

Ron Asby North Cobb Post 304

January 17, 2019 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Ron Asby North Cobb American Legion Post 304 was called to order at 7:00pm on 17 January, 2019 at 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

There were no minutes of the previous meeting since the December Meeting was replaced with the annual Christmas Party.

Committee/Officer Reports

- Finance Report: Finance Officer was not present and Commander Kozora reported that in the month of December the receipts totaled \$11,249, while expenses were \$12, 825. We have approximately \$12,000 in funds on hand.
- Membership: Acting Sr. Vice Commander Vassilious reported that he mailed out nearly 150 letters and almost 100 emails to members who haven't renewed their memberships for 2019.
- Bob Hughes reported that we had approximately **413** paid-up members (not verified), new and renewed, at the Post level. National reporting was at **325**.
- Programs: Jack Kimmich reported on the following topics:
 - Casino Night, March 2nd is shaping up to be another great evening. People are reminded to purchase tickets for the event at the bar. Numerous prizes have already been donated for the event.
 - Kennesaw's Big Shanty Festival is April 20th - 21st. Volunteers will be needed. Will be drawings for 2 guns as part of the fund raiser.
 - Chuck Polk updated all on the upcoming Oratorical Contests being held at the Post. Post Level on Jan. 19th, District 5 on Feb. 2nd, and Area on Feb. 16th. He is still looking for additional help. Let him know if you are available to assist on one or all of the remaining dates.
- Social Quarters: The Commander thanked John Dowdy, Woody Rhody, and others for stepping up to take over kitchen duties since he and the Admiral have had to stop. Also the Monday Specials that have been started up. Check the website and Facebook for upcoming events. Also, Jr. Vice Veronica Dace is now becoming available to help manage the Social Quarters.
- Assembly Quarters: Todd Wilson reported we had one rental in early January, and a couple of recent inquiries for renting the assembly quarters.
- Auxiliary: Linda Asby reported that their membership now stands at 40, but additional members are still wanted. Legion members who have spouses who are not yet members of the Auxiliary are encouraged to talk to them about joining. The Auxiliary also adopted a veteran family in need and shopped for Christmas presents, wrapped and delivered them. The family was very appreciative. Well done! The Auxiliary also is assisting with the refreshments and snacks for the 3 Oratorical contests.
- SAL Commander, Danny Townsend reported their membership is at 37, a significant improvement since last year when they almost had to fold. Again, well done! They had a successful Blood Drive in December, collecting pints from 18 donors. Thanks to all who participated. The SAL Squadron

also had a great turnout for the Wreaths Across America event on Dec. 15th at the Marietta Veterans Cemetery. Wreaths were placed on all graves this year.

- ALR: Tug Hale reported their membership stands at 26. In December, members rode 2250 miles, with 270 volunteer hours, in 9 events, and have \$1917 in their bank account. Various upcoming event dates were announced.
- Service Officer, Greg Vassillious reported that the trip to South GA in December to deliver clothing and supplies to hurricane victims was a great success. Thanks to all who donated and helped. He has also assisted a few veterans who need help. He is working with a local homeless veteran in need of funds for a place to stay and meals until he starts a job Feb. 1st. See the appeal on the Post website and Facebook. So far more than \$600 have been donated by Post members for this cause. A huge "Thank You" to all. This vet is in need of an old car for transportation to work. Let Greg know if you have any leads for this.
- Color/Honor Guard: Bob Hughes reported the following summary of activities:
 - Color Guard: participated in 9 events, with 42 member participants, and representing 100 volunteer hours.
 - Honor Guard participated in 42 veteran interment services, with 219 member participants, and representing 548 volunteer hours.
 - So far in 2019, the HG has already participated in 8 services, with 48 member participants, and representing 120 volunteer hours.
 - The interment service for VFW and American Legion brother, Bobby Tripp is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 1st at 1300 at Georgia National Cemetery. Look for additional information on the Post Facebook page

Old Business: No old business topics were discussed.

New Business: No new business was brought to the floor.

For the Good of the Legion:

- The Durham Middle School students will be at the Post on Saturday, Feb. 2nd looking to talk to veterans about their stories, especially from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. We are expecting some local media coverage for this event. Please consider coming into the Post and helping these students with their mission.
- A new grill has been donated to the Post for Steak Night and is now operational. Thank!

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by Commander Bob Kozora. The next general meeting will be at 1900 hours on Feb. 17th.

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Bob Hughes