



American Legion  
Alpharetta Post 201, Inc.

PO Box 314  
Alpharetta, GA 30009

## MINUTES

### General Meeting – February 21, 2017

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 7 PM in the main hall of Post 201 by *Commander Dennis Turner*. The colors were presented by the Centennial High School Army JROTC Knights Battalion color guard and prayer was offered by *Chaplain Past Commander Martha Conway*. All officers and Executive Committee members were present except *PPC Bob Byrd*, *Sr VC Bob Shafer*, *Sgt at Arms Mark Sharples* and *Exec. Comm. Member Ed Holben* who were excused.

The minutes of the January 2017 Executive Committee and regular meetings were approved.

#### REPORTS

Membership – *Membership Chair Tom Billings* reported that membership stood at 723 which is 87% of our goal of 830. He presented six new members and five transfers for membership. All were approved unanimously.

Finance – *Finance Officer Fred Swyters* reported that account balances as of January 31, 2017 were as follows:

<i>Club House account</i>	<i>\$3,940.00</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>\$25,425.00</i>
<i>Bingo</i>	<i>4,195.00</i>	<i>Baseball</i>	<i>9,240.00</i>
<i>Walk of Memories</i>	<i>5,666.00</i>	<i>Cash on Hand</i>	<i>6,700.00</i>
<i>TOTAL \$55,166.00</i>			

The Finance officer noted that we had expenses pending for our ASCAP licensing fees and insurance renewal. He said that the New Year's party grossed \$9200 and the net was \$4800.

Baseball – *Commander Turner* reported that this year's 225 game season has successfully started.

Bingo – *Executive Committee chair Jay Coleman* gave an overview of a meeting held earlier tonight which looked at the number of games, payouts, possibly marketing to retirement communities, updated equipment, etc. He said that bingo still brings in \$26-K a year in much needed revenue. Volunteers are desperately needed.

Children & Youth – *Jr VC Lisa Dernovich* told of plans to bring various local youth orchestras and ensembles to the Post for performances on Memorial Day and July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Scouting – *No report*

Boys State – *No report*

House Committee – *No report*

Food Chair – *Food chair Winston Brunn* gave kudos to ALA members *Shelda Cooper* and *Tania Potter* for tonight's meal.

Walk of Memories - *Judge Advocate Charles Turner* said the "Buy A Brick" program was alive and well. He then presented a capsule history of our proud Post.



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Old Soldiers Day – *Executive Committee chair Jay Coleman* said there would be an OSD meeting tomorrow (Feb. 21st) at 6:30 PM. An event chairperson is still needed for this year's program committee.

SAL Commander Derek Garmon - said that the SAL membership was at 66% of their 210 goal. He also talked about the recent passing of SAL Treasurer *Rick Gimpel* and the effect his loss will have on various activities. He also said that the SAL was sponsoring two candidates for Boys State as well as assisting with Girls State. The SAL is also a major contributor of staff for bingo.

#### Old Business

*JA Turner* talked again about the need for a defibrillator. He also said that the ALA and SAL have indicated they would assist with the cost.

#### New Business

*Commander Turner* talked briefly about our Post insurance and the challenges we face because of our loss record. He is working the issue.

#### Good of the Legion

*Former Service Officer Gil Bartman* talked about his personal experiences with recent changes/improvements at the local VA. He was impressed with the better speed and courtesy that he received.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM with prayer and honors to the National Colors.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Esker, Adjutant