

American Legion Post 315

Post Membership Meeting

13 Sept 21

Opening

- One rap of gavel to signify opening of the meeting:
 - Doors closed by Sgt at Arms
- Three raps of gavel:
 - Please rise, face the flag and salute. Two!
- Pleases remove your covers and place them over your heart for:
 - Prayer,
 - POW/MIA Chair
 - Pledge of Allegiance
- Chaplin will lead us in prayer.,

Opening

- POW/MIA Chair
 - A POW/MIA chair is placed at all official meetings of the American Legion as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POWs/MIAs still unaccounted from all wars and conflicts involving the United States of America. This is a reminder to all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity, the reparation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty and a full accounting of those missing.

Opening

- Please join me in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Please replace covers.
- Please join me in reciting the Legion Preamble.

Legion Preamble

- For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:
- To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;
- To maintain law and order;
- To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;
- To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars;
- To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;
- To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;
- To make right the master of might;
- To promote peace and good will on earth;
- To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;
- To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness

Opening

- Please take seats.
- One rap of Gavel
 - I now declare this meeting of Wilber-Bartlett Post 315, regularly convened.
- Is a quorum present?
- Any new members present
 - Stand give military background and reason you joined.
- Any Guests today?

Order of Business

- Reading of minutes of the last meeting.
- Calendar
- Finance report
- Project reports.
- Bar Report
- Sick Call
- Post Service Officer report
- Building and grounds report
- Old business
- New business
- Closing

Minutes from last meeting

Calendar

September 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			1230-1600hrs Bridge	1100-UTG Corned Beef & Cabbage 1800-2200hrs Karaoke		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1300-1500hrs-Euchre 1500hrs Queen Hearts Draw	Labor Day	1100-UTG Taco Tuesday 1900 Post Committee Mtg	1230-1600hrs Bridge 1900hrs Legion Board Mtg	1100-UTG Hot Beef 1130-1500hrs Mahjong 1800-2200hrs Karaoke	Steak Dinner	1200-1500hrs Keno Party
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1300-1500hrs-Euchre 1500hrs Queen Hearts Draw		1100-UTG Taco Tuesday 1900hrs Legion Member Mtg 1900hrs Aux Member Mtg 1900hrs SAL Member Mtg	1230-1600hrs Bridge	1100-UTG Golumpki's 1130-1500hrs Mahjong 1800-2200hrs Karaoke		1000hrs Rose City Post 324 Poker Run
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
1300-1500hrs-Euchre 1500hrs Queen Hearts Draw		1100-UTG Taco Tuesday	1230-1600hrs Bridge	1100-UTG Grilled Cheese/Tomato Soup 1130-1500hrs Mahjong 1800-2200hrs Karaoke	Fish Dinner	
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
1300-1500hrs-Euchre 1500hrs Queen Hearts Draw		1100-UTG Taco Tuesday	1230-1600hrs Bridge	1100-UTG Reubens 1130-1500hrs Mahjong 1300-1500hrs-Euchre 1800-2200hrs Karaoke		
3	4	Notes		Post Lounge Hours Mon Closed Tues-We 1100hrs-2100hrs Thur-Fri-Sat 1100hrs-2200hrs Sun 1200hrs-1800rs		

