



The American Legion - Hopewell Memorial Post 146

General Membership Meeting

May 21, 2018

Summaries of Previous Meetings

Meeting Summaries of Previous General and Executive Committee Meetings:

a. April 16th General Membership Meeting:

1. Membership (1st Vice): Six people have applied for membership. They are:
 - Charles E. Liveley (USA)
 - Claude Grimsley (transfer from Post 141)
 - David Patton (USAR)
 - Patrick Walsh (USA)
 - Sean Seamens (USA - Active)
 - Edwin McDowell [*applied on line; missing verification of service information*]

Action: Motion made, seconded and APPROVED to accept the above listed veterans as new members of Post 146, with the exception of Edwin McDowell.

2. Americanism/ Children & Youth Progs (2nd Vice):

- The Post just recently received a special donation request from Hopewell High School requesting \$600.00 to support "Decision Day" activities [see attached letter].

Action: A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to donate \$600.00 to Hopewell High School to support 'Decision Day' activities.

- The Post Adjutant represented the Post at the John Randolph Foundation Scholarship Review Board on April 16th where an initial selection was made for the Post's \$1,000 Daniel Barbie American Legion Scholarship. Final decisions will be announced in early May with presentations tentatively scheduled for Sunday May 19th.
3. Finance Officer: Total receipts for February were just over \$82, 000.00; expenditures were about \$82, 000. At the end of the month we had about \$7,000 in outstanding checks for a net balance of almost \$73,500.00.
 4. Chaplain: Legionnaire Jerry Hudson will soon be going to Chippenham Hospital for heart catherization – date has not been determined, but very soon.
 5. Historian:
 - Updates to the Hometown Heroes Banner Application and program FAQ for the city's website are complete.

- American Legion Centennial Coins have been available for purchase from the U.S. Mint since March 14th. Information can be found at the U.S. Mint website: USMint.gov

6. Nominations:

- The Nominations Committee presented the following proposed slate of officers for Legion Year 2019-2020:

Commander	<i>David Harless</i>	Chaplain	<i>Robert Brown, Jr.</i>
1st Vice Commander	<i>Wanda Knight</i>	Sgt-at-Arms	<i>Stan Cornett</i>
2nd Vice Commander	<i>Robert Horneck</i>	Historian	<i>Mike Bonneville</i>
3rd Vice Commander	<i>Bert Cole</i>	3rd Yr Executive	<i>Ed Sanders</i>
Finance Officer	<i>Mark Creech</i>		

- Nominations received from the Floor:

Commander	<i>David Neary</i>	3rd Yr Executive	<i>Andrena Neary</i>
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- * As no other nominations were received; nominations were declared CLOSED.

7. Unfinished (Old) Business (Cdr): No Old Business brought forward

8. New Business (Cdr): No New Business presented

9. Correspondence: No correspondence received.

10. Good of the Legion (Cdr):

- 50/50 Drawing winner (Sgt.-at-Arms): Robert Brown, Jr. won \$15.50 in the 50/50 drawing. Legionnaire Brown donated the winnings to the Post.
- Progressive Attendance Drawing (Sgt.-at-Arms): The jackpot stood at \$140. The prize was won by Member Nr. 382, Jimmy Beverly. As Legionnaire Beverly was not present; the jackpot climbs to \$160 for the May 21, 2019 meeting.

b. May 7th Executive Committee Meeting:

1. Officer Reports:

- Membership (1st Vice): As of 01 April, we stand at 99% of the Department established objective.
- Americanism/ Children & Youth Progs (2nd Vice):
 - On 03 May, Bob Horneck attended the Hopewell High School JROTC Awards Ceremony and presented Military Excellence Award to Cadet

