

THE LEGIONNAIRE

JANUARY 2022



BOARD MEETING at 6:30pm

MEETING:

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 7:00pm

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2021

The Post's regular monthly meeting opened in proper form by Commander Carl Siemen with 22 members present. The Post Charter was draped for member Gerhard Liebeskind. All reports were given with one (1) change, donations to the Bad Axe Police Department Shop With A Hero Christmas Program and Blue Star Mothers Christmas Package Program will be done on a yearly basis. The Harbor Beach Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, December 4th at 5:30 PM, be there at 5:00 PM if you are marching. After the Parade the Mutart Family will be hosting a luncheon.

There will be a funeral for Garfield Collick at Trinity Lutheran Church in Forestville on Saturday, December 4th at 12:30 PM. Hall Rental chairperson reported that he is getting calls for rentals and has booked two (2) new rentals. Service Officer reported that the sponsors plaque for the Heroes Garden has been picked up at a cost of \$1,040 dollars and will be paid for from monies in the Heroes Fund Account. If you would like to purchase your branch of service patch see Jim Leiby. Cost for the large one is \$10 (5") or \$5 (3") for the small one. Ron Volmering gave a report concerning the Flag Seminars at the Middle school and High School. The program was well accepted by the students with many encouraging comments. Students learned how to show respect and how to care for the Flag as well as how to fold it.

The Building Committee Meeting that was scheduled for November was cancelled and will be rescheduled as will the Fund Raiser Committee and Audit Committee meetings. It was decided to donate the organ from the garage sale to an organization that can use it, the Post will deliver it if necessary. George Wesels reported that there are two (2) new gravesites at the cemeteries bring the total to 750.

Membership report: The Commander is still looking for someone to accept the Adjutant Office, if you are interested contact Commander Siemen. There was no Beverage Fund report this month.

Meeting closed at 8:00 PM with a prayer for world peace and understanding.

After the meeting a luncheon was served by Jane Volmering.

A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires:

Welcome to the new year hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays. January is a good month to get caught up on our committee meetings as well as maintaining and looking for new members we need new active members to take over some officer positions. Please if you know of anyone that was in the military we will ask he or she to join. Plan to have the following committee meetings Building, budget, audit, and fund raising if any member would like to be on a committee, please let us know. Thank you and we will see you at the meeting.

God bless America

Commander Carl Siemen

BURHANS HAGEDON UNIT 197

American Legion Auxiliary Harbor Beach

HOLIDAY MESSAGE: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! As we bring 2021 to a close, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 197 would like to thank the American Legion Post 197, community, local merchants, members and friends for their continued support. We look forward to another great year in 2022.

MISSION STATEMENT: In the spirit of Service, not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

2021 ACTIVITIES:

Weekly Bingo held at post home Mondays Noon-4 pm for the community
Christmas Gift cards to local Harbor Beach and Port Hope struggling Veterans
Christmas Gift cards direct to Veterans housed at Fiddlers Green in Bad Axe
Christmas Gift Box of school supplies for Zion Lutheran School
Scholarships awarded to Harbor Beach High School students
Participate in local Memorial Day and Christmas Parade
Overall Support for local POST 197 American Legion
General Support for the Harbor Beach community
Support various projects of the American Legion Auxiliary at National, State, District levels

New members can offer support by membership alone, attending monthly meetings if desired, or possibly joining committees and taking a leadership role. Membership contacts: Barb Ayotte 989-479-9019 or Lynda Buchkowski at 989-479-0757. Annual dues are \$25. CHANGE ... Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month 1-2 pm. There are no December or February meetings. Our next meeting is January 25, 2022 at 1-2 pm held at the American Legion Post 197 on 47 Trescott Street in Harbor Beach. All prospective new members are welcome.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you note was received from the Blue Star Mothers.

ATTENDANCE DRAWING

\$10.00 BOB WINKEL
ATTENDANCE DENNIS ESSENMACHER JR.
ABSENT (\$15 NEXT MONTH)
50/50 DAN LEMANSKI (\$24)

HALL RENTAL

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

MEMBERSHIP

PUFL 25
105 Regular
Total 130

After December 31, 2021 Gary Erb will no longer be accepting money for dues, you must contact Carl Siemen or pay online after that. You can contact me at 989-864-3193 or garyjerb@gmail.com

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