

THE AMERICAN LEGION
MARY ELLEN PIOTROWSKI POST 94 SUN CITY WEST AZ
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEERTING

NOVEMBER 21, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 09:30
2. Roll call: All officers present except Trustee Dennis Benjamin (E)
3. MINUTES: Dated October 24, 2019, approved as distributed without change.
4. OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORT:
 - a. Commander: Introduced a new program called "The Sunshine Person", with the hope of getting our less fortunate, ill members prayers, cards, and calls. It starts with permission, and an email blast to let all know the Veterans is going through some tough times.
 - b. Senior Vice Commander: Transferring Post 0100 members are ongoing and showing some success. Next, we will contact members who last paid in 2018, hoping for the same success. Need members to help canvas those members. Can sign up to help at our next meeting.
 - c. Adjutant: We have 276 paid members or 73.79% of our annual requirement. Our next Membership target date is December 6, (75%) and Jan 10 (80%).
 - d. Finance Officer: No issues, all donations due are processing. The current financial report on file with Adjutant subject to review.
 - e. Service Officer: Continues to evaluate donated Laptop computer. He is reminded there is approved money for repairs.
 - f. Chaplain: A better week for Marty Spargo he is home recovering but still on dialysis. We had two funerals since last meeting Doc. Danker, and Robert McCurdy. Please keep Chaplain Hunter informed of any member sick, in the hospital or just needs someone to talk to.
 - g. Trustee: Metzger is POC for the El Mirage Holiday Parade, he has four convertibles lined up, and nine volunteers. Could use more. The parade is in conjunction with El Mirages Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day activities on 7, December.
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - a. Firefighters of the year will be honored twice, one at the Christmas Luncheon and again at the January Membership Meeting. At the Christmas luncheon wife's and girlfriends will accompany them. We expect two of their leaders at the Luncheon also. Many dignitaries are invited to the Membership meeting a list of all accepting will be sent via email to members.

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- b. It was noted bigger room may be needed for the January Meeting; **A Motion was made, Seconded and Approved to move the January 2, General Membership Meeting to a larger room if available. PPC Berger will check on availability and given the OK to make the reservation.**
- c. Ron Ripley gave us an update on the Christmas Luncheon, presently we have (69) signed up (this changes daily). He requested an email blast with a reminder. The drop-dead date for reservations is on Dec. 1 but could get some relief from that date. Entertainment lined up; door prizes are purchased along with table decorations. He will have one last meeting with Briarwood, and thanks to Gene Bogatko for all his help.
- d. PPC Berger's recommended changes to our by-laws were well received. **A Motion was made, seconded and approved by all present to accept the by-law recommendations. With proper notification to all members. The first formal notification will be sent as an attachment to the next Mail Call. Second PPC Berger's formal written notice.**
- e. A Veterans Administration (VA) workshop is in the planning phase by PPC Berger, with a tentative date of March 26, 2020. With planning; to Expand-Beyond-the-VA. She will take the idea before the Membership and live or die on their approval. **A Motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present to get the Memberships approval before continuing with the VA Work Shop.**
- f. Junior Sports Shooting Program (JSSP) involvement has amounted to approve funds to fund the program, but to date, a High School is not assigned to us. The program has been turned over to the "Children and Youth Committee" for further development.
- g. Commander Leighton will meet with the BBQ Challenge organizers today, and give a report at the December Membership Meeting.
- h. Post Awards given at the Christmas Luncheon must be into Commander, as soon as possible.
- i. The after-action report on the Pancake Breakfast is in and the biggest casualty is replacing the chair, PPC Berger. Many other problems surfaced, but nothing out of the usual adjustments. A list of items that need to be looked at will be made available to the new Chair. There were some members that talked to the commander about moving the PCB to another day; Saturday was mentioned, the idea was taken up by the committee and was decided to continue with the days and dates used in the past. **A Motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present, to continue using days and dates used in past years for the Pancake Breakfast (PCB).**
- j. The collection of paper products to support Veterans at the PCB was a huge success. An additional collection will be on November 26th at Corte Bella, by the Corte Bella Vets. Originations to receive the paper products are MANA House,

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James Walton House, and US Vets. Count of paper products was conducted by District 11 Adjutant, Bobbie Kimelton, and others. We will receive a credit to our per capita dues to Dist. 11 for the count/amount of the paper products collected.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Officer Elections; PPC Berger and all PPC will form a committee that will nominate the slate of officers for 2020 through 2021. There are many open positions if you would like to contribute your time and expertise to help guide our post for the next year please let PPC Berger know. Additionally, there are appointed positions that need to be filled.
- b. Recently I was informed we have not paid for our non-profit permit and was denied using the non-profit mailing No one at the Postal Department or the Sun City Post Office could direct me to the person reasonable for sending the billing request. The amount for our permit is \$235, I will talk to the postal employee that we do business with to see if I have asked the right questions. The next step is to send an official Post request to the Post Office. In the interim, it is mail as usual for the Month of December. **A Motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present to continue using current mailings, the month of December, and pay the \$235 for our permit. An additional Motion was made for the Adjutant to use due diligent getting any report from the Post Office and have a report on progress at the Executive meeting in January 2020.**
- c. There is a request for an additional five sets of Post Magnetic placards, for use, when we are on official business.
- d. Pallets of patriotic material suitable for making quilts were recently received from Helping Hands, information coming, on the next shipment. PPC Berger will contact (Sew and Sew) a Sun City club to see if any interest.
- e. The donated Hover-Round has found a new home.

7. GOOD OF THE LEGION:

- a. Christmas Angel Trees for Veterans; sponsored by the SunDome Plaza Merchants Association and the Corte Bella Vets. The tickets on the tree are color-coded, but all help Veterans. Tags may be picked up at two locations in the SunDome Plaza. Our Post will select 12 tickets from the Corte Bella Vets tree. Gift tickets must be on the outside of the wrapped gift and delivered NLT Dec. 15, 2019. See flier at tree locations for further information.
- b. Tammy Cameran, a stroke survivor and activist for the Reveille Foundation will be our speaker in January.

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8. Closing Prayer offered by Chaplain Hunter.
9. Commander Leighton closed the meeting at 11:30

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ADJUTANT