



Hopewell Memorial Post 146, The American Legion
Summary of Previous Meetings

October 18, 2022 General Membership Meeting and
November 1, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting
November 9, 2022

October 18, 2022 General Membership Meeting

1. Summaries of the September 20, 2022 General Membership and October 4, 2022 Executive Committee Meetings were provided for member review on the Post website and at the meeting. summaries were accepted as written.
2. Officer Reports:
 - a. Membership (1st Vice):
 - We had four new member candidates:
New: **Harold Farquhar** (US Army), and **Wesley Rainey** (US Army).
Transfer **Lewis Davis**
 - ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to accept the above named applicants as members in the American Legion and/or Post 146.
 - Renewals are at 57% of the 2023 goal of 377 members
 - b. Americanism/ Children & Youth Programs (2nd Vice):
 - 2nd Vice Commander Owens reminded everyone that Tuesday, November 8th is Election Day and everyone should vote.
 - Post is receiving a new printer donated by the local Ricoh distributor.
 - October 28th is 1st Responder Day and the Post will host employees of the city's Public Works Department for a special lunch.
 - The Post will again host a Veterans Day Ceremony planned for City Point National Cemetery. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 am and lunch will follow at the Post.
 - c. Bingo/Gaming (3rd Vice): Bingo revenue remained strong in October. Donations and qualifying expenditures kept the Post above the 10% donation goal for the year. For October, Gross Receipts: \$57,891.25; Total October Donations: \$10,034.48. As of the end of October, total Bingo revenues were: \$571,236.00; Total Donations were: \$70,256.51 against a mandated target of \$57,123.62 putting the Post at 22% or 12% over the mandated 10% target.

- d. Post Finances (Fin Off): For EOM October - Total Income: \$69,816.69; Total Expenses: \$69,606.17; Net Income: **+\$210.52.**
- e. House Committee:
- Purchase of New Water Heater: The 100 gallon water heater servicing the kitchen failed. A new 75 gallon unit was purchased and we are awaiting receipt of the new equipment. In the interim, emergency repairs were completed allowing us to continue to operate.
 - Staff Shortages: Still trying to recruit additional Bartender/Servers. Currently, the need is for three bartenders/servers.
 - New Point of Sale (POS) System: The committee decided to contract with Hartland Restaurant/Cutting Edge Systems for a new POS system. The Post Finance Officer is completing negotiations with Cutting Edge Systems.
 - A Thanksgiving Day Dinner is planned for Thursday, November 24th. The Post will open at 11 am with dinner served from noon until 2 pm. The Post will close at 2 pm. We are encouraging people to bring covered dishes of their choice.
- f. Service Officer: Attended a Department-wide meeting for all Service Officers. Individual Post issues were presented, not general issues so meeting was not as effective as it could have been. Will be attending the Richmond VA Crater Community Engagement Board this coming week (19 Oct) where participants will discuss how better to coordinate solutions to help community members in need.
- g. Chaplain: No report
- h. Historian: Special Dates:
- October 16, 1859 - Fanatical **abolitionist John Brown seized the Federal Arsenal at Harpers Ferry** with about 20 followers. Three days later, Brown was captured and the insurrection was put down by U.S. Marines under the command of Col. Robert E. Lee. Brown was convicted by the Commonwealth of Virginia of treason, murder, and inciting slaves to rebellion, and was hanged on December 2, 1859.
 - October 17, 1777 - During the American Revolutionary War, **British General John Burgoyne and his entire army of 5,700 men surrendered to American General Horatio Gates after the Battle of Saratoga**, the first big American victory.
 - October 19, 1781 - As their band played The World Turned Upside Down, **the British Army surrendered to the Americans at Yorktown. More than 7,000 British and Hessian troops, led by British General Lord Cornwallis, surrendered to General George Washington.**

- October 23, 1983 - Terrorists drove a truck loaded with TNT into the U.S. and French headquarters in **Beirut, Lebanon**, exploding it and killing 241 U.S. Marines and 58 French paratroopers.
 - October 24, 1945 - **The United Nations was founded.**
 - October 25-30, 1983 - The Caribbean island of **Grenada was invaded** by the U.S. to restore "order and democracy." Over 2,000 Marines and Army Rangers seized control after a political coup the previous week had made the island a "Soviet-Cuban colony," according to President Ronald Reagan.
 - October 29, 1929 - The **stock market crashed** as over 16 million shares were dumped amid tumbling prices. The Great Depression followed in America, lasting until the outbreak of World War II.
- i. Judge Advocate: Trip to National Museum of the U.S. Army at Ft. Belvoir is set for Wednesday, November 2nd. Those wish to attend can do so in the Club Room. Cost \$15.00
 - j. Executive Committeemen: No report
3. Correspondence: None
 4. Old Business (Cdr): None presented
 5. New Business (Cdr): None presented
 6. Good of the Legion (Cdr): None presented

