

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, LT. RALPH TALBOT CHAPTER 65
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March 8, 2021

Membership meeting held Monday March 8, 2021, at the Weymouth, American Legion, Bean Post.
Luncheon at 12:00 noon and meeting started at 1:00pm.

Minutes of the Meeting are as follows:

a. **Presiding Officer:** Commander, Genie Boland

Started meeting with Pledge of Allegiance followed with Opening Prayer by Commander Boland.

b. **Officer Roll Call :** In attendance: Commander “Genie Boland”, Senior Vice Commander “George Pontes”, Adjutant “Vinnie Burdziuk”, Legislative Chairman ”Buzz Smith”, Chapter Service Officer ”Dan Meehan”,
ABSENT: Junior Vice Commander “Arthur Sharp” and Treasurer “Steve Hendricken”, Chaplain “Ron Evans”.

c. **Committee Reports**

(1) **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING :** N/A

(2) **COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:** N/A

- (3) **TREASURER’S REPORT:** Steve Hendricken’s Treasurers Report same as last report.

Balance in the checking account is \$2541.51. \$116.00 in petty cash. Certificate of Deposit of \$6,000.44

All Federal and State filing requirements have been met.

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: N/A

NEW MEMBER(S): N/A

OFFICERS FOR INSTALLATION: chosen on March 4th at our 8:00am breakfast meeting at Newcomb’s in Braintree...

George Pontes (Commander), **Arthur Sharp** (Sr Vice Commander)

Genie Boland (Jr Vice Commander), **Warren Smith** (Legislative/Membership Chairman),

Steve Hendricken (Treasurer), **Vin Burdziuk** (Adjutant), **Dan Meehan** (Chapter Service Officer),

Ron Evans (Chaplain).

SICKNESS & DISTRESS: Dave DeAmato’s wife Nancy said he is not well, doesn’t know where he is most of the time and Dave can’t be left alone. The Masons from Duxbury built him a ramp so, he can walk out into the driveway without going up and down the stairs. We offered Nancy help for Dave but she said she is doing fine and if anything comes up she will let us know.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: No Correspondence

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business

OLD BUSINESS: There was a couple of legislative Veterans Bills. Military Pension Offset for Disabled and under 40% disability. New bill will do away with the offset. Also a K2 Bill (toxic exposer) has over 60 co-signers to start providing care to affected Veterans. There were about 10,000 exposed Vets. There have been lots of deaths and illnesses due to the exposer of toxins. The American Legion Magazine this month had an article about K2 (Karshi-Khanabad Air Base) which contained chemical weapons, enriched uranium and soil saturated

with fuels and other cancer-causing solvents. When writing to your representatives its better to address it to their Military Liaison who has military experience.

At the State House there are a number of bills on 100% Veteran Annuities also Disabled Veteran property tax offsets. There are a couple of bills now at the State House to enhance those benefits. Another bill for consideration is the Cost of Living Increase to keep up with inflation on your Veterans Benefits. So, call your representative to let them know you are in favor of those bills.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: At our Coffee Social last Friday of the month here at the Bean Post 9:00 to 10:30am we had Senator O'Conner's Community Outreach guy here. He will come back and report to us about us having a footprint for a Combined Veterans Center at the Old Naval Base.

Next meeting we will talk about Fund Raising, Memorial Day Flags, and Veterans Day Car Ride, Set up Zoom Meeting to plan the car parade. Also, Saturday July 24th 10am-3pm at Pageant Field, 1 Merrymount Parkway, Quincy is a Veterans Music Festival & Expo. We also wished Dan Meehan a Happy 38th Birthday!

Officer Installation at our next Membership Meeting will be at the Weymouth, American Legion, Bean Post the 3rd Monday on May 17th. There will be a luncheon at 12:00 noon and meeting to start at 1:00pm.

IN CLOSING: **Moment of Silence:** In reverence we take a moment of silence in remembering and honoring our departed heroic comrades missing in action who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our Country and for those who lost their lives on September 11th. Salute to the Flag. Meeting adjourned 1:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Vinnie Burdziuk, Adjutant

SAVE the DATE

FREE EVENT

THE VETERAN'S VOICE NETWORK presents the

VETERAN'S

SECOND ANNUAL

Music Festival & Expo

FOR VETERANS, FIRST RESPONDERS & THEIR FAMILIES

Join us for a fun-filled day with Live Music, Free Food, Games for the Kids, Sport Competitions, Guest Speakers and Veteran Support Professionals

Saturday, July 24, 2021

Pageant Field, 1 Merrymount Parkway, Quincy, MA

10 AM - 3 PM

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