



THE AMERICAN LEGION
JEFFERY S. HOLMES POST 84

August 1, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

The meeting convened at 1800 hours by Commander Dennis Brown.

Roll call by Sergeant-at-Arms Sam Zucker. Present were: Commander and Judge Advocate Dennis Brown, First Vice Commander and Historian Howard Bixby, Adjutant and Finance Officer Scott Holmes and Chaplain Luther Johnson. Also present was guest Patti Holmes. Second Vice Commander Penny Johnson was excused.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the July 3, 2024 meeting was read by Sergeant-at-Arms Sam Zucker. Motion to accept by Scott Holmes and seconded by Luther Johnson. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

Finance Report:

1. Finance Officer Scott Holmes reported that all required payments have been made.
2. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

3. Donations to the Greater Hartford Church of Christ will be made to honor the passing of Russel Collins and Jack Briggs, family of Lannie Collins and David Briggs, respectively.

Service Report: None

Membership:

1. Adjutant Scott Holmes reported that the new membership cards for 2024-25 have been distributed to paid up members.
2. The paper work for the new dues of \$40 set by National was snafued. Our Finance Officer, Scott Holmes, spoke with National to try and remedy the oversight. Because they did not return his call to correct the situation, Post 84 will absorb the difference between the new amount and the old of \$35 for a total of \$165.
3. The Post is at 50% as of August 1st.
4. There is ongoing membership recruitment.

Americanism:

1. The Hartford Heroes Banner Project is processing 8 applications for a September premier.
2. Charlie Patch reported that one of the Flags along Route 5 on the bridge is missing. Scott investigated and discovered that indeed one is missing but too risky to retrieve. The steel band holding the Flag support came loose. We will remedy this issue next year by ordering extra straps for the bands.

3. Scott has contacted the State Highway Division about renewal of our permit for the Flag display. They reported to him to submit the necessary forms and that renewal would not be an issue.
4. The Vet Council has offered to donate Flags for the Route 5 display as needed.
5. Patti Holmes reported that Chief Jason Czora will have a container in the lobby of the Police/Fire Department building for worn out or damaged Flags that need to be retired.
6. The Blue Star Memorial field maintenance is ongoing.
Thank you to Penny and Luther Johnson for the most recent cleanup.

Children and Youth:

1. Scott Homes reported that the baseball season is over. The team made it to the 3rd round of playoffs. Coaching staff and many players will be returning next season.

Old Business:

1. Blue Star Memorial work permit application still in progress.
2. The Post's web site is now up and running. Members may access the site at: <https://www.post84vtlegion.org/index.cfm>
3. Members are requested to send comments about the site to Adjutant Scott Holmes at: thordog.holmes@gmail.com
4. Adjutant Scott Holmes stated that some changes have been made to the site so that he has more control over the News and Events category.

5. Commander Brown, as usual, has continued thanking all who contribute to Post 84.
 - a. Sam Zucker for transcribing our meeting minutes.
 - b. Scott Holmes for maintaining and providing our finance report, for the Flag display along Route 5, keeping our web site current and acting as our baseball liaison.
 - c. To Charles Patch and his volunteer assistants in their efforts to prepare for the golf tournament fundraiser.
6. Commander Brown has contacted Post 26 and VFW 2571 concerning The Family Day picnic. Post 26 is interested and VFW 2571 said they might. Commander Brown will contact VFW's new Commander Ron Clogston to confirm.
7. Golf Tournament news: Montague, Green Mountain National and Killington have responded with rounds of golf for prizes. Hole sponsors and early team registrations are indications of a good response.
8. We are still in need of volunteers for a Color Guard. Contact Adjutant Scott Holmes for details:
thordog.holmes@gmail.com

New Business:

1. The next Vet Council meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2024, 6 PM at the VFW in Hartford.
2. Scott is still in the process of soliciting some of our golf sponsors. Due to their corporate structure, they need more planning time to budget their contributions.
3. A parade to honor Vietnam Vets and all other veterans will be held by Post 25 in Windsor. Refer to Appendix A for more info.

4. **Attention women veterans.** Nichole Jordan has started a non-profit retreat for women veterans. Refer to Appendix B for more info.
5. Post 84 goals for the 2024-25 are:
 - a. Golf – September 21
 - b. Family Day in August
 - c. Haven Christmas Party in December
 - d. Flag display along Route 5 in May
 - e. Blue Star Memorial maintenance ongoing
 - f. Hartford Heroes Banner from September thru October
6. Should Post 84 support or be directly involved in another military monument honoring war veterans from the Revolutionary War to the present, other than WWI and II? Contact Commander Brown at:
dlbm35vt@gmail.com

Comrades in distress – Russel Collins, Rest in Peace

The meeting adjourned at 1912 hours.

Sam Zucker, Sergeant-at-Arms for Scott Holmes, Adjutant

Next meeting, Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 6:00 PM, at WRJ VA, Freedom Building (formally Building 44), Room 103a.

Appendix A

On Saturday, September 14th at 1100 hours, Post 25 in Windsor will hold a parade for all Veterans, but primarily for the Vietnam War Veterans who never had a welcome home. Any Veterans who would like to participate may contact Michael Loseby at 802-356-2607. We are trying to arrange a special float for Vietnam Vets that attend, so we will need to know by August 1st. We will have live music in the park next to our Legion Hall and a BBQ free to all who attend. Remember, the deadline to RSVP is August 1st.