November 1, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting

1. Summary of Previous Meeting (Adj): A Read-Ahead Packet which included a summary of the October 4, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting and the October 18, 2022 Special Executive Committee Meeting was provided to all committee members prior to the meeting. The meeting summaries were reviewed and approved.
2. Officer Reports -
 - Membership (1st Vice): Post stands at 57% of the 2023 Goal (377). Members seem unusually slow to submit renewals this year.
 - Americanism and Children & Youth (2nd Vice):
 - Plans for Veterans Day Celebration: Flags at graveside will be set on Nov 9th and removed on the afternoon of Nov 11th by JROTC cadets from Hopewell High School. The cadets will also provide the color guard for the ceremony.

Guest speaker is Mr. George N. Cannizzaro, the Deputy Director, Cemetery Operations, Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration. Lunch will be served at the Post after the ceremony

- Election Day: Vote early if you can, but plan to vote as Tuesday, Nov 8th is Election Day.
- Bingo (3rd Vice):

BINGO MONTHLY RECAP – OCTOBER

Month	Gross Income	10% Rqmt.	Donations	Other Uses	Total Donations	Available for Donation
Oct	\$57,891.25	\$5,789.14	\$2,500.00	\$7,534.48	\$10,034.48	\$8,100.00
As of 31 Oct	\$571,236.00	\$57,123.62	\$24,321.60	\$45,934.91	\$70,256.51	+/- Target +23%

Donations and qualifying expenditures are keeping the Post above the 10% donation goal for the year. The committee had \$8,100.00 available for donations.

- Post Finances (Fin Off): For EOM October - Total Income: \$69,816.69; Total Expenses: \$69,606.17; Net Income: **+\$210.52**. [See Encl 1]
- House Committee: The committee has accomplished or is working on the following:
 - Purchase of New Water Heater: The 100 gallon water heater servicing the kitchen failed. A new 75 gallon unit was purchased and we are awaiting receipt of the new equipment. In the interim, emergency repairs were completed allowing us to continue to operate.
 - New Color Printer: 2nd Vice Johnnie Owens facilitated the donation of a new Ricoh color printer from the local Ricoh representative.
 - Staff Shortages: Still trying to recruit additional Bartender/Servers. Currently, the need is for three bartenders/servers.
 - Support for 1st Responders: The Post provided a special ‘picnic lunch’ for Hopewell Public Works Department staff on Oct 28th. More than 30 employees visited the Post and enjoyed the lunch. Hopewell Sheriff Travis Stanley and Chief Deputy Mark Lilly also stopped by to thank the Post for the support given to the Sheriff’s Office.
 - New Point of Sale (POS) System: The committee decided to contract with Hartland Restaurant/Cutting Edge Systems for a new POS system. The Post Finance Officer is completing negotiations with Cutting Edge Systems.
 - Kitchen Manager: Ms. Amy Hall will assume duties as Kitchen Manager on November 1st.

