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**Joe Maltese
Commander
2020-2021**



**Barry Litsky
Adjutant
2020-2021**

February 11, 2021

General Assembly Meeting Minutes

General Assembly was convened at 1900 hours. Meeting was opened by 1st Vice Commander Barry Litsky.

Roll call of officers and executive committee members was conducted and determined a quorum present for post business.

Minutes of the Executive Committee of February 9, 2021 were read and accepted.

Membership Chair Craig Bernat advised that we had 182, which is 86.6% of our quota of 210.

Carl Zuber, SAL Director advised the Junior Shooters were now affiliated with Civilian Marksman Program. He also advised that the SAL was at 100% membership.

Finance Officer Craig Bernat provided the Post 372 Financial Report reflecting that our building fund was \$11,653.81 and the checking account was \$7529.25. The report was accepted by the general membership subject to audit.

2nd Vice Commander Patricia Patrick is coordinating a teacher of the year award and forwarded the application to the Duval Board of Education.

The post is completing a post Buddy Check.

The Taste of Jax is scheduled for March 27, 2021 at the World Golf Village in St. Augustine, FL. The post will conduct a recruiting event. The registration fee of \$37.50 had been approved and Finance Officer Craig Bernat will make the payment on line.

2nd Vice Commander Patricia Patrick is organizing a blood drive in conjunction with the organization Oneblood. A tentative date of May 22, 2021 was selected. Sgt at Arms Ben St. John will collect volunteer names. Judge Advocate Dan Hemsall with contact Loews in an effort to obtain gift certificates and to invite their employees to participate.

Law & Order Chairman Barry Litsky had received a suggestion to have our Police Officer and Firefighter of the year ceremony on a Saturday as a separated event and to obtain funds to have the event catered.

Executive Committee member Karen Tracey, Media explained that the Bravenet system was most suited to our needs. A motion by Chuck Benham to expend \$100 for the fee and was seconded by Craig Bernat. Motion was approved. During discussion Paul Arambula suggested that the Auxiliary and SAL contribute to the expense. There was no action taken on that suggestion.

Executive Committee member Steve Sullivan advised the membership that on February 27, 2021 there was going to be a grand opening of the POW museum at Cecil Field.

Judge Advocate Dan Hemsall suggested that the post hold a fireside chat on the 3rd Saturday of the every month. There will be a fireside chat on Saturday February 20,2021

Paul Arambula mentioned that the POW/MIA flag needs to be replaced and made a motion to do so at an expense of no more than \$100. This was seconded by Chaplain Alan Painter. Motion was approved and Paul Arambula will go to the flag store on Mayport Rd to check the pricing.

Craig Bernat advised that on February 21, 2021 there will be a Car&Bike show at Adamec Motorcycles on Bay Meadows Rd. This will be a recruitment event. Set up for those participating is 8:00AM to 9:30AM. The event will start at 10:00AM and end at 3:00PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 1955 hours.

Executive Committee member Steve Sullivan advised that the price of aluminum has risen and to keep providing your beverage cans.

The ALR is having a ride event on January 23, 2021 to support the bartender at Post 88 who is battling cancer.

On January 15, 2021 Post 372 members Steve Sullivan, Paul Arambula; Bill McGraw, Craig Bernat and Dan Hemsall presented a plaque to Winn-Dixie in recognition of their monetary donation to our post.

ALR Director Chuck Benham made a motion in support of the Boots on the Ground event that the post should match what the riders donate not to exceed \$200. Motion was approved.

2nd Vice Commander Patricia Patrick made a motion to enter a chili cook off at Post 283 on February 23, 2021. The entry fee would be \$50. The motion was amended to provide funds not to exceed \$100 for the cost of materials. The motion was approved.

Karen Tracey, Committee Member advised she is in the process of refining our website to eliminate outdated information.

Commander Joe Maltese advised that post officer nominations should be initiated in March. Nominations have to be available for three months with elections in June. If anyone is interested in

**serving as an officer or as an executive committee member
contact the Adjutant Barry Litsky.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2007 hours.