

ALA meeting April 28, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 by President Lynott.

Sergeant of Arms confirmed a quorum is present

Sergeant at arms advanced the colors and prepared the POW chair.

Chaplain Marilyn opened the meeting with prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance: Samantha Dowhower, Sharon Lynott, Cathy Kissinger, Danielle Maneval, Marilyn Short, Emily Clark, Barb McCullough, Debbie Vaughn, Cristy Weigel, Marty Beth Durst, Deb Santopietro, Carla Cook, Sandy Gibo, Ruth Jeannerat, Michelle Volz, Carol Forney, Laura Turns, Brittany Robinson, Trish Albrecht, Dolly Petrone, Patty Carnathan, Sandy Zimmerman, Belinda McCottry, Sheri Suskie, MaryAnn Gajar, Alicia Comrey, Andrea Rung, Michael Volz

Guests in attendance: Alicia Comrey

New Members in attendance: Deb Santopietro, Mike Volz, Michele Volz, Trish Albrecht, Dolly Petrone,

Secretary Report:

- Minutes are emailed monthly, no corrections needed to March minutes
- Barb made motion to accept, 2nd by Danielle. Motion passed.

Treasurer:

- Legion owes us membership money
- Book always available for review
- Don't Forget the AEF Cups, please donate
- Maryann made motion to accept, 2nd by Cathy – motion passed

Donation Request:

- Central Vice President Booklet Ad
 - Half Page ad \$30
 - Board Approved

2nd Vice (read by Tammy):

- Thank you from Kaitlyn Smiles for donation
- Thank you from Caleb Weigle for donation last month
- Thank you from VA for lunch we sent money for

1st Vice:

- Home Association is to pay the ALA, SAL and ALR back dues for memberships paid at the bar
- Nicki Valle is the new GM and she started April 22nd
- Mike Volz is working on an Employee handbook
- Adding 2 more handicap spaces by the small dining room entrance

1st Vice (continued):

- Garage Doors were tinted
- See attachment for more post news 😊

President

- Military Share is 5/18/24. Please let us know if there are any veterans or their families in need
- June 9th is Flag Round Up and Chili Cook Off at Department in Wormleysburg. Cmdr. Adrienne is entering the cook off so come vote and tour the ALA office.
- Tri County raising the cost to \$15 a person was incorrect. They decided to raise the Tri County portion to \$150 from \$100
- If you are a caregiver of a veteran spouse, you can claim 10 hours a week on your volunteer logs. Please make sure you are handing in your logs at least quarterly and for ANY volunteer work.

Membership:

- 112% for the year, 785 paid members
- 159 new members and 23 JRs.
- 109 unpaid members from last year

Jr ALA:

- No meeting this month.
- 6 of them went to department convention and 3 of our girls stepped up for officer positions.
- Did the Military Child Table Ceremony, Flag ceremony for the Department President
- Will need donation for bake sale for the yard sale on 5/11 and a BBQ to be determined.
 - You can drop off donations the night before or morning of the Yard Sale

Poppy Fund:

- \$380 raised so far
- Signs around the bar are selling well and we are adding a spot if currently serving on poster

Sunshine:

- Sent a sympathy card to the family of Joyce Legenos
- Thinking of you card to Bev Baily.

Keystone Girls:

- The 1 girl we had is no longer able to go. Please let us know if you have any applicants.

Yard Sale:

- Next Yard Sale is 5/11
- This will be Amanda's last time chairing the yard sale committee, we will need someone to step up and handle the 2 yard sales we do every year. These are big money makers for the ALA. Barb is stepping up to do the Fall Yard Sales but she isn't here for the spring so we will need someone to handle that.
- 30 spots reserved for May

Old Business:

- Honor Guard is still in need of members, especially if you can help during the week days. You do **NOT** need to be a veteran and if you attend at least 5 functions, they will pay for your membership and supply your uniform
- Still have T-shirts if you ordered, plus we have some extra. If you would like one, cash or check made out to Sharon Lynott only please. We can also order if we don't have your style or size available.
- Memorial Day Parade Meeting will be starting soon
 - responsible for decorating speakers stand, registering participants, directing them to their respective staging areas, keeping the list for the announcer accurate (as possible), walking in the parade, handing out candy, dog biscuits and poppies, helping the Sons hand out hot dogs and drinks at the end

New Business:

- Need someone to step up for Spring Yard Sale for 2025
- Need to know who is going to convention. We are allowed 8 delegates this year. July 25-27th at the Red Lion Inn
- Haven't heard anything about the plan for placement of flags on cemeteries. We will send an email when we do

BINGO Proceed:

- May 7th – MS Foundation
- June 4th – Vickie's Angel Foundation
- July 2nd – For the Love of Vets
- July 30th – CD Nutripacks
- Sept 3rd – Tata Rebels

****Please make sure you are handing in your volunteer hour sheets at least quarterly. ****

Next meeting is May 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Legionnaires, ALA, SAL, Riders and Social Members:

We make every effort to ensure ALL of our patrons feel comfortable and welcome in our Post. We simply ask that you respect the rules and dress accordingly. (In the event a patron comes in wearing a tank top, halter top, tube top, etc., we do have shirts available that we offer to be worn while in the club.) While the overwhelming majority has no problem with our modest dress code, some have gone so far as to threaten to drop their membership, or stop patronizing the Canteen because of it.

The American Legion is the nation's largest veteran service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

If your membership is rooted solely upon being able to wear *whatever* you want, *whenever* you want, then The American Legion is not for you.

Thank you for supporting Post 272,
Commander Adrienne