



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

**October 19, 2021 General Membership Meeting and  
November 1, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting**

November 23, 2021

The following is a summary of the October 19, 2021 General Membership and November 1, 2021 Executive Committee Meetings.

**October 19, 2021 General Membership Meeting**

1. Presentations:

- Legionnaire Randy Gunn, Chair, 2022 VA Legacy Run and VA Eastern Region Director, ALR presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Post for its support of the 2021 VA Legacy Run. He reported that the 2021 Legacy Run raised \$43,000 for the American Legion Scholarship Fund.
- Ms. Kiffy Werkheiser, Development Director, Friends of the Lower Appomattox River (FOLAR) gave a short presentation on FOLAR's goals and objectives for improving recreational activities along the Appomattox River. The group's major objective is to construct a 25-mile bicycling, hiking, walking and running trail along the river which will wind through public parks and along the riverside from Lake Chesdin to City Point National Park. FOLAR also conducts two river clean-up events annually and works with cities, towns and villages along the river to maintain and improve parks and recreational areas.

2. A summary of the September 21, 2021 General Membership and October 5, 2021 Executive Committee Meetings were provided for member review on the Post website and before the meeting. The meeting summary was approved as presented.

3. Officer Reports:

a. Membership (1st Vice):

- Candidates for membership in the Legion and Post 146 were: Edward Phillips (USA) and Demarlo Kelley (USA)

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to accept the above listed candidates as members in the American Legion and Post 146.

- Post now stands at 65% of the renewal goal [242 completed renewals vs. 369 target]. Everyone urged to renew as soon as possible. Annual dues remain at \$40.00.

- b. Americanism/ Children & Youth Programs (2nd Vice):
  - This year's Veterans' Day Ceremony is scheduled for 11:00 am at City Point National Cemetery.
  - With schools back in session we are no able to resume our Children and Youth Programs. The Middle School Essay Contest is planned for later this year and Boys State will be back in session this coming summer. This past summer we could only send one candidate because of COVID restrictions. For the summer 2022 session, we again will be allotted three spaces.
- c. Bingo/Gaming (3rd Vice): September was a good month for Bingo revenue. The Post made almost \$48,000; third highest grossing month for the year. We continue to look for people to assist with selling pull-tabs from about 6 to 8 pm.
- d. House Committee:
  - We celebrated the US Navy's 246th birthday on October 13th. Master CS1 Jason Rodgers from the Navy's Ft. Lee Training Detachment and Lt Cdr (Ret.) Nathan Deunk (member of Post 146) cut the special birthday cake.
  - Roof repairs will be made by Save More Roofing. Roof is in much better condition than the committee was first led to believe. Roof repairs will cost approximately \$500.00. Old halogen flag pole spot lights will be replaced with new LED spot lights which will be repositioned to avoid further leaks.
  - Kitchen and Club Room cleaning on October 16 and 17 went well. The kitchen was cleaned literally from top to bottom.
  - Two HVAC units were purchased and have been installed on the roof.
  - Established a new cleaning contract for the Post. Missman Janitorial Services (Chester, VA) is the new contractor.
  - A drinking glass dishwasher/sanitizer has been offered to the Post. We are checking with a plumber to obtain an estimated installation cost.
  - Hired a part-time dishwasher/busser, Searrah Scott.
- e. Finance Officer: End of month September Total Income: \$57,650.92; Total Expenses: \$53,493.97; Net Income: \$4,166.95. Account Balances: VTAB - \$43,231.82; BINGO - \$19,415.42; Restricted - \$7,746.49; General - \$30,390.65 [ATM/Kiosk Holdings: \$41,173.00.]
- f. Chaplain: Legionnaire Frank Husted, former long-time 3rd Vice Commander and Bingo Manager is hospitalized at McGuire VA Medical Center. It appears his condition is not good.
- g. Service Officer: No report
- h. Historian: No report
- i. Judge Advocate: No report

- j. Sgt.-at-Arms: No report
- k. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Executives: No reports

4. Correspondence:

- a. Letter received from John Randolph Foundation thanking the Post for sponsoring the 22nd Annual "Hit the Greens" Golf Tournament.
- b. Letter received from Dr. Melody Hackney, Superintendent Hopewell City Public Schools, thanking the Post for donating to the Hopewell High School Baseball Team.