Calendar

October 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 1300-1500hrs-Euchre 1500hrs Queen Heart s Draw	4	5 1100-UTG Taco Tuesday 1900 Post Committee Mtg	6 1230-1600hrs Bridge 1900hrs Legion board Mtg	7 1100-UTG Reubens 1130-1500hrs Mahjong 1800-2200hrs Karaoke	8 Steak Dinner	9
10 1400hrs Dist rict MTG, Ann Arbor Post 46 1300-1500hrs-Euchre 1500hrs Queen Heart s Draw	11	12 1100-UTG Taco Tuesday 1900hrs Legion Member Mtg 1900hrs Aux Member Mtg 1900hrs SAL Member Mtg	13 1230-1600hrs Bridge	14 1100-UTG Hot Beef 1130-1500hrs Mahjong 1800-2200hrs Karaoke	15	16
17 1300-1500hrs-Euchre 1500hrs Queen Heart s Draw	18	19 1100-UTG Taco Tuesday	20 1230-1600hrs Bridge	21 1100-UTG Scalloped Potatoes & Ham 1130-1500hrs Mahjong 1800-2200hrs Karaoke	22 Fish Dinner	23 1800-2100hrs Dueling Pianos
24 1300-1500hrs-Euchre 1500hrs Queen Heart s Draw	25	26 1100-UTG Taco Tuesday	27 1230-1600hrs Bridge	28 1100-UTG Goulash 1130-1500hrs Mahjong 1300-1500hrs-Euchre 1800-2200hrs Karaoke	29	30 1900-2300hrs Act III Band
31 1300-1500hrs-Euchre 1500hrs Queen Heart s Draw	1	Notes	Post Lounge Hours Mon Closed Tues-Wed 1100hrs-2100hrs Thur-Fri-Sat 1100hrs-2200hrs Sun 1200hrs-1800rs			

Calendar

November 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
		1900 Post Committee Mtg	1230-1600hrs Bridge 1900hrs Legion board Mtg	1100-UTG Hot Beef 1130-1500hrs Mahjong 1800-2200hrs Karaoke		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Daylight Savings 1300-1500hrs-Euchre 1500hrs Queen Heart s Draw		1100-UTG Taco Tuesday 1900hrs Legion Member Mtg 1900hrs Aux Member Mtg 1900hrs SAL Member Mtg	1230-1600hrs Bridge	Veteran's Day 1100-UTG Chili 1130-1500hrs Mahjong 1800-2200hrs Karaoke	Steak Dinner	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1300-1500hrs-Euchre 1500hrs Queen Heart s Draw		1100-UTG Taco Tuesday	1230-1600hrs Bridge	1100-UTG Turkey 1130-1500hrs Mahjong 1800-2200hrs Karaoke		1900-2300hrs Act III Band
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
1300-1500hrs-Euchre 1500hrs Queen Heart s Draw		1100-UTG Taco Tuesday	1230-1600hrs Bridge	Thanksgiving Closed	No Dinner	1800-2300hrs Blues Festival
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
1300-1500hrs-Euchre 1500hrs Queen Heart s Draw		1100-UTG Taco Tuesday				
5	6	Notes		Post Lounge Hours Mon Closed Tues-Wed 1100hrs-2100hrs Thur-Fri-Sat 1100hrs-2200hrs Sun 1200hrs-1800rs		

Aug 21 Finance

Financials	
Grand total cash on hand as of 06/30/2021	\$ 164,568.34
Pull Tab cash on hand (In house)	\$ 1,500.00
Keno Lottery cash on hand (In house)	\$ 1,500.00
Petty Cash (In house)	\$ 1,950.00
Kerr Investment Account (+ / -)	\$29,000.00
Building Fund	\$ 59,613.74
Queen of Hearts	\$ 13,000.00
Scholarship Account	\$ 3,757.30
Total earmarks	\$ 110,321.04
Free Cash	\$ 54,247.30

Jul 21 Finance

Financials

Grand total cash on hand as of 06/30/2021	\$	147,418.20
Pull Tab cash on hand (In house)	\$	1,500.00
Keno Lottery cash on hand (In house)	\$	1,500.00
Petty Cash (In house)	\$	1,950.00
Kerr Investment Account (+ / -)		\$29,000.00
Building Fund	\$	59,613.74
Queen of Hearts	\$	10,000.00
Scholarship Account	\$	3,757.30
Total earmarks	\$	107,321.04
Free Cash	\$	40,097.16

