**SAL General Meeting Minutes**

October 1, 2020

Call to order: 19:05

In attendance: 25

Roll call:

* Commander: Joe Lohman
* 1st Vice Commander: Dave Griffith
* 2nd Vice Commander: Tim Smith
* 3rd Vice Commander: Tom Allen - Excused
* Sgt. At Arms: Chris Chandler – Excused
* Finance Officer: Eddie Souder
* Chaplain: Tony Scovitch
* Historian: Rob Delisi - Excused
* Judge Advocate: Rob Monko
* Squadron Executive Committee
* 1) Charlie Turner
* 2) Chuck Gilhouse
* 3) Dave Tyson

Thank you and welcome to our Post 60 officers and especially Commander Luby.

Minutes: Motion was made to approve September meeting minutes. Minutes were approved. Doc, (Dave Hnilicka) says if you did not get the minutes from Track it Forward please see him. You should be getting them through that vehicle.

Membership: Dave Griffith reported that we are sitting at 221 of 310 right now. We are in 1st place for 3 weeks straight at 71%! First time ever at #1. Membership report was approved. Early Bird dinner scheduled for October 11th.

Finance: Eddie Souder reported that beginning balance was $29,512.00 and ending was $254.97. Paid out a lot, including Queen Of Hearts winner. See Eddie if you want to see the statement. Finance report was approved.

Volunteer Hours: 845 hours from May 1st to date. Joe commented that at the detachment convention that we included hours in his report and no one else does that. State level we donated 9,000 hours. Please put your hours in Track it Forward.

Flag Replacement: Charlie Turner reported that nothing is going on.

Queen of Hearts: Eddie reported this coming Wednesday will be our first QoH of the season. You MUST bring your membership card. We will not sell tickets to anyone without a membership card. Please see Eddie if you want to volunteer. We need volunteers. Also, Barbara Murone, winner of the last QoH donated $500 to each unit.

Friday Night Kitchens: Rob Monko, his wife Carolyn and Ray Torres has done 2 weekends and it has been rough. Last week went better. We are currently $100 in the red but with Dave Tyson’s crab soup, we expect that this will turn around. Receiving around 100 orders every week. We are trying to balance the menu to attract business in both the lounge and the hall. We sold about 3 ½ gallons of soup last week. Talking to John Britton about making chili. Also working on Crab cake sandwiches. Soups seem to sell.

Blood Drive: Joe updating for Dave Tyson, reported that the Red Cross contacted him and have asked us to conduct another blood drive. This time they will arrange everything if we provide the facility. Looking to do this in January now, which is the first date we can have it. Asking commander Luby to get approval from executive committee.

Crab feast: Sales are OK. We still have tickets for members only. We have had numerous people ask about this. We have sold about 50 of the 150 available. Feast is on October 24th. It was posted in the Newsletter. We are not putting on Facebook because people in the city are watching us. Due to COVID19 we are not being loud about it. It is on our website. We need volunteers, especially runners.

New Business:

Eddie Souder said we won $500 at the convention. We won $500. The Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics will be cancelled this year. To help them, can we buy 20 tee shirts for $300 and donate $200 to support this and use the $500 in that way. Motion was approved.

Convention: We had a big weekend. Joe Lohman, Mike Obremski and Charlie Turner went. Squadron 60 took a total of 15 awards. We won Commander’s Choice. Awards were laid out on table for all to view. This was a great year and we kicked everyone’s butt.

Winter Conference: Draw down tickets are available. Please see Joe if you want one for $50. This year will be at the Grand and not in Ocean City. Last weekend of the year, 12/29 thru 31st. Draw down will be the 30th. 175 people admitted. Ballroom can fit 500. Post not involved in any preparation. Grand is giving us the room for free. Please let Joe know by end of month otherwise he will sell them to others. Tickets good for admission for 2 people. Pasta is on the menu this year. Detachment paying for 2 kegs but after that it is a cash bar.

Good of the SAL:

* Dave Manchas update on commander’s projects; getting quotes for projects but it sounds like we can get a good deal on audio/visual system.
* Commander Luby spoke and said that the awards table speaks for itself. We are the best squadron in the state of MD. Great job. LaPlata Post 82 always beats us out for squadron of the year. They could not understand why we didn’t get squadron of the year. Joe offered Charlie in trade.
* Eddie, who loves long meetings, mentioned that Squadron 82 does an historical yearbook and we do not do that. We beat them out for sure in donations and awards but the yearbook sets them apart.
* Rob Monko reported Brian Cole, Laurel Environmental Protection Group, wanted us to help them with work along the river. Can we help on the 11th or the 18th?

Sick Call:

* Tom Allen hospitalized due to ulcers. At home recuperating but will take some time. Serious issue.
* Chris Chandler is undergoing 2 surgeries this month after having one in September.

Meeting was adjourned at 19:58

Jersey Mike’s subs for dinner.