- We will celebrate the U.S. Marine Corps' 247th birthday at the General Membership Meeting on November 15th even though the actual birthday date is November 10th.
- Veterans Day: The Post will lead Veterans Day ceremonies at City Point National Cemetery on Friday, Nov 11th beginning at 11 am. Lunch at the Post will follow the ceremony.
- A Thanksgiving Day Dinner is planned for Thursday, November 24th. The Post will open at 11 am with dinner served from noon until 2 pm. The Post will close at 2 pm. We are encouraging people to bring covered dishes of their choice.
- Service Officer: No report
- Chaplain: The Bible Study scheduled for November 21st is moved to November 14th.
- Historian: Special dates/events:
 - November 1, 1950 - **President Harry S. Truman** was the target of an unsuccessful assassination attempt by two members of a Puerto Rican nationalist movement..
 - November 7, 1917 - **Russian Bolsheviks overthrew the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky in Petrograd.** The Council of People's Commissars was then established as the new government of Russia, with **Nikolai Lenin** as chairman, **Leon Trotsky** as foreign commissar and **Josef Stalin** as commissar of nationalities.
 - November 11, 1918 - At 5 a.m., in Marshal Foch's railway car in the Forest of Compiègne, **the Armistice between the Allied and Central Powers was signed, silencing the guns of World War I effective at 11 a.m. - the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.**
 - November 19-20, 1990 - **The Cold War came to an end** during a summit in Paris as leaders of NATO and the Warsaw Pact signed a Treaty on Conventional Forces in Europe, vastly reducing their military arsenals.
 - November 20, 1917 - **The first use of tanks in battle** occurred at Cambrai, France, during World War I. Over 300 tanks commanded by British General Sir Douglas Haig went into battle against the Germans
 - November 22, 1963 - At 12:30 p.m., on Elm Street in downtown Dallas, **President John F. Kennedy was shot.** At 1 p.m., the 35th President of the United States, was pronounced dead. On board Air Force One, at 2:38 p.m., **Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as the 36th President.**
- Sergeant-at-Arms:
- Judge Advocate: Trip to National Museum of the U.S. Army at Ft. Belvoir is set for Wednesday, November 2nd. John Randolph Foundation Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, Nov 4th.

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year Executives: No report

3. Correspondence:

- a. Letter from The Hopewell City Public Schools in which the Superintendent of School, Dr. Melody Hackney, thanks the Post for its recent donation to the Hopewell High School Baseball Team.
- b. Letter from Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation in which the Executive Director, Ms. Katy Sawyer, thanks the Post for its recent donation to the Foundation.

4. Donation Requests (Donation Coordinator):

- a. At present, we have received only one donation request. That request is from the Pregnancy Support Center of the Tri-Cities in Petersburg. No amount is specified. This is a local charity to which we have donated in the past (\$160 - 2020). The Center's purpose is to "provide compassionate care to women unprepared for pregnancy by offering education, resources, and practical help to assist them in making life affirming decisions." In short, they provide comprehensive, positive alternatives to abortion, especially to young women in the teens and early 20's.
- b. Based on past history, we expect to receive requests from the Hopewell Sheriff's Office (annual calendar fundraiser this month. Depending on availability, we also donated \$1,000 to SAL Squadron 146 and \$1,000 for Tech For Troops. As noted on the plan, will donate an additional \$70 to support the Brighter Living Retirement Home monthly luncheon for residents, which was previously approved.

★ Recommendation: that the Post make the following donations:

1. Pregnancy Support Center of the Tri-Cities in Petersburg: \$200
2. Squadron 146, SAL: \$1,000
3. Hopewell Sheriff's Office: \$200
4. Tech for Troops: \$1,000

Total of Recommended Donations: \$2,400

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded, and APPROVED to make donations to the organizations and charities presented by the Donation Coordinator. Additionally, the committee APPROVED a \$100.00 donation to the Salvation Army of Richmond.

5. Old Business: None presented

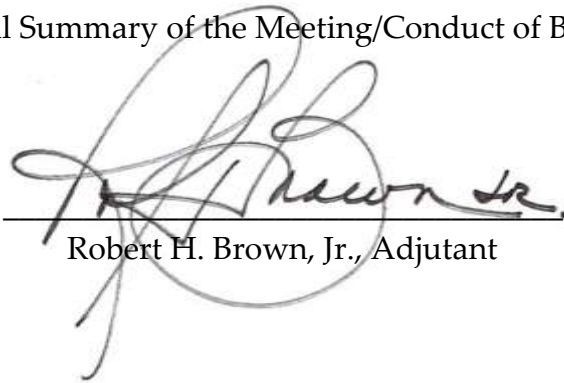
6. New Business: It has become customary to reward staff at Christmas with Gift Cards. The cards are given as 'presents' and not subject to any employment taxes so our employees receive the full value of the gift.

★ Recommendation: the House Committee recommends that the Executive Committee approve not more than \$1,350.00 for the purchase of gift cards for the staff.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to allocate not more than \$1,350.00 for the purchase of Christmas Gift Cards for the Post staff.

7. Good of the Legion: The commander requested that whenever the Post has an activity, he would like as many members of the Executive Committee as possible to attend.

Official Summary of the Meeting/Conduct of Business is attested by the undersigned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert H. Brown Jr.", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Robert H. Brown, Jr., Adjutant