

## **Ron Asby North Cobb Post 304**

### **General Meeting Minutes, April 18, 2019**

#### **Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Ron Asby North Cobb American Legion Post 304 was called to order at 7:00pm on 18 April, 2019 in the Post Home by Commander Bob Kozora.

Roll call of officers was completed and a quorum was NOT reached, so these minutes are unofficial.

Recognition of Colors

POW/MIA Table

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the previous meeting have been previously post on the Post304.org webpage. A motion to accept the minutes was not made since there was not a quorum of offices present.

#### **Committee/Officer Reports**

- Finance Report: Ed Jackson reported that financials as follows: The month of March the Post received a total income of \$19,967 and had a total of expenses of \$21,212. There was sufficient funds on hand to cover any revenue shortfall.
- Chaplain Report: Michael Smith reported that the David Burdette will be held on Monday, 4/22 at 12:00pm at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton.
- Membership: Bob Hughes reported that we had approximately 492 paid-up members at the Post level, new and renewed,. National reporting has our Post at 470. The 19 member transactions that make up the difference are all accounted for and in-process. In the 9 months starting July 2018 - April 2019 our Post has had 13 transfers out to other Posts in GA and other states, and a total of 29 transfers in. So a net gain of 16 new members
- Assembly Quarters: Todd Wilson reported the Post had 2 hall rentals in March, and 1 scheduled for each of April and May so far.
- Social Quarters: No report.
- Programs: No report.
- Service Officer, Greg Vassillious reported that the Homeless Vet program was moving forward. Our 1st vet, Alan, is still working 20-30 hrs as a cook but that isn't enough work to be self-sufficient. He will be receiving a donated vehicle at the end of this coming week so that he can start a second job for a landscaping company. A 2nd veteran, Doug, is being helped. He is an electrician and needs more time on the job to have his certification upgraded which will allow him to make more money and become self-sufficient. He is in need of electrician tools. Please donate any tools you might have by dropping them off at the Post.

Another Post member has a home under renovation, and has agreed to let the home be used as living quarters for the homeless vets and in exchange they will help complete the renovations on the home.

- Auxiliary: Lynda Asby reported that membership has increased again and they are now only 4 short to reach their 100% goal. They are sponsoring 2 girls to this year's Girls State Program. They will be setting up donation containers in the Post and elsewhere for Poppies in May. All donations go directly to veterans. They already have \$250 in the bank for this year's Wreaths Across America drive.
- SAL: Please see Commander Danny Townsend's report at the end of these minutes.
- ALR: Please see Tug Hale's report at the end these minutes.
- Honor Guard: Bob Hughes reported that the North Cobb Veterans Honor Guard has completed a total of 25 services so far this year; 19 in 1st quarter, and 6 in the month of April. These last 6 were completed in the last 6 days, 3 on Monday of this week.
  - The North Cobb Veterans Honor Guard has benefitted from our participation in the DoD's AP3 program by means of being paid a \$200 stipend for each qualifying service we participate in. Starting in the 2nd quarter of 2018 at \$400, 3rd quarter at \$1700 (\$100 donation included), 4th quarter at \$1400, and 1st quarter of 2019 at \$3,360 (includes \$160 donations). These funds are split with VFW Post 5408 in Acworth, and are used to cover our operating expenses and uniform updates. Our current bank account balance is \$2,367.22.
  - The Honor Guard will have a full 8 person team for David Burdette's service next Monday at 12:00pm.
  - We led off the Big Shanty Festival last Saturday morning with a 4 person Color Guard team and accompanied by Danny Townsend and Howard in Danny's WWII Jeep. Which was a great addition to the parade.
  - We did a ceremonial flag folding presentation and POW/MIA Table ceremony at Canterfield Retirement Village in Kennesaw on April 11th.
  - We have been asked to present colors and do the POW/MIA Table at the Acworth Memorial Day Ceremonies on Saturday May 25th.
  - We have also been asked to participate in a Memorial Day ceremony at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton at the same time on Saturday May 25th.
  - We will present the Colors and lead the crowd into Kennesaw City Cemetery on Monday, May 27th at 7:00pm for the Memorial Day Remembrance ceremony.

**Old Business :** The survey that was posted on our Post304.org webpage for Post Logo gear has had insufficient responses to generate a minimum order. Members recommended putting an order sheet at the bar with example pictures so people could pre-order what they want. No order will be placed until minimum quantities are reached. Anyone pre-ordering will be expected to pay for their order upon delivery.

**New Business:**

- Commander Kozora and Christine will be conducting a training session for kitchen/bar volunteers on Saturday, 4/27 at 1:00pm. Please consider volunteering. This is your chance to learn the duties and responsibilities so that you can feel comfortable helping out.

**For the Good of the Legion:**

- Nothing to report.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm by Commander Bob Kozora. The next general meeting will be at 1900 hours on May 16th.

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Bob Hughes

## **Sons of the American Legion-Post 304**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**April 9, 2019**

Meeting convened at 7:06pm by Commander Danny Townsend.

8 members present for the meeting (Six officer, two members, plus four guests).

Guest: Ed Kennedy Dist. 5 SAL Commander and his wife Kathie, Larry (Tug) Hale and Mike Smith.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Voted and accepted by members.

Committee Reports:

Membership: 44 Paid members.

Finance: \$1,853.83 account balance

To be deposited \$298.00 (\$40 beer sales St Pats, \$28 Donation, \$230 Dues).

Chaplain: David Burdette Memorial Service: 12:00pm, April 22nd, Georgia. National Cemetery-Canton.

Charlie Nash is having knee problems and Don Akers is having health problems.

Please keep them in your Prayers.

Old Business

Our Fathers: Bring in photos of our Fathers' who have served. We'll post them on the web site.

Fund Raiser: Discussion on options to raise funds for SAL to take place at next meeting. A Chili cook off was proposed and a garage sale.

Post Fund Raiser: Low Country Boil May 11th

New Business

Gavel: David Burdette ask his wife before he passed to send Danny his old gavel. Ed Kennedy presented Danny with the gavel tonight.

Awards: Ed Kennedy Dist. 5 SAL commander presented Danny with two Achievement Awards from District 5 for Membership Achievement 3rdQtr. 2018-19 and a Citation of Achievement for surpassing membership enrollment recorded during the preceding year.

### **ALR Notes for Post General Meeting**

**18 April, 2019**

Mar	24 Members				
	2040 Miles				
	314 volunteer hours				
	17 events				
	\$1917 Bank account balance				
April	Members to date	21 Members	15 Legion	4 Aux	2 SAL
	500 Miles				
	74 volunteer hours				
	4 events				
	\$1700 Bank account balance to be verified				

ALR officer nominations open. Voting will be in June Meeting.

20 Apr - Post 29 SAL breakfast 8 AM, now \$8 AYCE.

22 Apr – Monday, David Burdette Memorial, GNC noon.

27 Apr – Post 29 5K Kickoff Ride to Full Throttle Restaurant.

27 Apr – American legion 5<sup>th</sup> District – Fishing For Freedom – The Park at Plant

28 Apr – Post 304 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Celebration 2 PM til Close.

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29 Apr – 1 May – National Commander Escort. 1<sup>st</sup> day includes Northern area,  
2<sup>nd</sup> day includes Southern areas, 3<sup>rd</sup> day includes Eastern areas

4 May - 5<sup>th</sup> District Homecoming at Post 160. Usual social, dinner, meeting.

25 May - Post 29 Veterans Memorial 5K race event in Marietta.

27 May – Post 304 Shotgun Raffle ticket drawing

Next ALR Post 304 meeting – Thursday May 2, 2019