

# THE LEGIONNAIRE

## MAY 2023



*BOARD MEETING at 6:30pm*

*MEETING:*

*Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 7:00pm*

### MINUTES OF (APRIL 5, 2023)

The meeting opened in proper form at 7:00 pm with 20 members attending. First vice Commander Ken Paulin filling in for commander Ron Kociba. Ken reviewed the Commanders comments with the members as follows. February 8th veteran night at the game. Robert Winkle gave a short report stating it was a very nice event. New shelving units- in the basement, Robert Winkle and Bill Wells will assemble them. \$291.00 was spent for needy veteran anonymously and the commanders fund will be replenished. VFW and Legion named for friends of the youth recognition for the next two years by the school. VFW primary this year, legion next year. Dennis Essenmacher will have more information on this.

The meeting minutes of February were read due to no meeting the month of March because of a power outage. Minutes read by the adjutant and were approved as read. The financial report was given by finance officer Al Kleinknecht after review a motion was made to except the accounts by James Leiby and 2nd by Robert Winkle. Motion approved. Hall rental Ron Volmering reported he received some calls checking on the prices, Ron also mentioned the blood drive coming up on the 12th and could use some help setting up. Service officer Jim Leiby reported that the Can 2 Can event will need someone to provide a light lunch again this year as we did last

year motion to do this again made by Bill Wells and 2nd by Carl Siemen motion carried. Jim will need help and will contact some members. Jim also has a couple large back patches for a cost of \$21.00. normal cost \$26.00. Jim also has some pins for sale see Jim if interested.

Sergeant of arms. Tim Robinson No new updates

Chaplin Bill Wells filling in for Paul Ginther reported no new updates. A member from the floor reported that member Paul Elandt will have surgery. Keep Paul in your prayers.

Committee reports: fund raising, Bill Wells reported that the tickets are on hand now and some posters will be placed. Please help sell the tickets see bill for additional tickets if needed.

Building committee: Robert Winkle stated that he will set up a meeting with the committee and review the plans for the deck and new ramp.

Refreshments: Herb Phelps reported that we now have \$540.04 in the account.

Cemetery: George Wessels reported we have total of 761 to date. George also went over the upcoming plans for getting the veterans graves ready for Memorial Day. They are as follows May 18th 8:00am edge headstones OLLH. May19th 8:00am edge headstones Rock falls. May 25th 2:00pm place flags on graves. Back up plan if raining on the 25th will be May 26th at 8:00am. May 27th 10:00am Bad Axe parade. May29th 9:00am Rock fall cemetery ceremony. May29th 10:00am Harbor Beach parade. June 3rd 8:00am remove flags-wipe down shaft note if a grave site has a flower pot place the flag into it, if not save for next year. Thank y George for the updates.

Unfinished business: Stag party April 29th 2023 bring a dish to pass. Al Kleinknecht requested we update names on our checking and banking. Motion made by Dan Lemanski and 2nd by Don Aherns to update names motion approved.

New business: Don Aherns gave the members an update on the funds on hand for the veteran memorial, Don also mentioned that a supply of flowers will be donated for the garden. Don also has forms for the annual veteran fish outing if anyone is interested see Don Aherns. **Continued on next page**

## A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires:

First of all, I want to Thank Ken Paulin and the rest of the officers for conducting our April meeting while I was away. Add to that the fact that our March meeting was cancelled because of a power outage, it feels like I have been gone for quite a while. Still Legion business and activities are ongoing and planned. We have a plan for our new decking and ramp, unfortunately, our accessible ramp will be unavailable while the old one is removed and the new one is constructed. We will do our best to make this period as short as possible. If anyone has an access problem during construction, we are willing to help out wherever and however we can.

Work on the siding has also started to address a water intrusion issue. All of these things promise to be a big jobs. We couldn't get any of this done without the help of volunteers. So, thank you, to all who have, and will, volunteer to help keep our building in good shape, usable and accessible for all. God bless America

*Commander Ron Kociba*

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

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**April 25th Meeting Notes**

Meeting opened at 1:05pm on Tuesday April 25th. Jane Volmering placed the flags in place in absence of Bea Parker. Ten members present. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Auxiliary Preamble recited by all. Sally Koehn our Chaplain had a opening prayer. Lucy Kaminski reported on sending cards to people sick and recovering. Minutes of last meeting were read by Jane Volmering Secretary. There is one correction. The dues for Julie Morrison is for this year only, along plus two Junior Members. Candice Beasley gave Treasurer report. It was accepted as read. All ayes. Lynda Buchkowski gave membership report we now have 70 members for our 2022 / 2023 year. We had donation from Woman's Life for 100.00 and Bingo donated to the unit 2,000. We will be using the Woman's life for dessert on Memorial Day and unit bingo for Student Scholarships. Lucy Kaminski made motion to pay all bills and Rebekah Piotrowski seconded. Motion carried with all ayes. Lucy Kaminski gave report on Flower and gifts. Cards sent to Ron Volmering who broke 6 ribs and Shirley Koehn with her surgery. Members present sang Happy Birthday to our President Barb Ayotte. Lynda Buchkowski gave report on scholarships. We have 8 students that applied. Motion was made to give 4 senior students 500.00 each by Lucy Kaminski and seconded by Becky Piotrowski. All ayes. We will give 2 for medical and 2 non medical. Lucy Kaminski made the dessert and served it for our April meeting. A delicious apple cake and Vanilla Icecream enjoyed by all. Several months back it was brought back our tea committee. They are as follows Sally Koehn for May Barb Ayotte for June. July we will have installation so dinner it will be. Carol Sopczynski will bring for August. Jane Volmering for September and Linda Kociba for October. November is our Christmas Party. We don't meet in December. **Continued on next column...**

**Meeting Minutes (continued)**

Our post will sponsor a youth cadet law enforcement member this year at a cost of \$475.00. Motion made by George Wessels and 2nd by James Leiby motion approved.

Lunch Committee: For May will be pizza??

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

**Auxiliary minutes continued...**

50/50 won by Sally Koehn 10.50 Attendance Lucy Kaminski 10.00  
We will have a bake sale in July and all proceeds and donations will go to our poppy hero fund. This will be held for 1 day only on Saturday during Maritime festival. Our meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm with a closing prayer by Barb Ayotte Our next meeting will be Tuesday May 23 rd Submitted by Jane Volmering Auxiliary Secretary of Unit 197

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**ATTENDANCE DRAWING**

DRAWINGS: \$10.00 TIM ROBINSON PRESENT.  
ATTENDANCE: \$20.00 RICHARD KIRSCH ABSENT.  
50/50 \$17.00 PHIL MOSES PRESENT.

**HALL RENTAL**

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**MEMBERSHIP**

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