 100 mile course, or anything your imagination can come up with. You can do a mile a day or a super ultra marathon and get it done in a day. You can also exceed the 100 miles. The 100 days will begin on April 1, and finish on July 9th.

The goal is to raise money for Veteran Programs, get us all outside when the weather turns better, and hopefully, bring some awareness that we Veterans and Comrades in Arms are there to support those who have defended our rights.

* Local Event – Iwo Jima Honor Walk

Ward Nickisch has created a TEAM for the 5K Iwo Jima Honor Walk.  It is named “AL Post 1799.” To register, click on this link  [Iwo Jima Honor Walk - 76th Anniversary in Solana Beach, CA, Mar 20, 2021 - Events.com](https://events.com/r/en_US/tickets/iwo-jima-honor-walk---76th-anniversary-solana-beach-march-799653) and then go to “Tickets” and then click on “Teams” and then click on “Join a Team”  then in the search box enter “AL Post 1799” and then “Join.”   From there you can select your $$$ level of participation and memento or select a free ticket.

The event and our team membership is not limited to American Legion members…so please share the link and sign-in instructions with your friends, neighbors, and relatives around the country.  The more the better.  We are making plans to do a socially distanced walk as the Team on March 20th. More details will be put on the Website as soon as we are able to firm them up. Make a plan to join us, and in advance, “Thanks for being a part of this event to honor those who fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima from 19 February to 26 March 1945.”

* + Post Service Officer Report – Greg Alexander
* Greg brought up news with regards to a group of Veterans at the Regency in Dominion Valley, Haymarket. Dave Kapinos, a member of our AL Post, was canvassing for the names of individuals who have been shut-in or without other resources that might enjoy a home cooked meal delivered to their door. Bill Walsh sent Greg two names of deserving members. According to Dave, this group has 40-45 members.
* The Commander, Adjutant, PSO and JAG officer were nominated to work with Dave to coordinate a time/place where we go to one of their get togethers to see if there is any interest in joining us!

1. Balloting on Applications

None have been received.

1. Report on sick call, relief and employment

No Report

1. Old Business

Nothing to consider.

1. New Business and Correspondence

Flag retirement certificates:

* Irwin reported that he has not yet distributed the certificates Ward created to the Boy Scout Troop that has done US flag retirement. He would like some assistance to get this done. The EXCOM would like to make this a “picture” event to honor the Troop for their dedication.

Nominating Committee for preparing a 2021-2022 Officer Slate

* Ward Nickisch and Chris Malone volunteered to form the committee and provide a Slate by our next EXCOM meeting.

$10,000 Grant was announced by Tom Henning

* Designated funds are to support the Willing Warrior Retreat Center in Haymarket.

Grant Writing Campaign

* Bill Walsh has done some significant research and located sources of Grants to potentially assist us in obtaining a American Legion Facility. He has additionally procured a manual that can help us write winning Grant Proposals. Anyone interested in assisting, please contact Bill Walsh or Dennis Corrigan.

There was no Correspondence to share.

1. Next EXCOM Meeting Date/Time: Mar 24, 2021, 1900 H
2. Next General Member Meeting Date/Time: Mar 27, 2021, 1000H
3. Closing Ceremony
   * Prayer – Delivered by the Chaplin
   * Commander closed the meeting.
4. Adjournment – Meeting ended at 2010 H