

## **Meeting Minutes for the September 2018 Monthly General Meeting:**

### **Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Ron Asby North Cobb American Legion Post 304 was called to order at 7:00pm on 20 September, 2018 in the Post Home by Commander Bob Kozora.

Roll call of officers was completed and a quorum was declared.

Recognition of Colors

POW/MIA Table

### **Approval of Minutes**

Meeting minutes from last month were posted, and a motion to accept was seconded and carried.

### **Introduction of Dignitaries/Guests/New Members:**

Three new members and first-time attendees were recognized and welcomed; Steve Quail, Jim Sabastian, and Ed.

### **Committee/Officer Reports**

- The Finance report was made by Finance Officer Ed Jackson, stating that we are solvent and have money to pay all of our bills. Gross income in August was \$8800. Net proceeds from the Car Show have not been fully accounted for as of this meeting.
- Linda Asby - Auxiliary: Membership stands at 20. Getting good volunteer response for Post events. Have decided to have their own Wreaths Across America bank account this year. Have donated funds to the VAMC. A quilt of Valor was presented to Chuck Volk at their meeting on 9/19.
- Adjutant Hughes reported on Membership for Sr. Vice Smith. National HQ has our current 2019 paid membership at 254, while our actual Post number is 263 as of the start of the meeting.
- Sr. Vice Jim Smith: Reported that membership has surpassed 50% for the 2019 goal year. Asked members to come up with ideas on how to get new younger members into the Post.
- Todd Wilson reported for the Assembly Quarters that there were no recent rentals, but one was in the consideration phase.
- There was no report for the Exterior Grounds.
- Jack Kimmich (Programs) reported on the following:
  - Pigs & Peaches - Reported that we basically made no profit from the Pigs & Peaches event. Our booth position was in a terrible spot and members were told that without a better booth location and more volunteers to man the booth that we would not participate in this event next year. He also reported that it was unlikely we would participate in the Taste of Acworth coming up.
  - The Fundraising Committee needs members to participate in the planning for all Post 304 events this year. Please consider joining. Meeting scheduled for Saturday, 9/22 at 6:00pm.
  - The BBQ "Smoking Team" is starting up and looking for participants. Contact David Sibley if interested. The annual Post 304 BBQ event is scheduled November 17th.
  - 2 new events for the Bar & Grill were announced for October: Italian Night on Oct. 6th, and Octoberfest on Oct. 27th.
  - Chuck Polk announced that the Oratorical Contest was now cranking up and we already have 2-3 possible candidates from our Post. He is now the Department Chair for this event. Rules will be changing for 2020, but remain the same for 2019.

- Tom Stenzel reported on the startup of the fundraising for Wreaths Across America. Wreaths are \$15 each, or 3 for \$30. Laying of the wreaths at Georgia National Cemetery will be on Dec. 13th.
- Social Quarters: Commander Kozora made a proposal that we close the Post on Saturdays due to lack of volunteers, patrons and revenues consistently not exceeding our daily cost rate. A lengthy discussion ensued with several members objecting to the proposal for a variety of reasons. Suggestions were made on what could be done to bring more people into the Post on Saturdays. An appeal was made for kitchen and bar staff volunteers to help with operations of LZ304. Agreement was reached to table the discussion until next meeting. In the meantime, Jim Smith and Alan Finch stepped forward to commit to opening the Post on Saturdays if a bar tended could be found. Several experiments have been run in the past month to get patrons into the Post, with minimal results.
- Service Officer, Greg Vassilious, was not present and no report made.
- Adjutant Hughes reported the Post 304 Color Guard was asked to participate in the Acworth Veteran's Day celebration on Nov. 11th, at 2:00pm at Patriots Point. The North Cobb Veterans Honor Guard has participated in their 29th service since the 1st of January.
- SAL Commander, Danny Townsend, reported that the SAL Squadron membership stands at 34. They have funded, ordered, and installed a new cover for the frame for the smoker. They also split the cost of a new popcorn maker which is now in operation.
- Danny Townsend also reported for the ALR, announcing our Post's participation in a Poker Run on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Post 304 is the last stop in the run.

## **Announcements**

- Commander Kozora and Dan Harr announced that the new/redesigned Post 304 website is completed and should be fully populated in the next week. Dan requested a skilled volunteer to assist him as backup site administrator. He will be announcing a class for site editors shortly. Each family organization will need to assign 1 or more individuals to learn how to post new content using Word Press. Please check it out at [www.post304.org](http://www.post304.org)

## **Old Business**

No old business was discussed.

## **New Business**

- Malt Tasting at Post 304, Saturday, 9/22 at 7:00pm.
- Need Duty Officer volunteers.
- The Post received a donation of 300 sq. ft. of insulation for the attic space above the dry room and kitchen. The donation came from Mr. Lee Foster of Foster Insulation, Inc. A couple of volunteers are needed to install it now.

## **For the Good of the Legion**

- It was announced that we have switched our internet and phone carrier to Comcast Business, following a bad experience of a 14 day outage with our previous carrier. All seems to be working well with internet speeds much better than previous service. The new public access WIFI network is named: LZ304 Guest; and the Password is posted on the signs throughout the Post.
- The North Cobb High School will conduct its annual Veterans Day event on Friday, November 9th.

## **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm by Commander Kozora. The next general meeting will be at 7:00pm on Oct. 18th in Post Home.

Minutes submitted by: Bob Hughes, Adjutant