**AMERICAN LEGION POST 1799**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Minutes**

**January 28, 2023**

**Heritage Hunt Marsh Mansion**

1. Call to Order and Welcoming by the Post Commander. Time: 0950 Hours

Opening Ceremony:

Conducted the Post Everlasting Ceremony for Howard E. Knight. In attendance were Mary Knight (wife) and an additional 8 members of the Knight Family.

At the conclusion of the Ceremony the regular Business Meeting commenced. Time 1019 Hours:

Call to Salute the Flag

Prayer

POW/MIA Chair

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

Recitation of the Preamble

1. The Order of Business
   1. Post Commander: “*I now declare the General Meeting of the American Legion Haymarket, Post 1799, Department of Virginia, regularly Convened*.”
   2. Roll Call

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|  |  | **Present** | **Absent** | **Excused** |
| Post Commander | **Nickisch** | X |  |  |
| 1st Vice Pres | **Brock** | X |  |  |
| 2nd Vice Pres | **Collat** | X |  |  |
| Adjutant | **Corrigan** | X |  |  |
| Fin Officer | **Wagner** | X |  |  |
| JAG | **Wyman** |  |  | X |
| PSO | **Alexander** |  | X |  |
| Chaplain | **Little** | X |  |  |
| Public Affairs | **Lazar** | X |  |  |
| Historian | **Parker** |  |  | X |
| Sgt at Arms | **Schortemeyer** | X |  |  |
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| Total other Members present | | **16** | | |
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| Total # of Guests present | | **1** | | |
| Total # of Legionnaires Present | | **25** | | |
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| Quorum | | | **YES** |  |

* 1. Note any special guests and prospective or new members –
     1. Introduce Dist 16 Commander Jim Greiner
        1. His point on membership: Concentrate on community events, support, etc., and membership will follow.
        2. Made a pitch for AL Baseball and a team in Haymarket/Gainesville.
        3. Mentioned the Department of Virginia Conference in July and Dist 16 is hosting.
  2. The Minutes were reviewed, there were no additions or corrections. Motion to accept the minutes, D. Moore, 2nd: C. Collat. Motion passed unanimously.
  3. Committee Reports
     1. Post Commander Report
        1. For Chaplains Ceremony at Middleburg on Feb, 5.
        2. Be the One Campaign – can lead to personal satisfaction if you find a vet who needs assistance. We won’t know unless we call and ask…..don’t ask about paying their membership dues, that’s a dead end
        3. Regency (DV) is starting a Travel Club if you are interested. Talk to D. Moore. Great rates and group of “friends” to travel with.
     2. Standing Committees Report Overall Chairman - Brock
        1. Americanism Committee – Nothing to Report
        2. Children & Youth Committees – Hackett – No Report
           1. Deferred discussion until next month’s meeting.
        3. Boys and Girls State –Lazar
           1. Application request is out and so far, 7 girls and 2 boys have applied. Waiting on BHS JROTC submissions
           2. Interviews will start the second week of Feb
        4. Public Relations – Lazar – No Report
     3. ​Financial Officer Report - Walsh
        1. Total Bank Funds
           1. Cash $ N/A to public
           2. CD’s $ N/A to public
           3. Total funds $ N/A to public
     4. Membership Report (as of 01/26/2023)
        1. 109 members for 2023 out of 128 goal
        2. 84%
  4. Sick call, relief and employment – None reported.
  5. Post Service Officer Report - Alexander No Report
  6. Unfinished Business
     1. None
  7. New Business and correspondence –
     1. Collat -0 Winter Party at the Brass Canyon, Feb 15. Buffet format, $40/person. Starts at 4:00PM. Main entrees: Salmon, Chicken, Flank steak. Happy hour starts at 3:30 pm, Half price wine bottles and well drinks.
     2. On 9 Feb, after the Thursday Breakfast at iHOP, tour of the Willing Warrior Retreat Center
     3. Wreaths Across America.
        1. John is moving so need a new Program Director for this.
        2. The price for each wreath has risen to $17 (post will still receive $5 for each wreath sold using our WAA Member number)
  8. The Good of the American Legion - No report

1. Member Discussion Items
   1. Briefed our Dist Commander on the final outcome of the Sweats for Virginia Vets effort: 534 Sweat Suit Sets divided between the three Virginia VA hospitals (Salem-Roanoke, Richmond, and Hampton), 32 Afghans for Virginia Care Centers (Salem-Roanoke and Richmond). The total value of the effort was $29,370.
   2. We have received three letters of change in statement for Donation Intent: Walsh, Wright, Lazar. They each have consented to remove the requirement that funds be used specifically for acquiring a Post Home and allow us to use the donated funds for our Mission Stated charities to support Veteran Programs. The funds must be used for our charitable purposes so as not to cause a taxable event for the donors.
2. Next Meeting Date/Time/Location
   1. EXCOM meeting: Feb 8, 2023 Marsh Mansion, 6:30 pm (all members are welcome to attend)
   2. General Membership meeting: Feb 25, 2023 the Marsh Mansion House at 10:00am. Social time begins at 9:30am and will continue after the meeting adjourns.
3. Closing Ceremony – Conducted by Commander
   1. Chaplain Prayer
   2. Recover the POW/MIA chair covering
   3. Salute the Flag
4. Post Commander proclaims: “I now declare this meeting of Haymarket, Post 1799, American Legion, Department of Virginia adjourned.” Time: 1104 hours.