

Daniel R. Olsen American Legion Post 594

Minutes 03.18.25

Called to Order by Commander Rayman at 1900

- Opening Prayer – Chaplain Jim Staloch
- Present POW/MIA flag – Sgt at Arms.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Preamble to the Constitution.
- Introductions/New Members
- Introduction of Guests

Jon Lovald and David Nguyen from Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV)

Jon is an army vet/created in 1990. Mission is ending veteran homelessness. Statewide with offices around the state. Working to build a veteran village of 22 units on property adjacent to Mt. Calvary Church. David is also an army veteran. Housing is provided with wrap-around services. Financial, health, etc. We are invited to choose ways to interact with MACV as the project moves forward. Hoping to have the projected completed by the end of the year. Heartland Outland in Shakopee is open to all. They provide household materials at low cost.

Adjutant's Report - Thanks for card/thanks for being here/ice tea + water + cookies! Thank you, Jim Staloch! Agendas are on the check-in table. Remember to note your volunteer hours.

1. Review and approval of minutes – can be found on the Post website. Motion made/seconded by Jim Staloch. Motion carries
2. Upcoming District & Department events – 3rd District Testimonial Sunday, April 26, 1600, Lonsdale Post
3. Third District Convention, Saturday, May 17, 0700 – Noon - Let me know ASAP so we can get a check mailed in for registration.
4. Will be working with Carla Tappainer on membership files and reports.

Chaplain's Corner - Jim Staloch

- "Members Connection Task Force." Members include Chaplain Staloch, Jim Peterson, PSO Rob Callahan, and Adjutant Cindy Yanchury.
- Additional team members are needed
- A brief meeting after adjournment will give more info to those interested in participating.
- Members Connection TF will be calling those members we don't see at meetings to check-in with them. We will also track comments received.

Officer Reports:

1. First Vice Commander/Membership: Pat Graham 2024 – 248 paid members. Right now we're behind. 198 paid as of today. We're at 80% should be at 90%
2. Second Vice Commander/Social Connections: Open position

3. Finance Officer: Paul Kovach - Current balance is 21,128.22 7 month CD \$5000. Set to mature April 2025. Will move the CD to checking while looking for a higher paying CD.
4. Post Service Officer: Rob Callahan - PACT Act – time to enroll as cuts may be made. There are people at the VA to assist with signing in. the VA is also being cut. Log-in for VA has changed, be aware and ask for assistance if needed. VA disability pay has increased. State has a post 9/11 bonus for those who entered service in Minnesota.
5. Communications/Historian: David Hammer – all upcoming events are on the website
6. Auxiliary: April 30 meeting at Lexington Point. Will be presenting a program on the flag. Poppies on May 16, 17 & 18. Volunteers needed and a signup will be available.

New Business:

1. Endorsements: Motion needed to endorse the following people for election to positions at the 3rd District Spring Conference:

- Wayne Beierman – 3rd District Vice Commander Moved by Barrett Kirchenwitz Second by Joe Dolan **Motion carries**
- Barrett Kirchenwitz – 3rd District Finance Officer Moved by Pat Graham Second by Larry Kelly **Motion carries**
- Cindy Yanchury – 3rd District Chaplain Moved by Rob Knight Second – Rob Callahan **Motion carries**
- Cindy Yanchury – Delegate at Large, National Convention - Moved by Jim Staloch Second by Jim Peterson **Motion carries**

2. Nicols Pointe – Looking for ways to support the residence. One suggestion is a coffee/donut connection. They have a property manager who can assist with determining what services may be best.

3. Financial Support for Legion Baseball – Made connection with the coach. Color Guard will present colors at the home opener. Suggested donation \$1000. Paul Kovach moves that the donation in the amount of \$1000 be made. Second – Gary Stanull **Motion carries**

Discussion: Barrett suggests asking the coach and some players come to a meeting to tell us more.

4. Financial Support for Quilts of Valor – Suggested Donation \$250. Jim Peterson moves Colleen Vaubel seconds. Auxiliary will also donate \$250. **Motion carries for a total of \$500.**

Discussion: the quilts are very meaningful

5. Post membership promotional materials/Canva subscription/Post newsletter? POC Adjutant

6. Rob Knight invites support for the Eagan Clay Shooting. Date in late May. Will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

7. Colleen Vaubel reports: Eagan Community Center now has a Veteran's Discussion group. 1000 on 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Lone Oak Room. The National Veterans Wheelchair Games will be in Minneapolis, July 17 – 22. Volunteers Needed. Watch for volunteer signup opportunities

Ongoing Business:

1. Post Review and Approval of Constitution and By-laws – Commander Rayman Motion to approve final draft minus any revisions suggested by the membership Motion: Pat Graham Discussion: Wayne Olsen has some revisions that will be added as they fit. No Second Vote is Tabled to allow for further editing.
2. Boys/Girls State – One for Boys State – Anket Paul will handle the registration
3. Law Enforcement/Firefighter of the Year Nominations – Nominations due April 1. Cindy & John have met with the chiefs to explain the award and ask for nominations.

Upcoming Events:

1. Eagan Baseball Youth and Community Day, Thursday, April 17 4:00 p.m., EHS Color Guard will present colors. All Post/Auxiliary members are encouraged to show up – wear some ALF gear!
2. Street Cleanup: Saturday, May 10, 0830 (POC Joe Dolan)
3. Eagan High School Enlistment Ceremony – 22 May 1700 (POC Commander Rayman)
4. Memorial Day: Monday, May 26, Noon (POC is Commander Rayman) Speaker lined up. Musician will play a “Never Forget” concert. Concert 1200 -1315. Move then to Tribute Plaza for formal event. Gold Star parents will speak.
5. Flag Inspection: TBD - Champion needed for this event. Tentative date is 4 June.
6. Flag Retirement Ceremony: Wednesday, June 11, 5:00 p.m., Thomas Lake Park Pavilion Only the cotton flags will be burned. The remainder go to Veteran’s Campground on Saturday, June14 where they burn thousands of flags.
7. Blood Drive: Tuesday, June 17, 0900, Eagan Community Center Oasis Room (POC Mike Peiffer)
8. Legion Baseball Home Opener: Tuesday, June 17, (time TBD), Goat Hill Park – Honor Guard will present the colors. (POC Dan Seanoa)
9. Eagan Market Fest Community Day, Wednesday, June 18, 4:00 p.m., Central Park Festival Grounds. Signup will be created.
10. Union 32 Fundraiser – July 16, 1800 – 2200 10% of all sales will be donated to the Post. Wear your American Legion gear!

Closing Comments/Closing Prayer/Retiring of the MIA drape and Colors

Meeting adjourned at: 2041

Submitted by:

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Next Core Team Meeting: April 15, 1800 @Cedarvale Bowl/lower level

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