

THE LEGIONNAIRE

DECEMBER 2021



BOARD MEETING at 6:30pm

MEETING:

Wednesday, December 3, 2020 at 7:00pm

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2021

Commander Carl Siemen with 22 members present. All reports were given and accepted without changes. Commander Carl Siemen presented to the membership the agenda for the Veterans Dinner and the Veterans Breakfast at the high school. The Veteran Breakfast will start at 8:00 AM which will include a video compiled by media students. The Chaplain said there are two members (Doug Donaldson and Dave Kreugar) in long term care who would like some visitors so stop by if you get a chance. Service Officer handed out 50 year Vietnam Memorial pins to those members who didn't get one last month, if you didn't get one yet, see Jim Leiby. Hall Rental chairperson stated he is getting more inquiries as the holiday season approaches. Refreshment Chairperson stated there is \$1442.60 in the refreshment account. Commander Siemen will be contacting the Audit Committee in the near future, this is a much needed requirement and needs to be done soon. George Wessels reported there are no new Veteran burials at any of the three cemeteries so the gravesites remain at 748. Commander once again asked if anyone would be interested in being the Post Adjutant, see the Commander if you are interested. The Building Committee will be meeting soon, if you are on the committee you will be contacted in the near future. Bill Wells will be setting up a fund raising committee, contact Bill if you are interested in being on the com-

mittee or have ideas for fund raisers. Help is needed at Bingo as well as players, if you have some spare time please attend or volunteer to work. Also a Bingo banner will be flown outside the Post on bingo days (Mondays-doors open at 11:30 AM). Discussion was had concerning what was the proper term to use at funerals, we will continue to use the term Firing Squad as in the past.

Jane Volmering will be serving next month's lunch after the meeting.

A thank you note was received from the Family of Member Wilbur Craven who passed away in September. Donations were made to the Bad Axe Police Department and to The Blue Star Mothers for their Christmas Package Program. VFW Post 9344 and Post 197 will be presenting Flag Etiquette Programs at the public schools on November 8th-November 10th, this will be an ongoing program to help educate students about the care and respect given our nations Flag. Tim Robinson will be contacting you soon concerning the Harbor Beach Christmas Parade he will need marchers so if you can march please help out.

Please contact Gary Erb to pay your dues if you haven't paid them for 2022. 989-864-3193

Meeting closed at 7:50 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires:

The year is coming to its end fast the Christmas parade will be Saturday the 4th anyone that can march please call Tim Robertson at 989-479-3324. I wish all the Deer hunters the best of luck. I hope to get some committee meetings in before some of our key chair persons leave for the warmer weather. It seems like the time goes so fast we cannot get enough accomplished. Please thank Jane Volmering she will supply the treats after our meeting this month. I thought the veteran dinner and the breakfast at the school went well. I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving with their family and to all that cannot make the December meeting a wonderful Christmas. Thank you to everyone that made our Post the best it can be this past year.

God bless America

Commander Carl Siemen

BURHANS HAGEDON UNIT 197
American Legion Auxiliary Harbor Beach

November 23, 2021 Meeting Notes

The American Legion Auxiliary general meeting was held November 23, 2021 at the post home following the Auxiliary Christmas Party.. The general meeting opened at 1:50 pm with 14 members present. President Barbara Ayotte presided.

Becky Piotrowski made a motion to dispense with a formal meeting. 2nd by Bea motion carried.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Secretary Nancy Erb read minutes from the last general meeting. Treasurer Candy Beasley reported bank.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BINGO - Carol Sopczynski reported checking account and startup cash, bingo concessions cash and raffle cash

MEMBERSHIP - Lynda Buchkowski reported 69 members have paid their dues.

CARD & GIFTS-Lucy Kaminiski sent cards to Sally Koehn, Ruth Liebeskind, Nancy Rose, Eloise Breathour, Eileen Tate family and Robert Lee Tschirhart.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Christmas donations: We are unable to donate \$20 Walmart Gift Cards to the homeless & disadvantaged veterans as the program is not currently active. We instead will donate gift cards directly to the veterans housed at Fiddlers Green. Barb plans to deliver the school supplies to Zion Lutheran between January 23-29 as well as the cash received for their benefit as a lump sum. Bea will accompany Barb. Bills were paid. Stipends paid each to Secretary and Treasurer. Bingo Chairman gifts were paid to the two Chairs for the last year. Nancy distributed directions to make purchases at Amazon.smile program which allows credit to charity of your choice. Correspondence read by Bard: Thank you from VA Grand Rapids for donation of \$300 for gift shop. Bills for mandatory dues.

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Auxiliary minutes continued...

\$10 Attendance Drawing won by Bea Parker.

Dec 4 is the Harbor Beach Christmas Parade at 5:30pm-meet at City Hall at 5pm. Jane, Barb and Nancy are marching. Please join us.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm by President Barbara Ayotte.

Prior to the meeting, the unit had their annual Christmas Party. Barb Ayotte said a prayer before the meal. Finger foods were plentiful and we all enjoyed socializing until the meeting started at 1:50pm.

There will be no meeting in December. The next general meeting is January 22, 2022 at 2:00 at the post.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ATTENDANCE DRAWING

DRAWING WINNERS:
\$10 STEVE OGLENSKI
ATTENDANCE:
ALAN ESSENMACHER (ABSENT-\$10 NEXT MONTH)
50/50: CARL SIEMEN (\$20)

HALL RENTAL

Please contact **Ron Volmering** at (989)551-9061

MEMBERSHIP

Membership:
PUFL 25 + 96 Regular = 121 TOTAL
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