



THE AMERICAN LEGION
JEFFERY S. HOLMES POST 84

May 2, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

The meeting convened at 1754 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 and Adjutant and Finance Officer Scott Holmes. Second Vice Commander Penny Johnson and Chaplain Luther Johnson were excused.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the April 4, 2024 meeting was read by Sergeant-at-Arms Sam Zucker. Motion to accept by Scott Holmes and seconded by Howard Bixby. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

Finance Report:

1. Finance Officer Scott Holmes reported that we have \$9,127.78 in the bank. Since the April meeting the following has been paid: Baseball - \$2000.00; \$100 to the State scholarship fund.
2. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

Service Report: None

Membership:

1. We have 39 paid up members for fiscal year 2023-24. Our goal is 40 members. (Note: Technically we have 40 members. The passing of Avard Benton this past year has physically reduced membership to 39)
2. There is ongoing membership recruitment.

Americanism:

1. Howard Bixby reiterated that Flag retirement ceremonies will take place on June 15th at 10 AM.
2. The Heros Banner project received support from town citizens at the April Hartford Selectboard meeting.

Children and Youth:

1. Charlie Patch reported that we will have one person for the Girls State Conference.
2. Scott Homes reported that the final meeting of the baseball coaches and representatives will take place on Zoom. The season is scheduled to begin June 20th if playoff games do not delay the start and finish by July 26th.
3. Playoff games will be hosted by Brattleboro but games will be played at Castleton and Rutland.

Old Business:

1. MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES CORRECTION: the VA will hold their ceremony on Thursday, May 30th at 12:30 PM; the local vet organizations will hold their veteran ceremonies also on Thursday, May 30th in Hartford starting at 10:30 AM at the Maple Street Cemetery. Honoring Vets at the Villages will also be on this year's venue.
2. WWI/WWII Monument News
 - a. Commander Brown reported that the dedication for the monument is still scheduled for Monday, the 27th, at 1 PM. Post 84 will loan our PA System for the event. The Main Street Museum will provide table, chairs and restrooms.
 - b. The Marine Corps League will not be able to provide a color guard. Commander Brown will ascertain and let us know if the Norwich Post is available.
 - c. Messrs. Briggs and Bartlett will provide Taps.
3. Blue Star Memorial
 - a. A motion was made by Scott Holmes and seconded by Sam Zucker for Commander Brown to submit the application to the State that Post 84 will maintain the Site.
 - b. Discussion followed on whether Post 84 should adopt this site as well as maintain it. The decision was that we would not adopt it, but simply take care of it when we can. Scott Holmes mentioned that if this is approved by the state that we should put a sign by the memorial stating that Post 84 has taken on the responsibility of caring for the monument site.

4. The Post's web site is now up and running. Members may access the site at: <https://www.post84vtlegion.org/index.cfm>
5. Members are requested to send comments about the site to Adjutant Scott Holmes at: thordog.holmes@gmail.com

New Business:

1. The Vermont American Legion is asking for a volunteer to fill the post of District Commander.
2. The summer conference is scheduled for June 21st and 22nd. See Appendix A for more information.
3. Scott Holmes read a thank you message from Ronald LaRose for the donation we made to the Boy Scout luncheon.
4. Post 1 in St. Albans is hosting a tribute to the Allman Brothers on May 26th. The event is scheduled to begin at noon and tickets are \$20.
5. Denis Backus is asking for volunteers to help distribute Flags on veteran graves in Hartford. The dates are as follows: Maple Street Cemetery – May 10 at 11 AM; Quechee – May 13 at 3 PM. Contact Denis at: denistrkvets@gmail.com
6. The July meeting date is on the Fourth. Should we cancel or postpone will be decided at the June meeting.
7. The next Vet Council meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2024, 6 PM at the VFW in Hartford.
8. Special thanks from Commander Brown went to:
 - a. Sam Zucker for the continued recording of our meeting minutes.

- b. Scott Holmes for maintaining and providing our Finance Report.
- 9. 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.

Comrades in distress

Russell Collins

Condolences to David Briggs on the passing of his brother, Jack

The meeting adjourned at 1920 hours.

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

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

Appendix A

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

2024 STATE CONVENTION BANQUET

Hampton Inn Colchester, 42 Lower Mountain View Dr., Colchester VT

Friday, June 21, 2024
COCKTAILS – 6:00 P.M.
DINNER – 6:30 P.M.



Balsamic Grilled Chicken & Roasted Pork Loin & Pasta Primavera

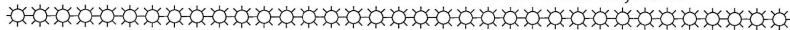
The above will be served with Fresh Tossed Garden Salad, Rolls and Butter,
Roasted Red Potatoes, Seasonal Roasted Vegetables,
Chef's Choice Assorted Dessert Table – Coffee & Tea

\$35 Per Person

Make Checks Payable to American Legion Department of Vermont and
SEND CHECKS TO:

Dept. HQ, P.O. Box 396, Montpelier, VT 05601-0396

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS: June 12, 2024



PLEASE RESERVE: # _____ Banquet Tickets

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

NAME: _____ Post/Squadron/Unit: _____

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