



Hopewell Memorial Post 146, The American Legion
Summary of Previous Meetings

January 18, 2022 General Membership Meeting and
February 1, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting
February 5, 2022

The following is a summary of the January 18, 2022 General Membership and February 1, 2022 Executive Committee Meetings.

January 18, 2022 General Membership Meeting

1. Summaries of the December 21, 2021 General Membership and January 4, 2022 Executive Committee Meetings was provided for member review on the Post website and before the meeting. The meeting summary was approved as presented.

2. Officer Reports:

a. Membership (1st Vice):

- Candidates for membership in the Legion and Post 146 were: Michael Walton (USN), Brian Weber (USA), Joe Demby (USA), and Jason Smith (USA). Those transferring were: William Harris (USAF), Dennis Sullivan (USA), and Gary Arehart (USN).

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to accept the above listed candidates as members in the American Legion and Post 146.

- Post now stands at 88.9% of the renewal goal [328 completed renewals vs. the 369 target] which means we have 41 members yet to renew.

b. Americanism/ Children & Youth Programs (2nd Vice): No report, but the commander reminded the members that nominations for Boys and Girls State are now due.

Bingo/Gaming (3rd Vice): The total annual income from Bingo was \$425,427.20. As of December 7, 2021, the Post had donated \$40,363.77; \$2,179.98 short of the required 10% donation target established by the Charitable Gaming Commission. In view of the shortfall, \$2,500.00 was transferred from the Bingo account to the Bingo Restricted Account bringing the total donated to \$42,863.77 or 10.07% of Bingo's gross annual receipts, meeting the required target.

c. House Committee:

- Sanitizer: Temporary repairs are complete and the unit is working. Awaiting new parts to finalize the repair.

- Staffing: Staffing remains a problem. Looking for cooks. The NEED IS CRITICAL. Advertisements are running on the Post website.
 - Sewer pipe replacement: The committee consulted with General Contractor Donnie Barber about task of replacing the sewer pipe which services the Legion Hall. Repair work will take approximately two weeks to complete. The estimated the cost is approximately \$15,000. The committee will seek three bids as required by the Post By-Laws. Request the membership approve \$15,000 to fund this required repair.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to authorize \$15K to repair/replace the sewer line serving the Legion Hall. After some additional discussion the motion was amended and APPROVED to allow the Executive Committee to add additional \$1.5K if required.

- Liquor Lockers: Locker repair and upgrade is underway. Lockers were cleaned, repainted, and renumbered. We are awaiting new locks to complete the upgrade.
 - AV Service for Legion Hall: Committee is looking into providing remote access/virtual meetings via Zoom or Go-To-Meeting. Having this capability will not only benefit the Post membership, but also provide a virtual meeting service for civic and other groups using the Legion Hall.
 - 2022 Legacy Run Coordination Meeting: Coordination meeting for Post organizations and other groups involved in the 2022 AL Riders VA Legacy Run will meet on Monday, January 31st at 7:00 pm.
 - 4th District Meeting: The 4th District Leaders Meeting will be held at Legion Post 73 in Franklin, VA on Sunday, February 6th beginning with lunch at 12:30 pm. District meeting will begin promptly at 2:00 pm.
- Finance Officer: For EOM December - Total Income: \$63,749.10; Total Expenses: \$75,112.42 Net Income: -\$11,363.32 Account Balances: VTAB -\$11,001.80; BINGO - \$18,886.20; Restricted - \$6,746.49; General - \$19,825.80 [ATM/Kiosk Holdings: \$28,446.00]. The Edward Jones investment account stands at \$84, 596.
- d. Chaplain: Fortunately, the Post hasn't seen any deaths and only a few are sick. A Bible Study is scheduled for the 1st and 3d Mondays from 6 to 7 pm each month and will begin on February 7th. Additionally, the Four Chaplains and Post Everlasting Ceremony is scheduled for February 20th from 2-4 PM.
- e. Service Officer: No report
- f. Historian:
- February 1, 2003 - Sixteen minutes before it was scheduled to land, the **Space Shuttle Columbia broke apart in flight over west Texas**, killing all seven crew members.

