

Ron Asby North Cobb Post 304

General Meeting Minutes, March 21, 2019

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Ron Asby North Cobb American Legion Post 304 was called to order at 7:00pm on 21 March, 2019 in the Post Home by Commander Bob Kozora.

Roll call of officers was completed and a quorum was declared.
Recognition of Colors and the POW/MIA Table were completed.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the February 2019 meeting were published, and a motion to accept them was seconded and carried.

Guest Speakers: Richard Carrozza, representing the Georgia State Defense Force, spoke to the assembly about the mission of the organization, and the need for new members. He left behind a flyer showing that interested recruits should contact SSG Tim Richardson at tim.richardson@gasdf.us, or by calling 770-318-8987.

New Members and 1st Time Attendees: The membership welcomed the following 3 members: Bill McKey (Air Force), Jack Roberts (Army), and Chris Lowry (USMC).

Committee/Officer Reports:

- **Finance Report:** Finance Officer Ed Jackson reported the total Income for February 2019 was \$13,439, and the total expenses were \$17,510. All bills paid and the Post a bank balance of \$3,324.
- **Chaplain,** Michael Smith, reported that he has been busy with hospital visits. No service has been announced yet for David Burdette, who passed away recently.
- **Membership:** Acting Sr. Vice-commander Vassillious reported that we had 468 paid-up members, new and renewed, at the Post level. National reporting was at 449. Goal is 510 members, so we are at 92% as of today. We need approximately 50 more members to reach the goal, so if you have not renewed your 2019 dues yet, we need you to do it ASAP.
- **Assembly Quarters:** Todd Wilson reported the Post had 2 hall rentals in February and has 1 planned rental for April & May.
- **Social Quarters:** Commander Kozora reported that the St. Patrick's Day celebration was a success. Thanks to the SAL & ALR who provided the great food and green beer. Profits from the event were split among the participating organizations as agreed to.
- **Programs:** Commander Kozora reported on the following topics:
 - Casino Night was a huge success. Gross revenue was \$13,556, and net proceeds to the Post of \$9,608. Clearly the biggest fund raiser we have ever had at the Post.
- **Service Officer,** Greg Vassillious reported that the homeless veteran, Alan, our Post has his job as a cook in a Kennesaw restaurant, has moved into the basement of a fellow cook, and is looking for a 2nd job. Unfortunately, he purchased an old truck from a fellow and the

engine blew up 2 days after. The seller and Alan are going to split the cost of replacing the engine.

- **Auxiliary:** Linda Asby reported that they now have a membership of 52, with a goal of 58 for the year. They sponsored the quarterly blood drive event on Saturday March 9th, and had a total of 9 donors.
- **SAL Commander,** Danny Townsend reported they now have 41 members, and have raised funds with a current bank balance of \$1924. They partnered with the ALR to sponsor a St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 17th. They are planning a new fund raising event, a Low-country Boil dinner, for May 1th. The SAL is still looking for more members, and those who qualify for dual membership only pay \$10 annual dues.
- **ALR:** Please see the attached notes from Tug Hale at the end of these minutes.
- **Color/Honor Guard:** Bob Hughes reported that the North Cobb Veterans Honor Guard has participated in 17 services since the 1st of January. Anyone who would like to consider joining this team should talk to Bob. The Color Guard will lead off Kennesaw's Big Shanty Festival parade again this year on Saturday, April 13th at 9:30am.

Old Business: No old business topics were discussed other than what has already been mentioned above.

New Business:

- Nominations for Post 304 Officers are now being accepted. There is a nomination sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Assembly Quarters. Nomination will be open through May. Please make sure you clear any nominations you wish to make with the candidate prior to making the nomination.
- Kennesaw's Big Shanty Festival is coming up on April 13th and 14th. We will have a booth as usual and volunteers are needed to man the booth both days. Please contact Jack Kimmich to let him know your availability.

For the Good of the Legion:

- Post 304 is partnered with the Woodstock Post in a celebration of the American Legion's 100th birthday on March 19th. A rededication of Post 304 under our new name of Ron Asby North Cobb Post 304 was also done on that day. Acworth Mayor, Tommy Allegood spoke and cut the ribbon. Congressman Loudermilk sent a representative from his office who spoke and presented a flag to the Post that had been flown over the state capital building. The entire ceremony was well attended and very moving.
- It was announced that Roger Hurricane Wilson would be playing at the Post on Friday evening, 3/29, and will be recording a new CD. Proceeds from the sale of the CD will be donated back to Post 304.
- Atlanta Braves – American Legion Night
 - Dan Harr has been working with the Atlanta Braves organization to establish a special program to honor the Veterans of the American Legion. It is anticipated that this event night will be sometime mid-summer. The program will apply to all American Legion Posts in the 5th District. We are waiting for final approval to be given by the Department of Georgia very soon. As part of the ceremony, the North

Cobb Veterans Honor Guard will present the colors for the National Anthem at the beginning of the game. Stay tuned for more information as this event develops.

- New Post Logo and Post Apparel:
 - Dan Harr has helped us by updating our Post 304 Logo to reflect our Post's new name and modernize it. It looks great and you can see it in the upper right corner of our homepage at post304.org.
 - With that done, a discussion occurred in the meeting to suggest that we use the new logo on some Post 304 gear, like lapel pins, T-shirts, and Polo shirts. Dan was given the task to look for low-cost sources and determine minimum order pricing. Dan has posted a survey on post304.org to gauge the interest level among the post members. Based on that survey, a determination will be made to proceed or not with providing the ability for us to order such items. If you have not responded to the survey, please do so. Stay tuned for further developments.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm by Commander Bob Kozora. The next general meeting will be at 1900 hours on April 18th.

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Bob Hughes

Post 304 ALR Notes for Post General Meeting

March 21, 2019

Feb 26 Members 18 Legion 6 Aux 2 Sal
1240 Miles
267 volunteer hours
13 events
\$1917 bank account balance

Mar to date 26 Members 18 Legion 6 Aux 2 Sal
1320 Miles
224 volunteer hours
\$1917 bank account balance to be updated from recent events.

Good of ALR

Successful Chili Cookoff and St Patty's Luncheon. Thanks to all who participated.

Sales underway for ALR shotgun raffle. \$5 tix. Drawing 27 May.

23 Mar – Ride to Read, with Henry leading \$30/20. Breakfast included Registration 9, KSU 10, returning to Henry's.

23 Mar – ALR Spring Conference in Duluth, Sonesta Hotel, \$5 registration.

19 Apr – Tug will represent the 5th District to attend Collegiate ROTC Event.

4 Apr – Next ALR meeting, officer nominations to be opened.

6 Apr – Post 70 ALR Run and Gun, Poker Run and shoot for prizes.

7 March – Next ALR meeting. (Back to 1st Thursday each month)