Appendix B

Women Veteran's Glamping

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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for taking the time to learn about Women Veteran's Glamping (WVG). We are a 501c3 non-profit based in Maine and serve to improve the lives of Women Veteran's that served our great nation. We bring groups of Women Veterans from all eras and branches of service, together for a retreat, that helps heal the soul and provides new bonds that run strong. These Women Veterans come from all over the US.

We offer 20-24 women Veterans retreats/events scheduled throughout the year. We cover the cost of the lodging, food and activities. We have several retreats & events scheduled this coming year and we would greatly appreciate your support in covering this cost. We stay in off and on grid yurts; kayak, swim, hike, arts and crafts as well as s'mores around a campfire with the beautiful night sky twinkling above. We see women on Active Duty as they are in uniform, yet invisible out of uniform. They are often forgotten and not thanked for their service. Many women Veterans do not know of other women Veterans in their area therefore, feel alone and unappreciated as many people do not recognize the women that have served our Great Nation.

The women Veterans get a chance to come relax, meet other women Veterans, network, make new friends and share their experiences without judgment. Their service is recognized, valued and honored. "She served her country, now let's Honor her!" One woman veteran told us after her retreat,

"We made a difference in her life and she no longer thought she was alone and worthless. She had met 20 new sisters of service, a connection and family she had lost when she left service. She no longer felt like giving up and becoming just another "22" in the books. She has made new friends and can now talk with others like her. Thank you Women Veteran's Glamping for coming into my life at the right time." -Kat P.- US Army Veteran

Women Veteran's Glamping is changing the way we celebrate and honor Women Veterans. No longer do we only honor them once a year - we honor and celebrate them all year long. We work closely with our local "Quilt of Valor" program in Maine. We honor women Veterans at each of our WVG Events with a Quilt of Valor.

August 2023 Women Veteran's Glamping purchased 14 acres of land to build our own facility. Now the fundraising for the building begins. We are in need of raising \$1million for the building fund. All donations are tax deductible. We are building a lasting legacy for our Women Veterans nationally to relax and remain strong themselves and families.

*****Our finances are transparent to show our truth and to honor our veterans, donors and sponsors. Ninety percent of our funding goes to covering the Women Veterans Glamping events and ten percent goes to office supplies and cleaning of equipment. Our board is 100% volunteer and Proud Veterans themselves.*****

"PLEASE JOIN ME IN SUPPORTING AND HONORING WOMEN VETERANS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR."

Please make donations to: Women Veteran's Glamping by mailing your donation or visiting our website:

www.WomenVeteransGlamping.org

Mail to: Women Veteran's Glamping, 126 Western Ave #197, Augusta, Maine 04330

Thank you for supporting Women Veteran's Glamping as we work to improve the lives of our Women Veterans across our communities and our country. If you have any questions or are interested in sponsoring an event, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Nichole Jordan

Nichole Jordan, U.S. Army Veteran

Women Veteran's Glamping President

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Our Mission is to "Offer Women Veterans opportunity to recreate and comradery of shared experiences in a safe, judgment free supportive environment."

Attention News Release

Chesterville, Maine - Women Veteran's Glamping, a dedicated non-profit organization focused on honoring and supporting women veterans, is excited to announce a significant milestone in its mission. The organization has successfully secured land for its very own retreat facility in the beautiful state of Maine.

Women veterans have made immense sacrifices and contributions to our country, and this new retreat facility will serve as a sanctuary for them, providing a space to heal, bond, and thrive. Women Veteran's Glamping believes that this retreat will be a source of empowerment and rejuvenation for women who have served our nation. We have been successful for the last 4 years in working toward this goal.

The land acquisition marks the beginning of an exciting journey, and the organization is committed to making this facility a reality in the near future. The retreat facility will be tailored to meet the unique needs of women veterans, offering a wide range of programs and resources to support their physical and emotional well-being.

The facility's features will include:

- Accommodations and meeting spaces designed for comfort and tranquility.
- Specialized programs to address the unique challenges faced by women veterans.
- Outdoor recreational spaces to foster a sense of community and camaraderie.
- Information referrals to mental health services, counseling, and therapeutic activities.

Women Veteran's Glamping would like to extend its gratitude to all the supporters, donors, and volunteers who have made this exciting endeavor possible. The organization believes that the retreat facility in Chesterville, Maine will serve as a beacon of hope and healing for women veterans from all walks of life.

The Women Veteran's Glamping team is actively working on the architectural design and planning phase, and is committed to making this facility a reality as soon as possible. The organization encourages the community to join in this mission to support and uplift the women who have served our nation with honor and courage.

For more information about Women Veteran's Glamping, its mission, or how you can get involved, please visit www.WomenVeteransGlamping.org or contact Nichole Jordan at Nichole@womenveteransglamping.org

About Women Veteran's Glamping: is a non-profit organization dedicated to honoring and supporting women veterans. The organization's mission is to provide a safe and empowering space for women who have served in the military, fostering their well-being, personal growth, and community connections.

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