

Bennington SAL SQUADRON 266 | MINUTES

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

Officers Present: Commander Jared Weinman, Sargent-at-Arms Mike Valasek, Adjutant Les Brauer, Finance Officer Geoff Getzschman, Historian Alex Banks

Absent:, Legion Liaison Glen Turner, Chaplin Brian Gernandt

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 Mark Goodrich
- 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 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 Geoff Getzschman
 - b. **2nd** by Jim Musel; Passed
- **Finance report:**
 - a. **Motion** to approve July report by Alex Banks
 - b. **2nd** by Mark Goodrich; Passed
- **Old/Unfinished business:**
 - a. **CSR Report:** Jim M.-24 hrs., Alex B.-12 hrs., Mike V.-12.5 hrs; Rich R. -15hrs.+ blood donation, Mark G. -24, Brian G. -0.
ADMIN HOURS- Jared W.-3 hrs+ issued Legion coin., Les B. 3 hrs. and Geoff G. 1 hr., Robin-2hrs. Flag line.
 - b. Time to focus on recruiting new members
 - c. Junior shooting sports/ Eddie Eagle/ NRA
 - d. Membership: we are currently at 22 members, 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.; held on Flag Day, Friday 14 June at 6pm. Mike V. got burn permit, good for 1 year, used fire pit at Hall, 2nd date suggested as 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, sell without repair, trash. Commander Jared moved it to storage.
- **SAL orders:** hat for Robin Goudy: 7-3/8's
- **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. 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 continues to add updates to SAL Facebook page.
- **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.
- **SAL 266 Officer Election:** held at June 13th meeting; offices: Commander-Jared W., Vice Commander-Jim M., Adjutant-Les B., Finance Officer-Geoff G., Sargent-at-Arms-Mike V., Chaplin-Brian G., Historian-Alex B. Installation at July meeting.
- **Dagan Paige raffle/fundraiser:** Dagan was a Marine killed as troops evacuated Afghanistan; \$50, paid.
- **Motions made during meeting:**
 1. **Subject:** SAL'oween large blow-up
 - Motion:** by Goeff G. to spend \$100,
 - 2nd : by Mark G.; passed.
 2. **Subject:** set aside \$200 for fireworks support; approved 6-25 by squadron executive committee
- **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-3-24: amend SAL Bylaws Article III Section 1 on Standing Committees to remove restriction of Detachment Executive Committee's inability to serve on standing committees; i.e., they may now serve.
 - 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.

- **SAL'oween:** Date / Time: 26 October, 6 – 9 pm; Alex B. and Geoff G. are co-chairs
- **Coming Events: Homecoming** to meet 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, 18581 Yutan Rd. Yutan 68073; 5 pm Social, 6 pm Dinner, \$25/person if paid by August 2nd, \$35 thereafter. Send checks payable to Boyd, mail to him at: 2909 Kel Del Dr. Ashland, 68003. Indicate you are an SAL member and if you are bring a guest.

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.

Morris Bluff Legion Chicken Feed: 11 August, 2024

- Closing prayer given by Mark Goodrich
- Sgt.-At-Arms Mike V. retired the POW-MIA chair cover
- Hand salute to the flag
- Meeting adjourned