Current Project Fund sites

- American Legion Kerr-Lewis Scholarship and back kitchen improvements
 - New Scholarship Committee –Gail Kimball, Greg Kerr, Paul Albrecht
 - Requirement - \$4000 (Four \$1000 scholarships)
 - Requirement - \$2000 a year kitchen improvements.
 - **Current Funding - \$3757.30**
 - **Earmark - \$3000**
 - Fund Site – Friday Dinners estimated raising \$8000 a year
- Building
 - Requirement - \$75,000
 - **Current funding - \$60473.74**
 - Fund Site – Queen of Hearts estimated raising \$30,00 a year.
 - Additional Funding needed

Current Project Fund sites

- Ritual Team
 - Requirement \$3000
 - Fund site needed
- Fire Pups
 - Requirement \$300
 - Fund site needed.
- Christmas help.
 - Requirement \$2000
 - Fund site needed.

Bar business

- More members telling me they have tested positive.
- We did \$35,000 in revenue for Aug.
- Jody quarterly bonus has been paid for \$800
- Labor for the Bar
 - Crystal new hire.
 - Marne has quit.
 - 2 new cooks hired
- Music in outdoor area.

Sick Call

- ?

Service Officer Report

Building and Grounds Report

- Parking Lot
 - Estimated time to conclusion
- Priorities
 - AC fans
 - AC reaching end of life.
 - Money earmarked
 - Electrical
 - Roof
 - Back half of Driveway.
 - Chairs in banquet room.

Old Business

- Dinner co-fund raiser for scholarships.
 - Sold approx. 108 meals
 - Volunteers were plenty.
- Web Site
 - Launch 4 Aug
 - Still need input from Units
 - Calendar input still needed.

New Business

- Jim Gray has resigned as Board Member
 - Brad Klein is my proposed replacement.
- We provide flags at numerous sites:
 - Napoleon school and football field
 - Columbia High School
 - Columbia Police.
- Game Dinner
 - Gun Raffle.
- Spring and Fall Golf Tourney (Not the Aux/SAL tourney)
- Stereo in bar needs fixed
- Any other business

New Business

By-laws

Board approved to take to the membership.

- We are currently operating under 2011 By-laws:
 - These By-laws are not registered with Michigan Legion:
 - They have no record of ever receiving By-laws from Post 315.
 - This does not make our By-laws invalid as we are an Independent Incorporated Post.
 - Still trying to figure out this incorporation.
- We have three versions available:
 - 2011 (17 pg.'s).
 - 2019 (14 pg.'s) version from Jim G's Team (Darwin H, Bill M, and Frank Hone).
 - 2021 (15 pg.'s) version from Mark Y Team (Darwin H, Bill M, Mark O).
- Various reasons for the page differences.

Comparison

- Major changes between 2011, 2019 and 2021
 - Elimination of repeated language.
 - Elimination of outdated requirements such as newsletters.
 - Change Board of Directors to Executive Committee to align with the Department
 - **VOTE!**
 - Switching past Commander Committee seat to an elected seat.
 - **VOTE!**
 - Directors on the Executive Committee have their terms changed from 5 years to 3 or 2 years.
 - **VOTE!**
 - Change the Directors election dates to the same as the Post Officers.
 - Change date of election transition from Jun General meeting to 1 Jun.
 - **VOTE!**

Comparison

- Major changes between 2011, 2019 and 2021
 - Change from two days of early voting to one day with an extra hour added.
 - VOTE!
 - Change any appointments for vacant Officer or Committee positions from Commander appointment/Board approval to Commander appointment/Membership approval.
 - VOTE!
 - Revised all duties of officers.
 - Change requests for Special Meetings from 7 members to 5 members.
 - VOTE!
 - Commander is voting member of Executive Committee.
 - VOTE!

New Business

- Implementation of new By-Laws will be worked out by the Board.
- Any more new business?

Closing

- Please stand and remove your covers.
- Chaplin will lead us in prayer.
- Replace covers.
- Face the flag and hand salute – two.
- I now declare this meeting of the Wilber-Bartlett Post 315, the American Legion, Department of Michigan adjourned.