

Bennington SAL SQUADRON 266 | MINUTES

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

Officers Present: Commander Jared Weinman, Adjutant Les Brauer, Finance Officer Geoff Getzschman, Chaplin Brian Gernandt

Absent:, Legion Liaison Glen Turner, Sargent-at-Arms Mike Valasek, Historian Alex Banks

Type of meeting: Monthly meeting

Facilitator: Commander Weinman

Note taker: Adjutant Brauer

Total number of members in attendance: 9 members, 1 nonmembers including Post Commander Kay

- Meeting brought to order by Commander Jared W.
- Hand salute to the flag
- Opening prayer given by Brian Gernandt
- Commander read Resolution 288 designating the POW/MIA empty chair
- Assistant Sgt.-At-Arms Jim Musel. 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 June meeting minutes, also advised that Commander may ask if there are any addition or correction to minutes as emailed. If no changes, then commander may announce minutes are approved as sent and dispense with a motion to approve minutes. Expect this to be implemented at future meetings.
 - a. **Motion** to approve by Brian Gernandt
 - b. **2nd** by Jim Musel; Passed
- **Finance report:**
 - a. **Motion** to approve August report by Jim Musel
 - b. **2nd** by Mark Goodrich; Passed
- **Old/Unfinished business:**
 - a. **CSR Report:** Jim M.-24 hrs., Alex B.-0 hrs., Mike V.-0 hrs; Rich R. -0 hrs., Mark G. -2 hrs., Brian G. -4 hrs., Robin Goudy-4 hrs.
ADMIN HOURS- Jared W.-1 hr., Les B. 3 hrs. and Geoff G. 1 hr.
 - b. Time to focus on recruiting new members
 - c. Junior shooting sports/ Eddie Eagle/ NRA
 - d. Membership: we are currently at 23 members, new dual member Robin Glidden, payments for 2024-25 underway.
- **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 2nd flag retirement ceremony: unofficial chair – Jim M.; Mike V. got burn permit, good for 1 year, use fire pit at Hall, hold 1st held on Flag Day, 14 June and 2nd date planned for Saturday December 7th, Pearl Harbor Day.
- **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, possible sale without repair pending, trash. Commander Jared moved it to storage.
- **SAL orders:** hat for Robin Goudy: 7-3/8's and Robbie Glidden: 7-1/4.
- **Legion Information:** By Commander Kay; Plan to install a drop-down screen and projector. Consider Bennington High School away football game viewing events. Hail damaged roof, replacement pending.
- **New Business**
- **Liaison Update:** fireworks sales limited by days of week, only 1 weekend included; SAL worked 16% of hours, allotment: \$3,842.12. Legion and SAL state convention June 21-23 at Kearney Holiday Inn attended by SAL adjutant, note resolutions below; some need squadron actions. Legion Baseball begun, expect Honor Guard requests. Also, included baseball team raffle with fireworks sales for 2nd yr.
- **Social Media:** Alex absent, 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), paid.
 - VA&R** (Veterans Affairs & rehabilitation) Operation Comfort Warrior; \$400 donation from Easter Event fund raiser; payment paid.
 - Americanism**, no Boys State nominations; alternate way to meet requirement; donate \$100 to Detachment; payment pending.
 - National Security**, donated \$50 to St. Johns Church for hosting their blood drive), paid
 - NE SAL Commander's Project:** donate \$100 to Gifts for Yanks; paid.
- **BHS Awards:** \$500 BHS college scholarship each to Nolan Walsh and Tristen Buhman. Payment once enrollment documented.
- **Motions made during meeting:**
 1. **Subject:** donate \$350 to NE VA Vets Get Pets
 - Motion:** by Jared W.
 - 2nd: by Jim M.; passed.
 2. **Subject:** spent only \$14 of \$200 fireworks support set aside approved by squadron executive committee
 3. **Subject:** T-shirt/polo so Legion and SAL are uniformly dressed; coordinate with Legion on specifics, design: suggest Post 266 on front and Legion family logos on back which resemble baseball diamond with SAL on 1st, Legion on 2nd, Auxiliary on 3rd, Riders on home; if proposal agreed to, then SAL will fund purchase 2-4X, 2-3X, 10-2X, 4-XL, 5-Lge.
 - Motion:** by Robin Goudy to discuss with Legion
 - 2nd: by Jim M.; passed.
- **SAL Detachment Convention Resolutions:** Review Squadron Constitution for possible updates:
 - DC-2-24: amend SAL Constitution membership dates in Article IV Section 1 to match National SAL dates of April 6, 1917 through November 11, 1918 and anytime from December 7, 1941 to present.
 - DC-4-24: establish "Adopt A Veteran" program in Article III Section 17 where squadrons adopt a senior housing or veterans' home to provide family type comfort to veterans living there; suggested activities

include friendly visits, sending birthday and holiday cards, small gifts and if appropriate, financial support.

- **Open Door Mission Idea:** get involved to connect Vets to VSO for VA benefits; set SAL volunteers on monthly basis such as 3rd Saturday serve thrift store; make regular dollar donations.
- **SAL'oween:** Date / Time: 26 October, 6 – 9 pm; Alex B. and Geoff G. are co-chairs; \$1,000 budget, plan costume contest for 12 yr. olds and under with 3 prizes: gift cards, movie passes, etc.; Rick Reed to set up movie screen and projector; plan games; pumpkin decorating: markers, stickers; spent \$1/pumpkin last year; outreach to auto clubs, fire and police departments for vehicles; close street.
- **Coming Events: Homecoming** six members met new Family leaders: Legion Department Commander – Boyd Yochum, TAL National Executive Committeemen – James Costello; TAL Alternate NEC – John Henry Pearecy, SAL Detachment Commander – Eldon Kramer, SAL Senior Vice-commander – Todd Cabela, SAL East Area V-C – Chad Weiss, SAL West Area V-C – Chris Evesch, SAL National Executive Committeeman – Dave Rippe, SAL Alternate DEC -George Civic, ALA President – Amanda Washburn. Saturday August 10th at Yutan Veterans Club.

Millard Days Parade: Millard Post walked in Bennington parade and asked us to join in theirs on August 24th, route: L St. 144th to 132nd then down Millard Ave. to Hobby Lobby; additional details forthcoming.

- Closing prayer given by Chaplin Brian G.
- Assistant Sgt.-At-Arms Jim M. retired the POW-MIA chair cover
- Hand salute to the flag
- Meeting adjourned