

# THE LEGIONNAIRE

SEPTEMBER 2022



*BOARD MEETING at 6:30pm*

*MEETING:*

*Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 7:00pm*

## MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 2022

The meeting was opened in proper form with 28 members attending. The charter was draped for members Victor Winkle and Gary Roberts. Commander Ron Kociba opened the meeting with the following comments, good job to all who was present at the funeral service, also the VFW is having a yard sale and will be excepting donation of items on the 9-10-11 the sale will be Saturday the 13th please support the VFW At this time past commander Carl Siemen presented Arnold Koehn with a plaque for his many years of dedicated service to the post please thank Arnold when you see him also keep him in your prayers. The meeting minutes of July were read by the adjutant and after the following corrections were made. 1 Refreshment funds were \$1025.52 and 2 the membership was 25 PUFL 119 Reg total 144.the minutes were approved. Finance officer read the financial report after review of the report a motion was made by Bill Well to approve and 2nd by Steve Oglenski. Service officer James Leiby reported on a grant we received in the past and we should apply again this year must fill out the forms by the end of the month. Hall rental going ok Ron men-

tioned that Richard Geiger stated we should be proud of our Memorial. Chaplin Paul Ginther mentioned that the Victor Winkle family appreciated the certificate we presented to Vic for his many years of service to the post. Herb Phelps reported \$1025.53 in the refreshment fund at present time. Sergeant of arms Tim Robinson reported that we will be doing a memorial service Friday be at the VFW hall at 12:30pm. 25PUFL 119 Reg, total of 144. Committee reports commander Ron Kociba reported that he will resign has hear of this event, if anyone would like to take it over fine and if not, Ron will get with the city and advise. Cemetery report by George Wessels all total we have 756. Fund raising committee Bill Wells reported we are doing ok on the ticket sales about \$2,500.00 sole so far please turn in your full books as soon as possible. Building fund committee still looking for a ramp. Commander assigned this committee to fill out and file the paperwork for the grant. Unfinished business Commander stated we still need to set up a date to review and update documents. New business we will schedule a flag disposal before the meeting September 7th at 630PM before the meeting. The members involved must dress up as we would for a memorial, we will also advertise and do some invites for this event. We must get tickets out as soon as we can for our upcoming vets get together November 12th. Commander stated we must get the hall cleaned up please do all you can to keep things put in the proper place, we will schedule a full scale clean up soon.

### NOTE:

Flag Retirement Ceremony 6:00 PM September 7, before our normal meeting.

## A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires:

It is always a privilege to serve as part of the Honor Guard or Firing Squad for funerals of departed veterans. This means of honoring passed veterans demonstrates to the families of veterans and to the community the fact that we really do care about fellow veterans.

Even though I have seen this send-off many times, I am still touched by the significance of the parting Salute, the Honor guard and the Firing Squad.

I think we have represented ourselves in a dignified manner at recent funerals, without distracting conversation. Keep up the good work and continue to do our duty in a dignified manner with proper decorum.

God bless America

*Commander Ron Kociba*

**BURHANS HAGEDON UNIT 197**  
**American Legion Auxiliary Harbor Beach**

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**August 23rd Meeting Notes**

Auxiliary meeting opened August 23 rd at 1:00pm by President Barb Ayotte .

Chaplain Sally Koehn led us in prayer. We stood in silence a moment for our deceased members.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by Preamble to the Constitution .

8 members present and 1 visitor our Commander Ron Kociba .

The Treasurer Candice Beasley gave her report .The bill to Williams Inn was paid for our luncheon last month.

Our commander mentioned that we will be tidying up our meeting room some is already done . He mentioned that there will be a ceremony of the flag retirement / disposal on the 7th before their post meeting at 6 pm .

A special plaque was given to the unit for our support to the post .

We had a bingo report from Carol Sopszcynski things are going well . We have people from all areas attending .

Lynda Buchkowski reported on membership we have 21 members paid .

We had a discussion made about helping a local veteran who needs some help he is alone faces surgery and transportation would help . A motion made by Lynda Buchkowski to give him 50.00 in thumb transit tickets seconded by Carol Sopszcynski the motion carried by all ayes .

Attendance drawing :

Lynda Buchkowski 10.00

No further business a closing prayer led by Sally Koehn .

Barb Ayotte gave a inspiration till we meet next month Tuesday September 27 th at 1:pm

Meeting adjourned 2:pm

Submitted by Jane Volmering Unit 197 Secretary

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank from Hillary Pawlowski family. Thank you from the maritime committee for our support.

**ATTENDANCE DRAWING**

DRAWINGS:

DRAWINGS \$10.00 JAMES LEIBY

ATTENDANCE \$50.00 FRED MUTART ABSENT

50/50 \$22.00 CARL SIEMEN.

**HALL RENTAL**

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

**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership as of Xxxxx, x 2019

25 PUFL

119 Reg

144Total

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