5. Old Business: None presented

6. New Business: (Cdr): None presented

7. Good of the Legion (Cdr):

- Legionnaire Lee Dixon thanked the Post for sponsoring VFW Post 637's 'Back the Blue' event on October 16th. The event provided \$10,000 worth of special door prizes to uniformed officers and their families.
- Post will close at 2:00 pm on Sunday October 24th for a special staff training and get-together.
- 50/50 Drawing winner (Sgt.-at-Arms): Joe Winner won \$10.00 in the 50/50 drawing.
- Progressive Attendance Drawing (Sgt.-at-Arms): The jackpot stood at \$100. The number drawn was 053, Bruce Fuller. Legionnaire Fuller was not present, so the jackpot will be \$120 at the November 16, 2021 meeting.

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**November 1, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting**

1. **Summary of Previous Meeting** (Adj): A Read-Ahead Packet which included a summary of the October 5, 2021 Executive Committee meeting was provided to all committee members and acted as the basis for the meeting. The summary of the meeting was reviewed and approved.
2. **Officer Reports:**
  - Membership (1st Vice): Post now stands at 70% of the LY 2022 target (369) with 111 members still to renew. There is a lag in reporting processed renewal actions and the 1st Vice Commander has been receiving a steady flow of renewals.

- Americanism and Children & Youth (2nd Vice): Working to set up Veterans Day. Ceremony at City Point National Cemetery at 11 am. Featured speaker is COL (Ret) Cortez Dial. Al Kyriakides will play taps. The Regional Police Color Guard has agreed to post and retrieve the colors. Lunch will be served at the Post at noon. We are planning to post flags at the cemetery on Saturday, Nov 6th, however, coordination with the cemetery manager is problematic.
- Bingo (3rd Vice): Total BINGO revenue in October was about \$1,000 more than we had in September. Totals are shown in the matrix below:

**BINGO MONTHLY RECAP - OCTOBER**

Month	Gross Income	10% Rqmt.	Donations	Other Uses	Total Donations	Available for Donation
October	\$49,114.00	\$4,911.40	\$7,325.00	\$1,147.00	<b>\$8,472.00</b>	\$8,812.00
As of 31 Oct 21	\$325,086.70	\$32,508.67	\$24,330.00	\$6,809.18	<b>\$31,139.18</b>	<b>+/- Target</b> <b>-1,369.49</b>

October was another good month for Bingo revenue. The Post made \$49,000; a bit above average There is \$8,812.00 available for donations this month with the Post \$1,369.49 short of the 10% donation target.

- Post Finances (Fin Off): Total Income: \$70,484.20; Total Expenses: \$68,439.89; Net Income: \$1,619.42. Account Balances: VTAB -\$28,446.98; BINGO - \$22,062.72; Restricted – \$2,746.49; General - \$25,-062.95 [ATM/Kiosk Holdings: \$33,292.00.] (Encl1).
- House Committee: The committee has accomplished or is working on the following:
  - Roof Repair: *Save More Roofing* is completing additional repairs. We have identified a possible source of continued leaks in the storeroom area.
  - HVAC Unit Replacements: New units have been installed on the roof and are operating.
  - Walk-In Cooler: The refrigeration system in the Post’s 15-year-old cooler broke down and must be repaired or replaced. We are gathering information on repair and replacement costs before presenting a recommendation to the Executive Committee. This is an emergency situation and we are taking action as quickly as possible.
  - Staffing: Staffing remains a problem. The NEED IS CRITICAL. Advertisements are running on the Post website and Facebook page. We hired a parttime dishwasher/busser, Searrah Scott.
  - Cleaning: Major cleaning in the kitchen and Club Room completed on Oct 17th. Volunteers helped regular staff complete the difficult task. Facility manager worked long hours to ensure the work was completed and the Club Room returned to full operation on Monday, Oct 18th.