- February 3, 1943 - An extraordinary act of heroism occurred in the icy waters off Greenland after the U.S. Army transport ship Dorchester was hit by a German torpedo and began to sink rapidly. When it became apparent there were not enough life jackets, **four U.S. Army chaplains** on board removed theirs, handed them to frightened young soldiers, and chose to go down with the ship while praying.
- February 15, 1898 - **U.S. Battleship Maine was blown up** while at anchor in Havana, Cuba and quickly sank with 260 crew members lost.

g. Judge Advocate: No report

h. Sgt.-at-Arms: thanked everyone for the good attendance and the commander thanked Mike for preparing and leading the Initiation Ceremony.

i. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Executives: No reports

3. Correspondence: None received

4. Old Business: (Cdr): None presented

5. New Business (Cdr): None presented

6. Good of the Legion (Cdr):

- Larry Nesbitt reminded everyone of upcoming Paralyzed Veterans Fishing Flea Market which will be held on Saturday, February 5th from 7 AM-2 PM. The commander praised effort and encouraged members to attend.
- The commander mentioned the planned refurbishment of the Veterans Monument at Washington Circle in Hopewell. The work is a joint effort of our Post, VFW Post 637 and the Wonder City Garden Club.
- 50/50 Drawing winner (Sgt.-at-Arms) Rocky LaPierre won \$12.50 in the 50/50 drawing.
- Progressive Attendance Drawing (Sgt.-at-Arms): The jackpot stood at \$160. The number drawn was for Legionnaire Lee Robertson. Legionnaire Robertson was not present, so the jackpot will be \$180 at the February 15, 2022 meeting.

January 4, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting

1. **Summary of Previous Meeting (Adj):** A Read-Ahead Packet which included a summary of the January 4, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting was provided to all committee members prior to the meeting. The January 4th meeting summary was reviewed and approved.

2. **Officer Reports -**
 - **Membership (1st Vice):** As of the Jan 31st, the Post stood at 91% of the LY 2022 target (369), with 33 members still to renew. Difficulties with posting renewal, transfers and new member information to the national database still continue .
 - **Americanism and Children & Youth (2nd Vice):** Working with Hopewell High School to identify three candidates for 2022 Boys State
 - **Bingo (3rd Vice):**

BINGO MONTHLY RECAP - JANUARY

Month	Gross Income	10% Rqmt.	Donations	Other Uses	Total Donations	Available for Donation
January	\$47,072.50	\$4,707.25	0	\$1,590.78	\$1,590.78	\$5,713.00
As of Jan 31	\$47,072.50	\$4,707.25	0	\$1,590.78	\$1,590.78	+/- Target -\$3,116.47

- Total Bingo revenue for January is average for the Post. After reserving sufficient funds to cover jackpot pay-outs and programmed supplies, \$5,713.00 is available for donations.

- **Post Finances (Fin Off):** For EOM January - Total Income: \$63,866.50; Total Expenses: \$64,087.14 Net Income: **-\$220.64** Account Balances: VTAB -\$9,050.55; BINGO - \$24,904.40; Restricted – \$6,746.49; General - \$20,618.20 [ATM/Kiosk Holdings: \$10,815.00]. The Edward Jones investment account stands at approximately \$83,000.00.

- **House Committee:** The committee has accomplished or is working on the following:
 - **Sewer Issues:** Awaiting on bids from three general contracting firms. General Membership approved not more than \$16k for the repair of the sewer pipe A review of possible payment methods indicated:
 1. Using Edward Jones assets would require the Post pay 6% interest over a 12-month maximum term. For a \$15k loan, the interest would be about \$492.00
 2. BB&T (TRIUST) Bank offers an unsecured business loan with 5.75% interest with varying term lengths. There is no penalty for early repayment. The Post would pay approximately \$1,367 in interest for a 36-month loan and about \$915 in interest for a 24-month loan.

