



CUSTER POST #46

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

08 January 2021

ROLL CALL – Don Hone – Commander; Glen Talley, Jr. – 1st Vice Commander; Tom Burke – 2nd Vice Commander; Mark Mills – Finance Officer; Paul Larson – Chaplain; Ernest Thornell – Historian; Tony Gonsor- At Large;

Opening – Commander Hone opened the meeting by teleconference at 1915 hours.

Quorum – Host Mark Mills announced there was quorum (4 members) with 7 members “present”.

Minutes – Minutes of the 04 December 2020 Executive Committee meeting were approved.

Finance

- Submitted report was provided by e-mail and is on file.
- As of the 31 December 2020:
 - Post checking account balance was \$25,656.52.
 - ALR checking account balance was \$285.68
 - Certificate of Deposit was \$6,860.31
- Net worth was \$32,802.51.
- Finance Officer’s actions were approved.
- Post’s Form 990-N was filed with the IRS and accepted on 08 January 2020.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Reports provided separately by e-mail are on file. Reading of all committee reports was waived. Items of note are listed herein for the record.

National Security

- Blood Donor Program
 - o 04 February scheduled; Goal – 50

Americanism/Public Relations

- Veterans Day Program completed.
- Pearl Harbor Day gift delivery to WWII veterans completed.
- Wreaths Across America ceremonies completed. Custer VFW and Harney Peak DAR unhappy with ad.
- 10 February 2021 “Legion Day” at Custer Jr/Sr High School.

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Sick Call

- Past Post Commander Curt Halverson suffering from spinal problems and losing weight. Arranging funeral. Requested honor guard and pall bearers from Custer Post #46 and Battle Creek Post #303.
- ALR Custer Post #46 Director Tom Pranger is currently in ICU at Rapid City Regional Hospital room 259. He collapsed two days ago. He was rushed to the hospital suffering from multiple blood clots. Two days of surgery have failed to correct the problems. No blood circulation is occurring below his knees. Tom is currently in a coma, on a ventilator, and being treated with blood thinners. His family has been notified.

VFW Liaison

- "DD" Couch appointed Quartermaster.
- Post Home hail damage repaired.

Navy League Liaison

- Massive changes are coming quickly to the Navy's ship forces. The question is, will it be enough?!
- To stay ahead of China and other competitors may require at least 500 ships in the future. As many as 140 to 250 vessels will be unmanned.
- The U.S. Navy's 30-year shipbuilding plan shows the planned battle force reaching a congressionally mandated level of 355 ships in the 2031-2033 time frame.
- Navy plans to retire 48 ships during 2022-2026.

Veterans Memorial

- Custer Area Veterans Memorial Association, Inc. monthly meetings are now being hosted by Custer Post #46 at its Post Meeting Room.
- New officers were elected to take office 01 January 2021.

Honor Guard

- 2021 anticipated events list has been published.

Fund Raising

- Next Lynn's Dakotamart "We Care" \$100 claim to be submitted soon.
- 1 Post ball cap sold. Finance Officer to inventory remaining caps.
- Post retained \$50 share of Roy Roadifer honorarium for Honor Guard services.

ALR Custer Post #46 – No report.

Unfinished Business

- Public Safety/Service Awardees. Following awards remain to be presented:
 - o Fire Fighter – Paul Ditsch, CVFD (Mark Mills will deliver)
- Relief of veterans in need due to pandemic economic downturn. None yet identified.
 - o Transportation requested for Legionnaire Harold Stickney's Rapid City medical appointment at 1330 hours 21 Jan 2021. Glen Talley, Jr. volunteered.
- 2021 Membership
 - o Department Membership Goal is 86. Criteria paid membership as of 18 June 2021.
 - o Paid – 87, Pending - 3. ~104.65% of goal.
 - o Post has; exceeded goal, exceeded National Department Commanders' goals of 103%, met Dept. Commander's requirement of Post Commander signing up 3 new members, qualifies for several awards.
- Harold Stickney 09 Dec 2020 transportation to Rapid City provided by Tony Gonsor.

New Business

- 2021 Agenda review of activities through end of year.
 - o Resume general membership meetings starting with Feb 9.
- Department Commander cap pin for Legionnaires who participated in:
 - o Post Color/Honor Guard. Tony Gonsor provides roster next week to Don Hone.
 - o Boys State. Mark Mills provide names to Don Hone.
 - o Youth Trooper Academy. Mark Mills provide names to Don Hone.
 - o Recruiter. Mark Mills provide names to Don Hone.
- Annual Awards nominations
 - o LEO – Glen Talley, Jr. manages.
 - o FF – Glen Talley, Jr. manages.
 - o EMT – Glen Talley, Jr. manages.
 - o Telecommunicator – Glen Talley, Jr. manages.
 - o Educator – Mark Mills manages.
 - o Business – Mark Mills manages.
 - o Americanism – Mark Mills manages.
- Approved Post to provide pizza lunch at February meeting.

Good of the Legion

- 19-21 February 2021 MidWinter Conference in Oacoma
- 11 April 2021 District 2 Spring Convention, location TBD.
- Glen Talley III continues serving in the Middle East.

Next Meeting – Scheduled for 1915 – 2000 hours Friday, 05 February 2021, via teleconference.

Closing – There being no further business, Commander Hone closed the teleconference meeting at 2002 hours.