Lisa Ross and the Scholastic Excellence Award to Cadet Samantha Murphy

- The John Randolph Foundation Daniel Barbee -American Legion Post 146 Memorial Scholarship presentation will be on May 19th review at the John Randolph Building.
 - Bingo (3rd Vice): BINGO grossed \$56,540 in April which translates to a donation target of \$5,654.00. The total donation target becomes \$19,600.00 of which the Post has donated \$11,290.
 - Post Finances (Fin Off): Beginning balance was \$80,557. Gross Receipts for all accounts: \$98,126. Expenditures: \$94,467. Pending Checks: \$2,831 giving a net gain of \$828. Net end of month balance for April was \$81,385.
 - House Committee: The Post catered a banquet for Vantage Point Federal Credit Union (120 people) and realized a profit of nearly \$1,300.00
 - Historian:
 - National Poppy Day is Friday, May 24th.
 - Memorial Day Ceremonies are scheduled for Monday, May 27th at 11:00 am
 - Sgt-at-Arms: The next New Member Orientation is scheduled for July 16th. More details to follow.
 - Judge Advocate:
 - Final Draft of the Post Constitution and By-Laws were presented to the committee. Executive Committee members had submitted comments and a final review completed on April 30th. The proposed draft will be presented to the full membership at the May 21st meeting.
 - AED/CPR Class for all Club Room and VFW staff was held on Sunday, April 28th at the VFW.
2. Donation Requests (Adjutant/Donation Coordinator): The following requests were received and are recommended by the Donation Sub-Committee:
- a. Hopewell High School Girls Softball Team requests an unspecified amount to support the school's girls' softball program by helping purchase uniforms and equipment. (see attached letter). Recommend the Post support this request.
 - b. Virginia Legacy Run (sponsored by Post 320, Spotsylvania, VA) requests an unspecified donation to support the 18-20 July 2019 ride from Stanston to Spotsylvania. Proceeds from this ride will go to the National Legacy Scholarship Fund. The fund "is a needs-based scholarship designed to fulfill a financial gap remaining after all



- federal and state educational grants/scholarships available to an eligible applicant have been utilized.” The scholarship is available for “Children of U.S. military members who died while on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001”; and “children of post-9/11 veterans having been assigned a combined disability rating of 50 percent or greater by the Department of Veterans Affairs.” Based on the guidelines of the Post Donation Policy, this request does not qualify for funding, but receives an exemption as it supports the National American Legion Americanism and Youth Program.
- c. Tech For Troops – Mark Creech requested that the Post continue its support for Tech For Troops with a donation of \$1,750.00. This organization has presented classes at the Post and given away nearly two dozen laptop PCs to Post members. They are now reaching out to Ft Lee and beyond.
 - d. Unit 146, American Legion Auxiliary requests a donation to go towards their fundraising to provide school supplies for Hopewell elementary school students.
 - e. Hopewell/Prince George Chamber of Commerce requests that the Post sponsor a hole at their 18th Annual H/PG Chamber Open Golf Tournament scheduled for May 16th.
 - f. Dupont Elementary School requests a donation to support a graduation party for the 141 5th graders leaving elementary school and heading to middle school in September. The graduation party is planned for the Wood-Dale Swim Club on June 10th. Total cost is approximately \$15.00 per student.

Actions: The following donations were approved:

- 1) \$500.00 for the Hopewell High School Girls' Softball Team
- 2) \$500.00 donation to the Department of Virginia Legacy Run
- 3) \$1,750.00 donation to Tech For Troops
- 4) \$250.00 to the ALA
- 5) \$100.00 to the Hopewell/Prince George Chamber of Commerce to sponsor a hole at the 18th Annual Hopewell/Prince George Chamber Open.
- 6) \$500.00 to Dupont Elementary School to support their 5th Grade Graduation Party

3. Unfinished (Old) Business:

- a. Policy for the handling personal and family support requests: Update (Adjutant)
Policy and procedure not yet formalized, but referrals to Comrade Keffer at the Petersburg Freedom Center are being made as the Post receives requests.
- b. Report on Donation Request for Replacement Flag Pole at Hunter, Holmes, McGuire VA Medical Center: Request made to POC at the Virginia Charitable

Gaming Commission concerning the Post using BINGO funds to donate a flag pole. (Cdr)

Initial Gaming Commission response was that when the Post donates to the VA or another Veterans facility, it qualifies as appropriate use of BINGO generate funds. However, the issue is that McGuire VA Hospital wishes the Post to purchase the flag pole directly from the manufacturer and then donate the equipment to the VA hospital. The Gaming Commission stipulated that BINGO funds cannot be used to purchase the flag pole in such a manner.


Action: Because of the hospital's request that the Post purchase the flag pole and then donate it to the hospital, the committee found that such a procedure would violate the rules regarding BINGO-generated funds, so the donation could not be made.

4. New Business:

- a. The Commander stated that annual election of officers is the main item of business at the upcoming General Membership meeting. As the chair of the Nominating Committee has presented a recommended slate, an Election Committee Chair was needed to conduct the election. The 1st Executive, David Roth volunteered for the duty and was so appointed by the Commander.
- b. The Post received an insurance proposal from the Ford Agency which will increase coverage for staff (employed and volunteer) involved in handling money and the liability limits for the building and property, which have not been evaluated/updated in 10 years. The new coverage will increase insurance costs from \$5,652 per year to \$6,396 per year; an increase of \$744.00 (\$62.00/month).

Action: A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to accept the Ford Agency proposal.

Official Summaries of Meetings/Conduct of Business is attested by the undersigned.



Robert H. Brown, Jr., Adjutant