

Bennington SAL SQUADRON 266 | MINUTES

Meeting date: 8 February, 2024 | time: 6 pm | Meeting location [Bennington Legion Hall](#)

Officers Present: Commander Jared Weinman, Sargent-at-Arms Mike Valasek, Adjutant Les Brauer, Historian Alex Banks, Chaplin Brian Gernandt, Finance Officer Geoff Getzschman, Legion Liaison Glen Turner

Absent: None

Type of meeting: Monthly meeting

Facilitator: Commander Weinman

Note taker: Adjutant Brauer

Total number of members in attendance: 12 members, 0 nonmembers

- Meeting brought to order by Commander Jared W.
- Hand salute to the flag
- Opening prayer given by Chaplin Brian G.
- Commander read Resolution 288 designating the POW/MIA empty chair
- Sgt.-At-Arms Mike V. placed the POW-MIA chair cover
- Commander read Resolution N C 2-03 Blue Star Banner
- Pledge of Allegiance to the flag recited
- Preamble lead by Commander Jared W.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- **Minutes of previous meeting:** no January meeting minutes due to lack of a quorum; approved December meeting minutes
 - a. **Motion** to approve by Geoff Getzschman
 - b. **2nd** by Alex Banks; Passed
- **Finance report:**
 - a. **Motion** to pick-up tabled October report added December report, tabled November report due to lack of data, motion to approve by Alex Banks
 - b. **2nd** by Glenn Turner; Passed
- **Old/Unfinished business:**
 - a. **CSR Report:** Jim M.-14 hrs., Alex B.-4 hrs., Mike V.-14 hrs; Rich R. and Mark G. blood donations
ADMIN HOURS- Jared W.-16 hrs., Les B. 2 hrs. and Geoff G. 4 hr.
 - b. Time to focus on recruiting new members
 - c. Junior shooting sports/ Eddie Eagle/ NRA
 - d. With new additions of members, we are currently at 22 members, 17 paid, 77.3%
- **2. Renewals:** If paying the full \$30 online, \$15 kept by National and Detachment, \$15 returned with \$5 for Squadron and the extra \$10 is a donation to SAL 266; dual or 16 and younger members need to pay in cash to avoid extra charge online
- **3. SAL 266:** Start planning to host 2 flag retirement ceremonies per year: unofficial chair – Jim M.; dates: need to be chosen; target 1 June, Bennington Daze. Need burn permit for fire pit at Hall or contact fire department to use their station's burn area.
- **Griddle and Stand:** on order, estimate \$1960
- **SAL orders:** Hat for Rick Reed, size 7-1/2, received and distributed

- **Legion Information:** Auxiliary Legion Birthday Dinner: Sunday 3/10 at 1pm; Legion Pancake Feed Saturday March 9th, 7 am to 12 noon; Set-up Friday March 8th, 1 pm
- **Easter Egg Event:** Heath Mlnarik approved use of baseball field, date is Palm Sunday March 24th, 2pm Wayne Ruff to provide a raffle item, more needed; volunteers needed, Alex agreed to be the bunny; age groups: 0-4, 5-8, 9-12; use raffle donations to fund 4 Pillars and scholarships
- **New Business**
- **Liaison Update:** by Glenn T.: Deann Zens to chair committee to host Donut Dollies speaker describing effort to provide donuts to active duty military, Rick R. is vice-chair; Deann Zens to chair committee to investigate Post joining Wreathes Across America to place wreathes at the 3 cemeteries we serve, Jim Cheek vice-chair; Boys State: nominations pending, Rick Reed to get applications and coordinate SAL with Post
- **Social Media:** Alex: Facebook like our page; added ALA lunch notice and information on Baseball Team Cornhole fundraiser
- **Charter:** names given to Diane Warrick to add to charter then frame it
- **National Commander's 4 Pillars Challenge:** \$1/member minimum: \$300 to **CWF** August 2023 (Children and Youth); **VA&R** (Veterans Affairs & rehabilitation) Operation Comfort Warrior; **Americanism**, will sponsor at least 1 to Boys State at \$400; **National Security**, consider hosting a blood drive or donate \$1/member to hosting organization (St. Johns Church)
- **BHS Awards:** Need to contact Bennington High School for scholarships: college, Boys State, Junior Law, military enlistees
- **Motions made during meeting:**
 1. **Subject:** Lyle Sass recognition for assistance in establishing SAL 266, present wooden plaque at Legion Birthday Dinner
 - Motion:** by Alex B. to spend up to \$100;
 - 2nd Mike Almquist, passed
 2. **Subject:** Donate a minimum of \$50 per "Hot Spot" such as 4 Pillars or other causes
 - Motion:** by Alex B. to donate \$50 to St. John's Church for blood drive (National Security Pillar)
 - 2nd: Geoff G.; Passed
 3. **Subject:** BHS collage scholarship, 1 at \$500; coordinate with Post
 - Motion:** by Mike V.
 - 2nd : Mark G.; passed
- Closing prayer given by Chaplin Brian G.
- Sgt.-At-Arms Mike V. retired the POW-MIA chair cover
- Hand salute to the flag
- Meeting adjourned