- City “Trunk or Treat” Event: City of Hopewell held a “Trunk or Treat” event in the Post main parking lot on Thursday, Oct 28th. From Heather Lynne, Executive Director, The Hopewell Downtown Partnership:  
***WOW!!!! THANK YOU for making Thursday a record breaker in Downtown Hopewell. I'm honestly blown-away. You are a shining example of what a small community can accomplish when it comes together.***
- Veterans Day Lunch: Post is prepared to serve a buffet lunch on Veterans Day. ALA members are graciously supporting the event with set-up, decorating, serving, and clean-up volunteers.
- Service Officer: No report
- Chaplain: No report
- Historian: Special dates/events:
  - November 4, 1862 - **Richard Gatling patented his first rapid-fire machine-gun** which used revolving barrels rotating around a central mechanism to load, fire, and extract the cartridges.
  - November 4, 1979 - About 500 young **Iranian militants stormed the U.S. Embassy in Teheran, Iran**, and took 90 hostages, including 52 Americans that they held captive for 444 days.
  - November 7, 1989 - The **East German government resigned** after pro-democracy protests.
  - November 9, 1989 - The **Berlin Wall fell after standing for 28 years as a symbol of the Cold War**. The 27.9 mile wall was constructed in 1961.
  - November 10, 1775 - The **U.S. Marine Corps was established** as part of the U.S. Navy. It became a separate unit on July 11, 1789.
  - 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. In many places in Europe, a moment of silence in memory of the millions of fallen soldiers is still observed.
  - November 19, 1863 - **President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address** during ceremonies dedicating 17 acres of the Gettysburg Battlefield as a National Cemetery. Lincoln delivered his address in less than two minutes. Although many in attendance were at first unimpressed, Lincoln's words have come to symbolize the definition of democracy itself.
- Sergeant-at-Arms: No report
- Judge Advocate: No report
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year Executives: No reports

3. Correspondence: Thank you letter from Virginia Special Olympics for our recent donation in support of a local area team's attendance and participation in the 2022 USA Games in Orlando, Fl.

4. **Donation Requests** (Donation Coordinator):

- Hopewell Sheriff's Office: Received a request to support the annual Sheriff's Office Calendar with a donation of \$200. Donations from the community go towards purchasing much needed equipment.

Recommendation: that the Post donate \$200.00 to the Hopewell Sheriff's Office annual calendar fundraiser.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to donate \$200.00 to support the annual Sheriff's Office Calendar.

- Hopewell Prince George Friends of the Library: The Friends of the Library request an unspecified donation which will be used to recarpet the Hopewell Library's main meeting/conference room. The current floor covering is 15+years old and is terribly worn and stained. The room is used by a variety of local groups for numerous special functions. Everything from the Children's Summer Reading Program to musical events, to special book sales to exercise classes is conducted in this much used space.

Recommendation: that the Post donate \$500.00 to the Hopewell Prince George Friends of the Library to help cover the cost of purchasing and installing new floor covering in the Hopewell Library's main meeting/conference room.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to donate \$500.00 to the Hopewell Prince George Friends of the Library to help cover the cost of purchasing and installing new floor covering in the Hopewell Library's main meeting/conference room.

- Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 146: Our SAL Squadron helps with many tasks and events at the Post. SAL members provide much needed support at Post special events, working closely with Legion leaders to ensure everything from building maintenance and improvements, to cooking at Post events is accomplished and our members are well served.

Recommendation: that the Post donate \$1,000.00 to SAL Squadron 146.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to donate \$1,000.00 to SAL Squadron 146.

➡ Total Amount Recommended for Donations: \$1,700.00

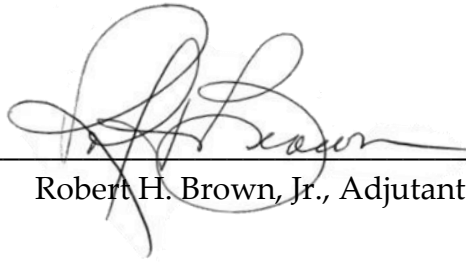
6. **Old Business**: None presented

7. **New Business:** None presented

8. **Good of the Legion:**

- Ed Sanders recommended that the Post consider engaging the “Mockingbird Hill Band” for an evening’s entertainment. Details provided to the Post Adjutant.
- Larry Nesbitt reported that the Paralyzed Veterans of America requested use of the Legion Hall on Saturday, February 5th (tentative) for their Fishing Tackle Flea Market.

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



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Robert H. Brown, Jr., Adjutant