

Bennington SAL SQUADRON 266 | MINUTES

Meeting date: 11 April, 2024 | time: 6 pm | Meeting location [Bennington Legion Hall](#)

Officers Present: Commander Jared Weinman, Sargent-at-Arms Mike Valasek, Adjutant Les Brauer, Chaplin Brian Gernandt, Finance Officer Geoff Getzschman,

Absent: Historian Alex Banks, Legion Liaison Glen Turner

Type of meeting: Monthly meeting

Facilitator: Commander Weinman

Note taker: Adjutant Brauer

Total number of members in attendance: 9 members, 0 nonmembers

- Meeting brought to order by Commander Jared W.
- Hand salute to the flag
- Opening prayer given by Geoff 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:** approved March meeting minutes
 - a. **Motion** to approve by Jim Musel
 - b. **2nd** by Mike Valasek; Passed
- **Finance report:**
 - a. **Motion** to approve March and April reports by Jim Musel
 - b. **2nd** by Mike Valasek; Passed
- **Old/Unfinished business:**
 - a. **CSR Report:** Jim M.-32 hrs., Alex B.-0 hrs., Mike V.-35 hrs; Rich R. -20 Mark G. -7, no blood donations
ADMIN HOURS- Jared W.-17 hrs., Les B. 10 hrs. and Geoff G. 4 hr.
 - b. Time to focus on recruiting new members
 - c. Junior shooting sports/ Eddie Eagle/ NRA
 - d. Membership: we are currently at 21 members, 16 paid, 76.2%
- **2. Renewals:** If paying online - \$30; \$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 online charge
- **3. SAL 266:** Start planning to host 2 flag retirement ceremonies per year: unofficial chair – Jim M.; dates: chose Flag Day, Friday 14 June. Mike V. to file burn permit for fire pit at Hall or contact fire department to use their station's burn area. Discuss more details at May meeting.
- **Griddle and Stand:** received cost refund of \$1960,37; defective due to pressure valve not for 30 lb. Propane tank and 1 burner control valve leaked; no return needed; need to determine disposition: repair & keep, sell without repair, trash.

- **SAL orders:** none outstanding
- **Legion Information:** Hosting soup supper and Donut Dollies 2 May. SAL to donate 8 oz. Sodas from Sams Club. Deann Zens postponed committee to investigate Post joining Wreathes Across America to place wreathes at the 3 cemeteries we serve, Jim Cheek and Rick R. are vice-chairs; Boys State: no Legion or SAL nominations.
- **Easter Egg Event:** moved into Hall due to inclement weather; held on Palm Sunday March 24th; raffle donations, \$245; spent \$383.21 of \$500 approved; use difference to fund 4 Pillars and scholarships
- **New Business**
- **Liaison Update:** Memorial Day, 27 May; need Son to carry SAL flag, others need to attend as Legion needs all to participate; program at 3 cemeteries: meet at Hall at 9.15 am proceed to Flower Hill for 10 am program, then German at 11 am and Prairie View at noon; dress: white shirt – long or short depends on weather, black pants and shoes, SAL tie and hat. Bennington Daze Parade: 1 June, meet at Hall at 10.15 am, dress same as above except wear SAL polo. Fireworks sales planning underway, sales begin 25 June, sign-up to volunteer on Legion web site. Legion and SAL state convention June 21-23 at Kearney Holiday Inn
- **Social Media:** no update.
- **Charter:** Diane Warrick added names to charter; framed; need to mount it on the wall
- **National Commander's 4 Pillars Challenge:** \$1/member minimum:
CWF \$300 approved August 2023 (Children and Youth), need to pay it;
VA&R (Veterans Affairs & rehabilitation) Operation Comfort Warrior; Motion by Rick Reed, 2nd by Mark Goodrich to donate \$400 from Easter Event fund raiser; passed
Americanism, no Boys State nominations; alternate way to meet requirement; donate to Detachment \$100; approved as part of VA&R motion above
National Security, donated \$50 to St. Johns Church for hosting their blood drive)
NE SAL Commander's Project: donate \$100 to Gifts for Yanks; motion by Les B. 2nd by Geoff G.; passed
- **BHS Awards:** \$500 college scholarship each to Nolan Walsh and Tristen Buhman; present award certificate 28 April at BHS program
- **SAL 266 Officer Nominations:** accepting nominations for all offices, consider serving; announce candidacy at May 9th meeting; election at June 13th meeting; offices: Commander, Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Sargent-at-Arms, Chaplin, Historian
- **Consolidated Squadron Report:** due June 1st for activities from June 1st 2023 to May 31st 2024
- **Motions made during meeting:**
 1. **Subject:** no additional motions besides those listed above in 4 Pillars Challenge
 - Motion:**
 - 2nd :
- 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