

SAL #193 Becker, MN 9/01/2026

Meeting was called to order by Cmdr Andrew at 1915

POW table was in place. Salute was rendered. Pledge, Prayer, and Preamble was said.

Members present: Cmdr Andrew L., Vice Cmdr Dave A., Treasurer Ken G., Sgt@ Arms Dennie B., John F., John B., Randy M., Walter E., Donnie H., Quinton H., Jackson H., Steve K., Late Arrivals: Chaplin Will P., Mark S., Guests: Renee A., Tyra A., Greg A., Pauline J., Patrick B. (Big Lake Legion)

Minutes were presented: Motion to approve minutes made by Dave A., 2nd by Donnie H. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's report: current savings is at \$8,087.57. A \$500.00 check was made out to Mike Rosa to cover costs of the Post's Pig Roast. Motion to approve financial report made by Walter E., 2nd by Dave A. Motion Passed.

Membership report: Mick B. & John F. have taken on membership responsibilities for the time being. 7 members have renewed so far. Further work will be forthcoming to streamline the process and utilize the online membership options.

Old Business:

Recipients Meeting/Saturday Lunches: Our annual recipient's meeting will be on September 15th. Cmdr Lee will be contacting the heads of the youth & local organizations within the week to confirm their participation. Russ G. has confirmed the dates for the Clank n Thud tournaments and will be able to speak on it at the meeting

Football Season: The 1st Becker football game of the season will be on September 3rd. 8 or 9 have signed on so far. Post Cmdr Lee & Sgt. @ Arms Dennis R. will be on hand to oversee the color guard and communicate with the Athletic Director.

Craft Sale: The date of the sale has been set for November 21st & 22nd. 13 tables have already been reserved. There has been no change in the \$40 per 8ft table fee. More information to follow.

Email: The Post agreed that the squadron could use an email to take some of the burden off of Mark S. who handles the Post email. John B. has decided to manage the address and forward the information on to Cmdr Lee. Cmdr Lee should have the address online by the October meeting.

Loss of Officer: 1st Cmdr Chris Sam has decided to step down from his responsibilities after the results of the August meeting. Membership responsibilities will be taken on by Mick B. John F. The Ruck March for the Food Shelf will be helmed by the Post. The 1st Vice position will remain unfilled until the next election cycle.

Ruck March: Marlyn from the Food shelf has agreed to move the Ruck March to November 7th, closer to Veteran's Day, in order to reorganize and have enough time to advertise and possibly find sponsors. The SAL yield to the Post on helming the event.

New Business:

Toys for Tots: The 1st meeting for Toys for Tots will be held on October 3rd from noon to 1:30 at their Monticello warehouse. Ken G., Andrew L. and John F. have agreed to take point on duties again. Dennie B. signed on to take a more active role as well. More information to follow.

County Council: County Council will be on September 21st and will be held in Folley. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm.

Membership Dinner: This year's membership dinner is slated for October 10th. A menu or activities have yet to be determined. The cost for the evening will be a member's annual renewal.

Membership Spotlight: The membership spotlight is now in the newsletter. Entries for the August and September newsletter have been submitted. More are needed for subsequent months. The hope is to bank as many as possible for future use.

Monthly Volunteer Hours: Vice Cmdr Anderson has tabulated last years volunteer hours for the consolidated squadron report. Squadron 193 got 2nd place at the last convention. Vice Cmdr Anderson now has worksheets to calculate monthly hours and will be collecting them at each meeting moving forward.

Annual Events: Vice Cmdr Anderson has also been working on an annual calendar of events that the SAL participates in. It is hoped to use this list to inform new members and the general public of what the SAL does and divide out responsibilities.

Change of SAL Meeting Day: Vice Cmdr Anderson made a motion to change the monthly SAL meeting to the 4th Tuesday of the month. After moving to the 1st Monday of the month a number of issues have arose. Looking ahead, the 1st Monday coincides too often with holidays. The idea is, after gaining the approval of the Post, the SAL will have 2 meetings in the following month to continue the precept of having the SAL meeting before the Post meeting. Motion to approve was made by John F., 2nd by Donnie H. Motion Passed.

Chaplin's Prayer Before Football Games: In an attempt to be of more use to the squadron and the Becker community, Walt E. inquired about offering a prayer before each football game the Legion will post colors at. Mark S. who worked with the school board weighed in stating that it would be possible but unlikely considering the climate of schools these days. It was decided that the SAL supported the idea. The decision will ultimately fall 1st to the Legion to contact the school and gain their approval.

Mark S. to help with online Membership: With the change in officers, Mark S. has offered to help Mick B. and John F. with the online portion of membership renewal. With the delay in mail-in renewals, Mark S. is the only member who is officially renewed. Mick B., John F. and Mark S. will communicate before the September 8th meeting to make a plan to move forward.

For the good of the Squadron:

Sick Call:

Randy's update on sympathy cards: Cards, flowers and gift cards were given to Milo Olson's partner (after time in the ER) and Jef Kaproth of the Becker Boy Scouts (after the death of his mother). The gifts were well received.

Tom L.: Had surgery on right hand for trigger fingers on 31 August.

Dave A.: fell ill on 31 August and has been cleared after a visit to the doctor.

Motion to adjourn by Donnie H., 2nd by Will P. Motion passed at 2023.

Submitted by Cmdr. Andrew Lee