- ACTION:** The committee asked the Adjutant and Finance Officer to continue researching possible providers. A motion was made, seconded and **APPROVED** to direct and authorize the Finance Officer to secure the best terms possible for a loan to pay for sewer repairs.
- **Staffing:** We recently hired two new bartender/servers. We are still looking for another cook.
 - **Liquor Locker Refurbishing:** Lockers painted, numbers in place and locks have been installed. Lockers are being rented to members. We will give the lockers a finish which will protect the surface and resist finger marks, scrapes, etc.
 - **Legion Hall IT Services:** We have ordered equipment which will allow us to stream meetings and events using software such as "Go to Meeting" and "Zoom". Not only will this benefit Post organizations, it will provide an additional service for those holding meetings in the Hall.
 - **Greek Night:** We are planning a special Greek Night for Friday, March 25th. Helen Robb is lead cook.
 - **Service Officer:** No report
 - **Chaplain:**
 - Wake for **Lewis Bartell** was held at the Post. **Megan Schummer** is doing well. Reported that she finished the recent school semester on the Dean's List.
 - **Bible Study** is scheduled to begin Feb 7th at 6:00 pm
 - **Historian: Special dates/events:**
 - February 1, 2003 - Sixteen minutes before it was scheduled to land, **the Space Shuttle Columbia** broke apart in flight over west Texas, killing all seven crew members
 - February 2, 1848 - The **war between the U.S. and Mexico ended** with the signing of the **Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo**. In exchange for \$15 million, the U.S. acquired the areas encompassing parts or all of present-day California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Texas.
 - February 3, 1943 - An extraordinary act of heroism occurred in the icy waters off Greenland after the **U.S. Army Transport Ship Dorchester** was hit by a German torpedo and began to sink rapidly. When it became apparent there were not enough life jackets, **four U.S. Army chaplains on board removed their life jackets, handed them to frightened young soldiers, and chose to go down with the ship while praying.**
 - February 12, 1809 - **Abraham Lincoln**, the 16th U.S. President, was born in Hardin County, Kentucky. He led the nation through the tumultuous Civil



War, freed the slaves, composed the Gettysburg Address, and established Thanksgiving.

- February 15, 1898 - In Havana, the **U.S. Battleship Maine was blown up** while at anchor and quickly sank with 260 crew members lost. The incident inflamed public opinion in the U.S., resulting in a declaration of war against Spain on April 25, 1898, amid cries of "Remember the Maine!".
- February 20, 1962 - **Astronaut John Glenn** became the first American launched into orbit. Traveling aboard the "Friendship 7" spacecraft, Glenn reached an altitude of 162 miles (260 kilometers) and completed three orbits in a flight lasting just under five hours.
- February 22, 1732 - **George Washington, the first president of the United States**, was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia. He was first appointed commander of the Continental Army during the American Revolution (1775), then unanimously elected president of the Constitutional Convention (1787).
- Sergeant-at-Arms: Quarterly Initiation Ceremony was conducted at the January 18th.
- Judge Advocate:
 - Special Lunch and Learn sessions focusing on money management are scheduled for Feb 23rd [Trust vs. Will]; Mar 16th [Reducing Taxes]; and Apr 20th [Pay on Death/ Transfer on Death]. Sessions begin at noon.
 - Contacted the National Museum of the US Marine Corps requesting tour reservations for either March 22nd (Tuesday) or March 23rd (Wednesday). Post will use executive quality tour buses, EMT and nurse will accompany the group. Reservations are \$10/person.
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year Executives: Larry Nesbitt (2ndYr Executive) raised the possibility of using Ancestry.com to obtain military service history/verification for those seeking membership when a DD214 or other documentation wasn't available. Adjutant reported that some military documentation is available through Ancestry's "Fold3" option. Fold3 is operated by ProQuest. ProQuest was contacted and it was learned that the Post qualifies for use of the Fold3 'Library Edition' which is designed for researchers. We should hear from ProQuest over the next few days concerning cost and access instructions for using Fold3.



ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to allocate/spend no more than \$300 to subscribe to and use Fold3 services. Post Adjutant will follow-up this action.

3. Correspondence: Donation 'Thank You' letters received from Crater Community Hospice, Army Women's Museum Association, Virginia War Memorial Foundation, West End Christian School [*donation in recognition of their volunteer efforts in support of*

Veterans Day ceremonies], and American Legion Nation Headquarters [*donation to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund from the 2021 Virginia Legacy Run*].

4. Donation Requests (Donation Coordinator):

a. American Legion Post 136, Ettrick, VA requested an unspecified donation to help meet operating expenses and repair the post's roof. Discussion revealed that the Post had appealed to a number of organizations throughout the area for donations. Multiple letters from the Post 136 Finance Officer detailed the Post's financial woes and dwindling membership. Committee members noted that at no time was any mention made of efforts to raise fund through special events nor were and plans described concerning how the Post intended to move forward and improve their financial status.

ACTION: In view of the lack of any plan to either address or improve the Post's financial posture, the committee chose to take no action on this request.

b. The committee also reviewed the 1st Quarter of the CY 2022 Donation Plan (Encl 1) to determine what, if any, donations might be appropriate this early in the calendar year.

ACTIONS:

- 1) The committee elected to honor the commitment to join the SAL and ALA to fund a monthly luncheon for the residents of Brighter Living Senior Living Center.
- 2) A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to transfer \$2,500.00 from the Bingo Account to the Bingo Restricted Account.

5. Old Business:

One of the priority objectives/actions identified in the recent strategic planning session was to "Upgrade the entry way to the Club Room". Larry Gammon (Service Officer) volunteered to research possible solutions and present recommendations to the committee. A design and cost proposal from Roberts Awning is attached at Encl 2. The awning is aluminum, running from a minimum of 5 ft to 15 ft wide and is supported by six posts. The entire awning and posts are white. Total installed cost is \$9,945.59.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to recommend the General Membership approve the purchase and installation of the proposed awning.

6. New Business: None presented

7. Good of the Legion:

a. The Commander reported that Clyde Powers (3rd Yr Executive) has resigned because of ill health. The Commander then recommended the following actions to complete the remainder of the 3rd Yr Executive term.

1. Move Mark Mauger (current 3rd Vice Cdr) to fill the unexpired 3rd Yr Executive position term
2. Appoint John Owens to fill the 3rd Vice Cdr position until the end of the Legion year

ACTION: The Committee APPROVED appointment of Mark Mauger to the 3rd Yr Executive Position and John Owens to fill the 3rd Vice Cdr position.

b. Paralyzed Veterans Fishing Flea Market scheduled for Saturday, Feb 5th.


c. 4th District Leaders Meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb 6th at Post 73 in Franklin.

d. Planning for the 2022 Virginia Legacy Run began on Jan 31st. Our Post will host the opening of the Run. More than 200 motorcycles will probably be involved. We will provide dinner on Thursday, June 23rd and breakfast on Friday, June 24th as the Post's contribution to this year's Run.

8. Closing: Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm

⇒NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 – 7:00 pm

Official Summary of the Meeting/Conduct of Business is attested by the undersigned.



