

American Legion Post 14 Meeting Minutes October 2019

Regular Meeting

Meeting started at 1908

Colors

Prayer

Moment of Silence

Preamble

Roll Call

Commander	Present
First Vice	Present
Second Vice	Present
Adjutant	Present
Acting Finance Officer	Present
Sgt/Arms	Present
Chaplain	Excused
Americanism Officer	Present
Service Officer	Excused
Historian	Vacant
Trustee 1	Present
Trustee 2	Present
Trustee 3	Present

Past Commanders

William Andersen	Not Present
Bonnie Barrett	Present
Danny Barrett	Present
Bud Evans	Not Present
George Murphy	Not Present
Ken Moneagle	Present
Carl Sines	Not Present
Robert Speaks	Excused
John Styer	Present
Ronnie Talbot	Not Present
Brian Tolstyka	Present
Paul Turner	Excused

Reading of September minutes bypassed. Brian 1st 2nd John Styer Vote passed.

Sharon - Auxiliary - Gold Star Memorial Family Monument is her special project. Cash bonanza tickets. Donate \$20 and get a pin. Tickets 80 available/drawing. Homecoming tickets \$20. 9MM pistol 5 per ticket or 5 for 20, awaiting printing. Nov 2 is the homecoming at 1700.

Riders (Ken Leshner) - Vet picnic excellent job. Josh's ride was incredible, 4 bikes. Raffle for AR15 Oct 300 tickets 10 apiece. Contact with Community for Non-violence. Looking for male volunteers, 3 hours per week and individuals are paid. Adults are to be mentored.

SAL (Tom Smith) - Brain excused. Raffle 20 per ticket, need to sell 62 tickets per group. Raffle extended to the 2nd week of Nov. Mountain Valley football league allows the tickets to be sold. May have a group sell 100 tickets and we get half. Chantel will take 30 for a meeting. Parade stuff is coming along well. We have enough to pay for the parade and the insurance has been paid. Freedom truck is coming from NC. Multiple fire departments and biker groups and truck groups are coming. No Honor Guard from Charles Town.

Chantel - Land permit in for foundation. Moneagle not available this evening. Church can assume land because they have been there for more than 0 years. Chain link fence with opening for vehicle, so police can check the property. Signs posted for towing. Requesting a rental agreement for the church. As long as they give us something, they cannot assume the land. Church has the money. Rental agreement for church. Trying to be good stewards. Legally the church can go to the courthouse. \$1.00 per year in a contract. Pill and Pill is helping us. Chain link fence will be temporary. Parking lot is down, looking for contractor to roll. Neighbors parking fixed. Need some land clean up. Needles are still in the ground. Rick Raber and Randy Raber cut a bunch of trees. Haul out the trees or mulch. Chantel will check for cost of mulcher. Make a rock garden from the mulch. Nov. is the official burn season. Safety, we need to walk the land because we had an individual who stepped on a dirty needle. FOD walk down needed.

Brian Tolstyka - Veterans Day, the Dough Boy. Is the VFW doing it? Colonel wants to know if the JROTC will do. School flag program for 5th graders to start soon. Tried to schedule the week of and week after Veterans Day. Mike does a POW table explanation for a school and wants to do the POW presentation that was done at Summer Convention. Rosemont Elementary. Brian got a call from Heritage Girls (Chelsea) to do the Americanism Presentation - Teaching the girls how to run a color guard. Get AFJROTC to teach how to do flag presentations and marching. Americanism event at Early Bird Dinner and at Sharon's Homecoming. POW presentation.

Commander Mike Birch - Early Bird Dinner, set the tone and atmosphere. No long-winded speeches. interact with others at the dinner who are members or new members. Flyer to give to someone to come to the dinner. Finances - Membership dues, we can raise if we want. Need to bring up the reserve account. Idea is to raise dues to get money. Updates the membership program at National Level. Thoughts to give to National. We need to work together and be responsible. When dues went up we lost members. We need to consider the loss of members if we raise. Barbara's (State Commanders) Homecoming in the spring.

Danny Barrett – Early Bird Dinner - no RSVP's for the EBD. Head table use the Moose plates and glasses. We will use paper. May be a cost if we give away 2 drinks per couple. Sarah is to get the RSVP. Cake for 60 people, Martins has the best cake. Danny here at 3PM, membership team here at 4PM. Need a list off the system. 19 October Social Hour 1700-1800, Dinner 1800-1830 speeches, 1830-1945 dinner, all wrapped up by 2000. Covered dishes to be placed in a warmer.

Membership (Craig Foster) 235 paid, notified that national sent the check to pay for the 18 members. About 60% for membership.

Mike Birch Presented the Finance Report (Attachment) - Motion by Danny Barrett, 2nd by John Styer Motion passed

Recognition – Brian for the Flag Disposal Ceremony, Chantel for the food, and tables, etc. Also Flag Ceremony to Tom Smith, Chuck Stanley, Doug Staley, Bob Smith, and Jack Bartley. Article for the paper.

Pictures supplied. Pictures sent to National, they created a page for Post 14 on the website. Tarra from Congressman Mooney's office, and Kathleen from Senator's Caputo's office, and Melissa for the pictures.

Veterans Care - been a few deaths of folks in VA hospitals for medical malpractice. Policy, option to opt in or opt out has until 2020 to allow the records to be shared.

From the Commander:

Mike invited to Charleston to help dedicate a Fisher House. Donate to help. All Officers are to complete the Leadership Course. Little snippets how to videos to train posts. Take the test. Awards are made or break based upon simple things. Roll out to think about how to get credit for what we do. High culture of excellence. Living up to expectations and hold people accountable. When talking to other folks, talk positive about the post. Bill C is going through some tough times. Talk to people. Mail out get-well cards etc. Send the Adjutant any letters and cards for those that need cheering up. Mike showed the meeting attendees the Bibles that we provide to family members who passed.

Bonny Barrett gave kudos to Chantel for getting the tables and the tent for the picnic. We need to get our tables back from Paul Turner. Several people purchased tables in the past. Past Commanders pictures.

Chuck, Craig and Chuck's wife went to see Vincent Dibacco for his 97th birthday.

3rd Monday of every month is BINGO at the VAMC. Please come and have fun.

Meeting adjourned at 2005