



American Legion Post 129  
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**Minutes General Membership Meeting**  
**May 6, 2021**

- Commander Maichle opened the meeting @ 1902.
- Opening prayer by Chaplain Bob Schmidt.
- POW/MIA Remembrance
- Pledge of Allegiance
- American Legion Preamble
- Adjutant Kirkwood conducted Roll Call/confirmed a quorum.
- Commander Maichle recognized Past Post Commanders, District and Department Officers.
- Commander Maichle announced that the minutes of the General Assembly Meetings are posted on the website. MM2 approved.
- Adjutant Kirkwood read minutes from Executive Board (5-6-2021); minutes approved.
- Finance Officer Wineland presented financial report; MM2 subject to audit.
  - Queens of Diamonds Account: \$309,894.00
  - Legion P&L: Net \$30,711.00
  - Canteen: \$95,794.00
  - Riders: \$16,318.00
  - Total Assets: \$1,026,561.54
- Commander Maichle requested all members/guests to join in the Main Hall for Draping of the Charter: Comrade Grace Wowzynski and Randell.

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- Riders Director Sue Nist thanked the Post for their continued support. Riders rode over 70,796 miles, donated over \$16,564 and 9,800 hours. Unity Ride generated over \$7,000 in donations.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- New members approved: Stuart Anderson (USN), Barry Buerkle (USA), Alession Castalp (USN), Christopher Hand (USA), Karl Ellis (USMC), Christopher Hopkins (USN), Franklin Cook (USN), Christopher McClurg (USA), James Fallon (USN), Carol Wamble (USA), Francis Kempster (USN), Nick Atelervich (USAF), Lynee Gloger (USA), Paul Halter (USN).
- Transfers: Dominick Porto (Post 316), Curt Chaffinch (Post 400), Edward Allen (Post 316). William Walsh (Post 400), and Robert Wilson (Post WV).
- House Committee minutes read by Jim Wineland. House Committee recommended the following expenditures:
  - A/C modify duck work for Auxiliary Meeting Room and offices \$1,050.00 MM2.
  - Canvas awnings over North and South double doors \$4,295. MM2.
  - Purchase four (4) raffle ticket machines for Queen of Diamonds \$10,937.00. MM2. Additionally, custom artwork on the tickets to prevent fraud \$560.00. MM2. Tickets are \$14 per roll along with a \$120 set-up fee. MM2.
  - Purchase of new PA system for the Post; \$9,631.00. MM2.
  - Other topics that are being considered: 10% of the Queen of Diamonds be awarded to local charities. Canteen Manager's door needs to be painted; Virtual shooting game procurement, advertising the Post activities in the Beaches Leader and Ponte Vedra Recorder, and looking at extending southside patio (liquor license issues, etc.).
  - Beaches Honor Guard looking for new members.
  - Delegates from the Post to attend the July Conference in Orlando, Florida approved for \$500 (each) expenses. Delegates approved are: Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Chaplain, SAL Commander, and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander.
  - Department Baseball Chairman Phillips talked about new web page, State Tournament in July and requested \$300 for ball field maintenance,

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support of the event; donation modified to \$1,000. MM2

➤ **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Signs mounted on Mavis Building.
- April E-Board approved re-surfacing of the Post parking lot not to exceed \$30,000 – Duval Asphalt was selected at a cost of \$26,596.50.

• **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Discussion about “tweaking” the Queen of Diamond rules to include selling tickets on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday along with Saturday night. Procurement of ticket machines will allow all members to purchase Queen of Diamond’s tickets during Post hours. Tickets will be \$1 for one and \$5 for six. Once the 70% payout reaches \$30,000.00, tickets will go to \$5 each or \$25 for six! No limit on the number of tickets that can be purchased. Must be 21 years of age to participate and have a current membership card from either the Legion, Auxiliary or SAL. If you are present for the drawing and your ticket is pulled; win \$50 versus previous \$25.00. If the Queen of Diamonds is picked, member will win 70% of the pot (do not need to be present). Name and phone number needs to be written on the ticket. All additional queens drawn will be awarded 10% of the current pot. NOTE: If the winner is invalid due to non-membership and/or invalid ticket, prize money will roll-over to the next drawing. Jokers are now worth \$250 versus \$100. Only one (1) IRS Form 1099 will be issued. Each drawing will be conducted on Saturday @ 7:00 p.m. Thirty (30) percent of the pot will be allocated (10% will start the next pot; 10% to the second pot, and 10% to the Post Building Fund). See flyer on the website/posted at the Post.
- Post Constitution and By-Laws approved by Department of Florida. House Committee working on employee(s)/post elected officer’s implementation of background checks, bonding, etc.
- Department 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Jerry Brandt proposed the Post

donate

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- \$5,000 to Post 33 (Pensacola, Florida) to help pay for their IRS back taxes. Much discussion regarding the donation and how the monies are to be issued; Comrade Brandt stated Western Area Commander will oversee and Post 129 Finance Officer will coordinate with Post 33 Finance Officer to issue the check to IRS.
- Commander Maichle discussed proposal to provide lunch for Fire/Police during the upcoming Memorial Day weekend. Meals not to exceed \$700. MM2.
- Comrade Brandt requested Post look into contributing to the local Garden Parke via a statue representing those lost during Global War on Terrorism; Post Adjutant nominated to research.
- Commander Maichle addressed an email from Leny Jevick (Beaches Veterans Memorial Park) asking for donations to cover the cost of signs \$350. MM2.
- Wells Fargo gave a presentation (Craig McPherson) on how to invest Post monies. Note: Not FDIC or Federal Government Agency protected. Topic tabled.

**Committee Reports**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Taylor – not present.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Stickles – No report.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Dave Tarnowski – no report.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Commander Rick Miller – no report.
- SSA Durden – no report.
- Service Officer Rodriguez – Five (5) contacts/death benefit packages
- Judge Advocate Durden – no report.
- Chaplain Hancher – excused.
- Legion Riders – report posted.
- Legion Baseball – Working on team togetherness.
- Boys State – \$504 for transportation. MM2.
- Historian Tarnowski – no report.

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Post Officer nominations for 2021-2022: Final round of nominations from the floor:

- Commander – Joe Maichle (accepted nomination).
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Dave Tarnowski (accepted nomination).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Terry Stickles (accepted nomination).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander – Ray Shires (accepted nomination).
- 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Commander – Rick Miller (accepted nomination).
- Finance Officer – Jim Wineland (accepted nomination).
- Sgt-at-Arms – Ricky West (accepted nomination).
- Chaplain – Brian Hancher (accepted nomination).
- Executive Board: Lee Fair (accepted), Chuck Nist (accepted), Paul Vaccaro (accepted), Ray Shires (accepted), Fred St. Clair (accepted), Ed Dellapenna (accepted).
- ***Elections at the Post will be conducted on May 16<sup>th</sup>, from 1230-1700.***

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Adjutant received the following reports: Finance, Riders.

- Closing prayer by Chaplain Bob Schmidt.
- With no new business to come before the membership for the good of the Legion, Commander Maichle wished everyone to be safe and closed the meeting in due order @ 2045.

Submitted:

Sonny Kirkwood  
Adjutant

Approved:

Joe Maichle  
Commander

Note: MM2 (Motion made and seconded)

