

**BILLY CALDWELL POST 806,
THE AMERICAN LEGION,
DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS**

**Minutes of the meeting of
October 15th, 2016**

- A general meeting of the membership was held at St. Paul's House in Chicago, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Commander Dale Tippet at 12:30PM. With the American Flag in place a hand salute was rendered. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution were recited. A moment of remembrance was given for those who are POW/MIAs.

- A roll call of Post Officers was taken

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- X Commander / Dale Tippet
- X Senior Vice – Commander / Peter Hirt
- X Junior Vice – Commander / James Kostka
- X Adjutant & Finance Officer / Albert Coughlin
- X Judge Advocate / Goran Anderson
- Other Officers Present; None

and a count of all others in attendance. Including all in attendance there were eight (8) members present.

Reports Given

- Commander's Report; Commander Dale Tippet thanked all for attending our October meeting. He presented copies to the membership of information sheets concerning the Legion, which he will be handing out at a future meeting at the Austin Branch of the Chicago Public Library which will be held on Saturday November 19th, 2016. Everyone is welcome to attend. We were reminded to keep Legion programs in mind when we are out in the community. Our Post needs to sponsor students for Boys State and the Oratorical contest. Keep on the lookout for potential candidates. The Commander talked about his experiences and longevity as a volunteer at the Jesse Brown VA Facility. If anyone would be interested in helping let Dale know.

- Senior Vice, Pete Hirt indicated that membership was doing good. As of now, we have 103 out of our 151 members renewed which puts us at 67.76%.
- Finance Report; Finance Officer, Al Coughlin, reported that as of September 30th we have \$11,969.83 in our new general funds account with MB Financial also with them we have 1 \$50,000; 2 \$20,000; and 2 \$2,000 certificates of deposit for a total of \$100,000 invested in CD's. We also have \$7,142.13 pending transfer from the TCF Bank account to MB financial when all outstanding checks clear, hopefully at the end of October. The budget that we voted on at the September meeting comes to \$7,465.00 annual. Al asked Commander Dale and Vice Commanders Pete Hirt and Jim Kostka to remain after the meeting he needed signatures for the new MB Financial bank accounts.
- As Adjutant Al Coughlin went over correspondence received. There will be a Veteran's Day ceremony at Norwood Crossing Facility on Friday November 11th at 2PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be an open house at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery outside of Joliet on Wednesday, October 19th, 2016 from 2 to 6 PM. Al will have a supply of "door knockers" with information labels available at the next meeting if anyone wants them, for soliciting membership. It was pointed out that the newsletter indicated an incorrect date for our November meeting. Al was directed to mail out post cards to the membership to inform them of the correct date and to also remind members to submit their dues. Al reminded everyone that they should not wear their Legion caps to any political functions. Al also reported on his Commission meeting at National in Indianapolis at the beginning of October. If anyone needs to pay dues, I brought the cards with and will handle after the meeting.
- New Business; Gregg Weghorst was in attendance. He is a member of the Illinois Holding Post 2910 and had received our invitation to transfer into our Post. He hoped that a visit at our meeting would help him decide. He let us know of his military background and expressed his desire to transfer in, he liked what we did and we welcomed him in.
- Old Business; The next meeting will be on November 12th, 2016 at St. Paul's starting at Noon.

Since there was no further business to be brought before the membership, a motion was made to conclude the meeting.

The meeting was closed by Commander Tippet at 1:45 PM.