Robert H. Brown, Jr., Adjutant

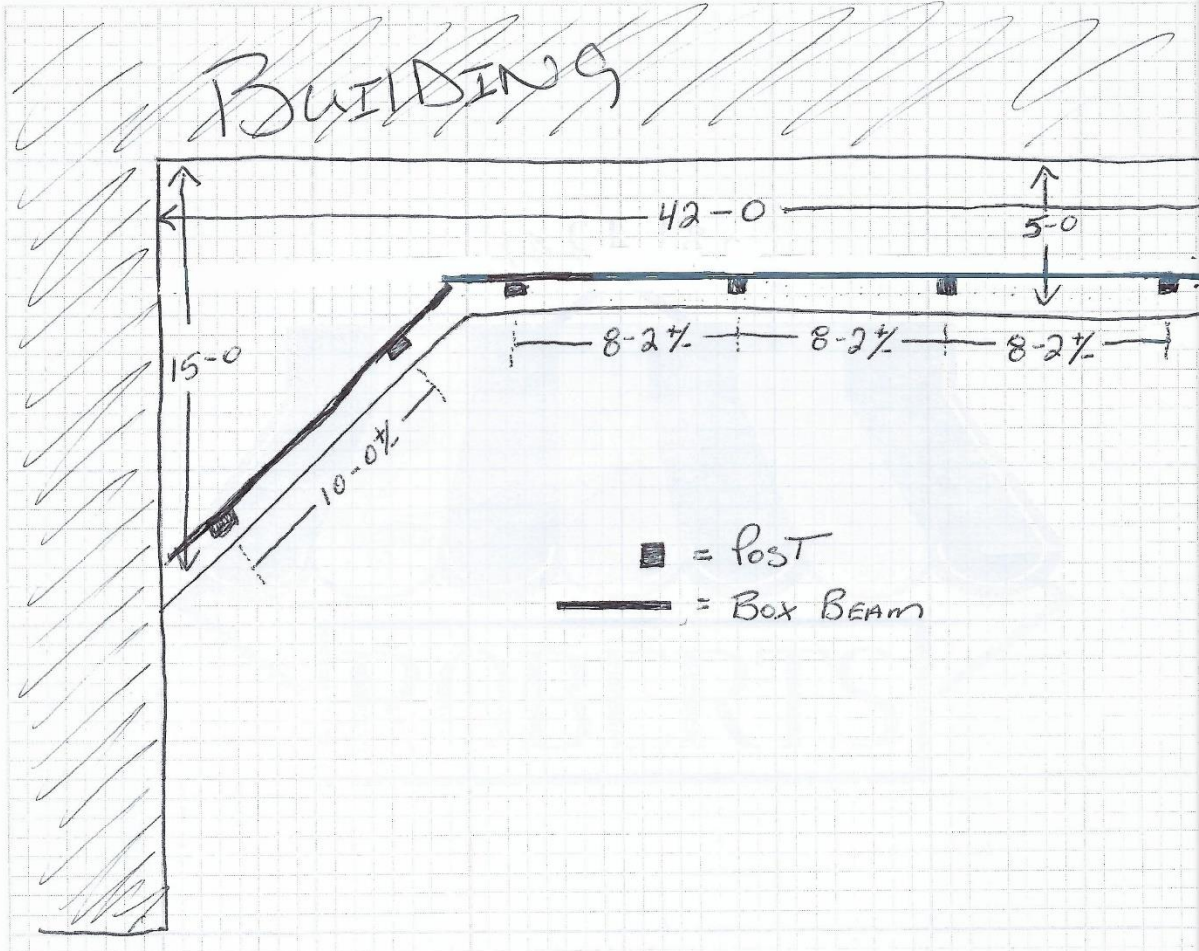
NR	Organization or Planned Event	Proj Paymnt Date	Cash Donation	Funded From	Amt Spent Prev Year	REMARKS
JANUARY 2022 - ACTUAL						
1	Carter G. Woodson (CGW) Middle School Essay Contest [if held]	Jan-22	\$ 400	bingo		1st place student - \$100.00 / 2nd place student - \$50.00 3rd place student - \$25.00 / Teacher of 1st place student - \$100.00 Usually awarded at the Jan/Feb CGW Wildcat Honors night. [SET ASIDE]
	January Sub-Total		\$ -			
	Annual Grand Total		\$ -			
FEBRUARY 2022 - PROJECTED						
1	Hopewell High school (HHS) Girls State delegate (1 seat @\$400)	Feb-22	\$ 400	bingo	\$ 400	Donate to ALA to support the Girls' State Program
2	Freedom Support Center	Feb-22	\$ 1,000	bingo		Did not donate in 2021 because center was closed
3	Brighter Living Assisted Living Center	Feb-22	\$ 70	bingo		Lunch for facility residents [monthly cost shared Legion, ALA and SAL over each qtr] Check goes to SAL
	February Sub-total		\$ 1,470			
	Annual Grand Total		\$ 1,470			
MARCH 2022 - PROJECTED						
1	Hopewell High School (HHS) Boys State delegates (3 seats @ \$400 ea)	Mar-22	\$ 400	bingo	\$ 1,200	Per Department guidance sent to each high school – one 1 delegate from Hopewell HS last year as the number of seats was cut by 2/3 [SET ASIDE]
2	Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program (1 seats @ \$200 ea)	Mar-22	\$ 200	bingo	\$ 400	Each post is allocated 1 primary slot. Due to numerous unfilled slots, participating posts may also get an alternate a slot as well. [SET ASIDE]
3	Post 88 Annual Golf Tournament	Mar-22	\$ 385	bingo	\$ 400	Approved \$260 for 4-person team and \$125 as a Silver Sponsor [fielded a team in 2021]
4	Restricted Fund	Mar-22	\$ 1,500	bingo		
	Adjusted March Sub-total		\$ 2,485			
	Adjusted Annual Grand Total		\$ 3,955			

