

**James Harvey Spire  
Post 787  
Cicero, NY**



**General Membership Meeting: March 15, 2018**

Commander Porter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with 20 members in attendance.

**Officers in Attendance:** Commander Porter; 1st Vice Dauer; 2nd Vice Sollitto; 3rd Vice McCrum; Sgt-at-Arms Vergith; Adjutant Auchterlonie; Finance Officer Keegan; Service Officer Terry; Chaplain Heidenreich; Trustees Sanford & Yanchik. Historian Puettner & Trustee Reynolds were absent.

Adjutant Auchterlonie read the minutes of the February GM meeting. Motion to accept as read by Ms. Heidenreich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Yanchi ...Passed

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Report:** Finance Officer Keegan read the finance report showing \$ [REDACTED] in all accounts. Motion made to accept as read subject to audit by Mr. Solitto, 2nd by Mr. Plato....Passed

**Membership:** Mr. Auchterlonie reported the Post's current membership is 716 for 102%. An additional 16 have been submitted and not yet recorded.

**Officer Nominations:** Mr. Auchterlonie nominated the following individuals who had informed him they wished to run for elected office within the Post for the 2018/2019 year:

Commander: Lyle Porter  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Bruce Dauer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Sam Sollitto  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander: Rich McCrum  
Adjutant: Butch Auchterlonie  
Finance Officer:  
Sgt-At-Arms: Robert Vergith  
Chaplain: Heidi Heidenreich  
Service Officer: John Terry  
Historian: Frank Puettner  
Trustees (3): James Taylor, Brian Sanford, Jean Reynolds, Al Yanchik

There were no additional nominations from the floor and nominations were closed until the April GM Meeting.

**Sick Call & Relief:** Nothing to report

**Rehabilitation & Service:** Nothing to Report

**Community Service:** Mr. Yanchik reported he spent 4 days at the RV show at the fairgrounds and made \$890.00

**Public Relations:** Mr. Sanford reported there were still some issues with the "legionnews" email system and reiterated that no one should respond to emails from it as responses go to all Legion, Auxiliary and Sons' members. He also talked about the Post's Facebook page which had 406 hits initially but seems to be slowing down. Mr. Sanford also reported the committee is meeting to get some public service advertising done with media outlets.

**Color Guard:** Mr. Plato confirmed the Color Guard is marching in this weekend's St. Patrick's Day parade and will also participate on Memorial Day. He will again this year contact those organizations usually marching on Memorial Day.

**Unfinished Business:** Commander Porter reported he had quotes for professional cleaning of our kitchen and walk-in cooler...\$250 for the kitchen and \$250 for the cooler.

A new contract for our generator maintenance has been acquired from Penn Power. It is \$250 less expensive than the previous contract.

The new dart machines and shuffleboard table for the lounge will be installed after Easter.

The Post 787 Syracuse Crunch Night is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>.

A reminder to all, that all wishing to march with the Post in the St. Patrick's Day parade should meet at the Post at 8:30 on Saturday.

Mr. Dauer updated members on the status of the requested access road through our property by Syracuse Realty. We have denied their proposed access through the property behind the pavilion as it is too close. A new survey they did will allow the access road to be constructed along the Post Office fence without affecting any of our parking. They would erect a wrought Iron fence and move our light poles as well as cover all of our legal costs. We are still negotiating an annual stipend in perpetuity for relinquishing the land. The project will have to be approved by the membership if it goes forward.

**New Business:** Commander Porter announced the National Commander is visiting the 5<sup>th</sup> District. The inner is on Apr. 11<sup>th</sup> t the Mexico VFW. Tickets are \$25. Mr. Plato made a motion to donate \$200 to the National Commander's Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. McCrum...Passed

The Post is sponsoring a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran" open house on Thursday, March 29 from 12:00-5:00.

The 5<sup>th</sup> District is sponsoring a VA Visitation on Easter morning. Those interested in participating should be at the VA Hospital at 8:00am.

Mr. Auchterlonie reported he had contacted CNS High School regarding Boy's State participants. The Guidance Office is supposed to get back to him regarding names of interested students. Application deadline is Apr. 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Post donated \$22,539.92 worth of VA Craft Kits to the V Hospital.

**Good of the Legion:** Mr. Auchterlonie reported that the National Commander's "Family First" pins for recruiting three new members had been presented to Ann Marie Cerone and Sharon May of the Auxiliary. Pins are being ordered for Commander Porter and Son's Commander Doug Engle as they have also met the three new member requirement.

The Rider's Bake Sale is scheduled this Friday from 3-7pm.

Easter Breakfast will be served Easter Sunday from 8:00-11:00am. The breakfast is free for all members and their families. The Post Lounge will be closed Easter Sunday.

The Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at

Butch Auchterlonie  
Adjutant