

# THE LEGIONNAIRE

## FEBRUARY 2024



*BOARD MEETING at 6:30pm*

*NEXT MEETING:*

*Wednesday, February 7th at 7:00pm*

## MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2024

The meeting opened in proper form at 7:00 pm with 17 members attending. Commander comments as follows. Happy New year to all members. This spring we will look into the cleaning of the basement. The commander is working on a list of events, and activities, coming up for the year of 2024 this will help our post plan ahead.

The meeting minutes of January were 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 Bill Wells and 2nd by Steve Oglenski, Motion was approved.

Service officer Jim Leiby mentioned that Four members gave a visit to Alma Connell, they did chores for her. Alma is doing ok.

Sergeant of arms. Tim Robinson: Was absent but requested we mention that the Sheriffs work crew will be available march 5th,6th and 7th. We will have them work most likely two days.

Chaplin: Bill Wells mentioned that he gave Arnold Koehn a visit and he is doing somewhat better. Bill also mentioned that Frank Lorkowski is in the hospital and that he will visit Harbor Beach long term when he gets a chance.

Committee reports: fund raising, Bill Wells reported

that on January 10th from 4:00pm to 6:30 pm. We will have our soup and pie, need help and pies, please sign up to help also bring a pie if you can. Bill also passed advertisement sheets out so that members can place them at local churches etc. We will be doing the E-bike raffle again this year.

Building committee: Robert Winkle stated lights were replaced, but one may be too bright looking at perhaps turning it in a different direction.

Hall rentals: Al reported that all is going well have many dates for upcoming year booked.

Refreshments: Herb Phelps reported that we now have \$798.64 in the fund. Thanks Herb.

Cemetery: George Wessels reported we have total of 785 to date. George also reported the upcoming dates so that we can all be prepared ahead with our plans. As follows: May 16th Thursday 8:00 am. Edge headstones at rock falls, American Legion Post will provide lunch for crew. May 17th Friday edge headstones at OLLH, VFW Post will provide lunch. May 23rd Thursday 2:00 pm place flags on graves. May 24th Friday 8:00 am will be backup plan if raining Thursday. May 25th Saturday 10:00 am Bad Axe parade. May 27th Monday 9:00 am Rock falls cemetery ceremony then at 10:00 am the Harbor Beach parade will take place. Then on June 1st Saturday 8:00 am we will remove the flays wipe down the shafts place in flower pots if no pot available bundle and save for later date.

Old business: Carl is working on the audit and will call on members if needed.

New business: Post officers will review the BY Laws and update where needed. The commander donated fifty dollars to a member in need. The commanders fund will be adjusted. Motion by Dan Lemanski 2nd by Thomas motion carried.

Lunch Committee: For February Thomas Socia  
Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

## A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires:

Now that we are into the year 2024, I thought it would be a good idea to look at some of the key dates of currently known events for the year. I am sure we will be modifying this list as time goes on. Of course, all of these involve volunteers, Thank you in advance for all of the work done by you, the volunteers of this post.

March 5,6,7 Sheriff's Work crew available for Legion Hall cleaning

April 10 Soup and Pie Dinner

May 1 Legion meeting nomination of officers

May 4 Can to Can fishing tournament Legion provide Lunch

May 16 8:00 Work crew Rock Falls veteran's tombstones Legion responsible

May 17 8:00 Work crew OLLH cemetery VFW responsibility

May 23 2:00 Place flags on veteran's graves

May 24 8:00 Backup date for flags

May 25 10:00 Bad Axe Memorial Day parade

May 27 9:00 Memorial Day ceremony at cemetery  
10:00 Harbor Beach Memorial Day parade

June 1 8:00 Remove cemetery flags

June 5 Legion meeting election of officers

June 12 Soup and Pie Supper

??? Scholarship presentations

July 13,14,15 Maritime Festival Party tent, Pulled Pork Sandwich sale

Aug 14 Soup and Pie Dinner

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

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**No Meeting until March**

**Commander continued:**

Sep 21 Chili Cook Off and E-Bikr raffle drawing. Also, Summer Raffle Drawing  
October 12 Spaghetti Dinner  
??? School flag Etiquette presentations-Schools  
November 9 Veterans Day Dinner—Legion Hall  
November 13 Soup and Pie Dinner

*Commander Ron Kociba*

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Read by the commander. Received a thank you note from Robert Wruble for our post donation for a needy family at Christmas.

**ATTENDANCE DRAWING**

Drawings: \$10.00 Herb Phelps.

Membership: \$35.00 Greg Burkhard. Absent next month \$40.00.

50/50 \$18.00 Thomas Socia.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership: 136 active 112 PUFL 24.

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**FLAG SALES**

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**HALL RENTAL**

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