

# Bennington SAL SQUADRON 266 | MINUTES

Meeting date: 9 May, 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:** Chaplin Brian Gernandt, 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 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 April meeting minutes
  - a. **Motion** to approve by Geoff Getzschman
  - b. **2<sup>nd</sup>** by Jim Musel; Passed
- **Finance report:**
  - a. **Motion** to approve May report by Mike Valasek
  - b. **2<sup>nd</sup>** by Alex Banks; Passed
- **Old/Unfinished business:**
  - a. **CSR Report:** Jim M.-64 hrs., Alex B.-8 hrs., Mike V.-60 hrs; Rich R. -40, Mark G. -2, no blood donations  
ADMIN HOURS- Jared W.-12 hrs., 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 20 members, 20 paid, 100%
- **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 at 6pm. Mike V. to file burn permit, good for 1 year, for fire pit at Hall or contact fire department to use their station's burn area. Confirm details at June 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:** Hosted soup supper 2 May, raised \$2950 for tornado relief and plan to reschedule Donut Dollies to fall. SAL donated \$75 for 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.
- **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: short sleeve white shirt, 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, demonstration show 8 June, new POS registers purchased, sales begin 25 June, sign-up to volunteer on Legion web site. Legion and SAL state convention June 21-23 at Kearney Holiday Inn. Legion Baseball begun, expect Honor Guard requests.
- **Social Media:** Alex proposed \$2 bumper stickers to promote squadron, showed a sample, will provide others at June meeting.
- **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; Motion by Rick Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Goodrich to donate \$400 from Easter Event fund raiser; passed, payment pending.
- **Americanism**, no Boys State nominations; alternate way to meet requirement; donate to Detachment \$100; approved as part of VA&R motion above, 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 college scholarship each to Nolan Walsh and Tristen Buhman; present award certificate 28 April at BHS program. Payment once enrollment documented.
- **SAL 266 Officer Nominations:** nominations for all offices announced at May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting; election at June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting; offices: Commander-Jared W., Vice Commander-Jim M., Adjutant-Les B., Finance Officer-Geoff G., Sargent-at-Arms-Mike V., Chaplin, Historian-Alex B.
- **Consolidated Squadron Report:** due June 1<sup>st</sup> for activities from June 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 to May 31<sup>st</sup> 2024
- **Motions made during meeting:**
  1. **Subject:** wrist bands to hand out to children during parade
    - Motion:** by Geoff G. to spend up to \$200 for bands
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> :** by Mike V, Alex agreed to acquire; passed
- Closing prayer given by Mark Goodrich
- Sgt.-At-Arms Mike V. retired the POW-MIA chair cover
- Hand salute to the flag
- Meeting adjourned