

ALA meeting 8/24/24

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 by 1st President Lynott.

Sergeant of Arms confirmed a quorum is present

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

Meeting opened with Pledge of the Allegiance, singing of the national anthem and followed by a prayer by Chaplain Marilyn.

Those in attendance: Sharon Lynott, Melissa Gebhard, Tammy Fleisher, Emily Clark, Barb McCullough, Marilyn Short, Cathy Kissinger, Cristy Weigel, Mary Beth Durst, Sandy Gibo, Patty Carnathan, Michele Darrah, MaryAnn Gajar, Dori Hoover, Carol Forney, Laura Turns, Carla Cook

Guests in attendance:

- Maura Campbell and Emma Burd

Secretary Report:

- Minute emailed monthly, no corrections needed to June minutes
- Motion by Barb, 2nd by Patty, motion passed

Treasurer Report:

- Report handed out with balances
- Book is always available if you have questions
- July 31st was end of Fiscal year, August 1st started a new year
- Cathy made motion to accept, Dori 2nd - motion passed

Donation requests:

- Big Spring High School
 - Asking for sponsorship for cross country event for all local high schools
 - Motion denied
- Eagle Scout (son of current member)
 - Needs donation for patio construction for a flag Pole @ Hagy Park
 - Tammy made motion for \$100, Emily 2nd – motion passed
- VA Santa Fund
 - \$300 motion made by Barb, Tammy 2nd – motion passed
- Central PA Foodbank
 - Last donation was a year ago
 - \$500 motion made by Marilyn, 2nd by Emily - motion passed

2nd Vice:

- Thank you note from Vickie's Angel Walk for our \$300 donation
- Caley Fincher for the Outstanding Student Award
- Nutripack for our \$675 donation from Bingo Night

1st Vice:

- Home Association donation to the Legion in June was \$14,094, July's donation was \$18,569.73. The reason the donations are less, the Home Assn is keeping the Skill Games money to pay off the debt to the Legion and SAL, ALA, ALR memberships that were paid in the canteen. The ALA will be paid \$1,090 which will catch us up.
- Originally, the Home Assn. was going to have a \$200 Uber account set up for patrons that are too intoxicated to drive, but they found \$100 that someone donated and decided to table this for now.
- If you came to Members Appreciation, you would have seen the new shirts that the Home Assn. is selling for \$25. If you would like to purchase one, see a bartender.
- As of August 8th, the social membership was at 6.
- Discussion on having a band in the banquet room on a Friday night. The canteen would still be open, but non-smoking.
- Beer coolers have been repaired.
- Relooking at bids for a new cleaning company
- They are to update the website (www.post272.com)
- Legion is doing buddy check calls
- We have a new "used" pool table
- No Post meeting this month due to Installation of Officers

President

- We received two awards at Installation from Department. One is for attaining Membership, the other for Unit Activities and we received a \$20 check for Americanism.
- Received the Obligation Form from Department
- Pres. Tracie's theme this year is "There is no "I" IRRRRGGHH in TEAM (Pirate)
- Fall Conference is September 27th and 28th at the Red Lion Hotel. Schedule of events on the tables if interested.
- Golf Tournament in Memory of Skip Carnes on Sept. 7th
- POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony Sept. 20th at 10 am Soldiers Grove
- Legion College is Oct. 26th Mountain View Middle School, Mechanicsburg
- Tri County is October 12th in Mechanicsburg, if you are interested in going, please let us know.
- Thank you to all who came out to help with Night Out for Safety and Members' Appreciation Day. Special thanks to the Juniors that came out and helped.
- Installation was Tuesday, August 20th. Julia Maldonado, District President, installed both the Junior ALA officers and Senior officers. All officers are the same as last year.
- Military Share, Sept. 21st, if you know a Veteran or Veteran's family in need have them sign up with Dwayne Hoover, Service Officer. Military Share has now included military pet food. When making donations to the Food Bank earmark Military Share or Military Share Pet Food.
- Gold Star Mothers' Football Game is Sept. 13th. I haven't gotten anything in writing but they usually meet at 4:45 at CD Middle School Cafeteria. Around 6:20 GSM and all head to the stadium. They try to have a section for us, our Honor Guard and last year we were asked to go on the field. At half time, we go on the field again.
- Sept. 20th POW/MIA Remembrance Day, 10 am Soldiers Field. We would like to have a good showing for the ALA.
- Sept. 22nd is the TaTa Rebels Bingo. Tickets are at the Canteen Bar.

- Paint night is Sept. 25th at 6:30. \$35 per painter payable to either Sharon (cash or check) or Brenda Albert (Paypal, Venmo)
- We had a total of 3,346 volunteer hours, total miles driven 3,713, donations to Veterans \$1,676 various charities \$5,986 last year. Please report your hours, mileage, donations so we can account for our volunteerism.

Keystone Girls State

- Maura Campbell and Emma Burd will be going to Girls Nation in DC
- Simulated state government
- Try to get out information to Schools to be able to promote

JR ALA:

- Summer break is over
- Installation of Officers was in August
- Bake sale at the yard sale
 - Will need donations

Poppy Fund:

- Thinking of doing Christmas Tree with ornaments with names
- Carla has done amazing, We owe her a lot!

Sunshine:

Children's Halloween:

- October 25th 6pm -8pm
- Having Pizza this year from the Son's and Riders are providing drinks

Breakfast with Santa:

Membership:

- 150 paid members for 2025
- Goal is 818 members
- Membership Sign up in Canteen will start
- September 1st – new members will get rest of the year free
- We were chosen to be pilot for new membership system.
- No credit cards at the bar anymore. You can pay with cash or check
- If you would like to pay with credit card, please pay online:
 - <https://www.legion-aux.org/renew>

Yard Sale: Emily and Barb

- October 6th
- Sign up in the books at the bar
- 25 spaces sold
- Kathy and Sam cooking

Veteran's Dinner: Marilyn

- September 16th @ 4pm
- Gary is going to do Pot Pie, salad and dessert
- **Need all the volunteers that are willing to come**
 - Set up starts at 3pm day of the event. Vets will be here between 4:30-5pm.
 - Would like people to sit and hang out with Vets.
 - If you have an ALA shirt, please wear that.

Old Business:

- Honor Guard is still in need of members. They only have a few that can be there during the week days. You do not have to be a Veteran and if you attend at least 5 Functions, they will pay for your membership and supply your uniform
- Tee Shirts – I have some extra and can still order if you would like one. Payment at time of pick up is expected cash or check please, check made out to Sharon. I can still order shirts if you want one.

New Business:

- Next year is our 100th year anniversary, we need to start planning something. We will need a committee. There are no weekends available in the banquet room for this event, so we need to decide if a Monday night or a Wednesday night would be better.
- Date for audit and budget meeting
- Date for Committee to go over the By-Laws and Standing Rules as there are some changes that need to be made.
- The Legion is wanting to make a new brochure for the Post. The name is "Why Am I a Member of the American Legion (Auxiliary)? Michelle Zandome would like your response to the question.

Upcoming Bingo Proceeds:

- Sept 3rd - TataRebels
- Oct 1st – CD Cheerleaders
- Oct 29th – Guitars for Vets
- Nov 19th – Meals for Vets

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

Next meeting is September 22.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.