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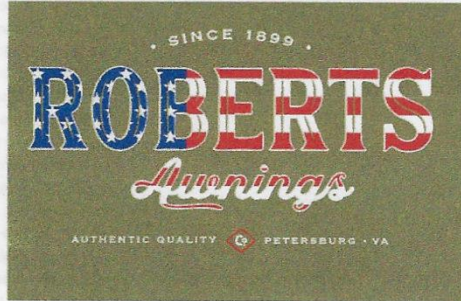
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Quote 5803
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Flat pan awning

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 Manager
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QUOTE DATE
 01/14/2022

 QUOTE EXPIRY DATE
 02/13/2022

 TERMS
 50% Down / 50% upon
 completion

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#	ITEM	QTY	UOM	U.PRICE	TOTAL (EXCL. TAX)
1	Flat Pan Awning over front sidewalk Provide labor and material to install one new Flat pan awning over front sidewalk. Measurements are 13-7 wide x 15-0 projection to 28-5 wide x 5-0 projection. 42-0 wide total. Flat pan to have 3x3 smooth post, box beam and down spouts. Color to be white	1	Unit	\$9,445.00	\$9,445.00

TERMS AND CONDITIONS - PLEASE READ IN FULL

Upon signing this agreement, Customer agrees to pay 100% of the above quoted price. Final payment of the balance, if any, will be due immediately upon delivery/installation. This contract specifies the entire agreement of the parties.
 All prices are fixed for 30 days from quotation date. Should there be any changes in the cost, we will advise the customer of any price changes prior to the start of contract.
 A 50% deposit is required with the Sales Order confirmation. Deposits are due prior to commencement of production. Final payment is due when invoices are received unless credit terms have been extended to include NET 30. If payments for past orders are not received within 60 days, we reserve the right to cancel future orders.
 We cannot accept responsibility for damages or loss of any kind resulting from the sale, installation, or delivery of our products. Roberts Awnings does not accept returns. All products are manufactured to customer's specifications and cannot be returned for a refund. All sales are final and no return will be accepted.
 After commencement of your order (the point at which materials are ordered, assembled and work has begun), your order is non-refundable and/or cancelable. Any cancellation of the order, beyond three days of acceptance and prior to commencement, will require a minimum 20% cancellation fee.

Finance: \$0
Subtotal: \$9,445.00
Sales Tax (5.3%): \$500.59
Total: \$9,945.59