

**Commander - Merlin L. (Bud) Evered**  
**Adjutant - Harrison H. Solt III**  
**Chaplain - James G. McKibben III**  
**Officer of the Day - James A. Knowles**  
**Service Officer - William E. Clarke**

Minutes of 11 October 2010 for Post meeting at St. David's Hall, Gales Ferry, CT

The regular meeting was opened at 1:05 PM according to ritual with Commander Evered presiding. A salute to the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance were conducted. There were eight members present. There were no visitors.

Adjutant Solt read the minutes of the 13 September 2010 meeting and they were accepted as read.

### **Correspondence**

1. The Adjutant introduced a number of State Adjutant emails and Department distributed flyers. Copies on file in the Post Correspondence Log.
2. Letter received requesting a donation for the Connecticut House at the VA Hospital Campus. Commander Evered reported that a \$50.00 donation was made.

The Adjutant reminded all that the correspondence file is available if members want to review these or previous correspondence.

### **Financial Report**

CDR Evered read the monthly financial reports for September 2010 (period of 1 September 2010 through 30 September 2010). The financial report was approved and accepted as presented.

### **Comrades in Distress**

Comrades were asked to think of and remember Comrade Bill Gallagher and Comrade George Patenaude who are both currently dealing with medical issues.

### **Committee Reports**

**Membership.** Patrick Burke has been appointed Membership Committee Chair. In this position Pat will maintain the rolls and liaison with National. In addition the Quartermaster duties will be spread between Membership and Finance. A full time Quartermaster is still needed.

**VOD & PP.** The 2010 Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen contests are in full swing. The schools have all required supplies. Press releases have been issued to area newspapers. Commander Evered, as Contest Chair, has visited the High School and Middle School, meeting with school officials at both schools.

**William Williams Cemetery.** Cemetery Chairman Clarke reported that the cemetery maintenance has progressed as needed. Some more new rails are needed and will be procured, either from growth on site or commercially. The rail and post system still needs to be preserved. Chairman Clarke reports that he has some preservative. Commander Evered reports that he too also has some preservative. Between the two there should be enough preservative to complete

the task. A workday will be scheduled in the fall and promulgated separately. All members are asked to support this effort.

The recently surfaced 1860 grave marker will be investigated to determine if any additional markings are present. The cemetery committee will contact local historical society or other anthropology experts for advice and guidance.

**Public Relations.** Chairman Solt presented the Committees September report. Copy attached hereto.

**Fund Raising.** A solicitation campaign to local businesses continues. The most recent response was from LaBlanc Auto on Route 12. If you have an opportunity to do business with this firm be sure to recognize their support and thank them.

The emphasis of this drive was to replenish the Post Reserve Fund. Letters went out to 23 local businesses. It was noted that if the local business knew an active Post members they were more likely to respond positively. To capitalize on this element during the next campaign, unscheduled at this time, request letters will be signed by all Post Officers. Members are asked to recommend additional businesses to be contacted and to identify those that they frequent/have ties too and would agree to allow their name to be cited in the solicitation letter.

The Commander noted that we are still receiving donations because of the "MissionFish" EBay program.

**Buddy Poppy.** 1000 Poppies have been ordered at the cost of \$120.00/1K.

#### **Unfinished Business.**

1. After comments by the Commander and a short discussion it was determined that an Alternate Trustee be appointed. To this end, Comrade Walters was appointed Alternate Trustee.

#### **New Business.**

1. Awards to Businesses: Commander Evered suggested we create a simple framed certificate for those businesses that support us physically or monetarily throughout the year. A certificate will be generated and prepared for a formal presentation to each business so identified. Members should make their recommendation of businesses for recognition to the Commander.
2. A brief discussion on the holding of a Christmas Party/Dinner in December. One suggested restaurant was "Chen's Buffet" on Route 32 Montville (Stop & Shop Plaza). A suggestion was made to seek a location within the town of Ledyard. This item will be addressed again during the November meeting. The Post will underwrite some of the expense of the meal.

**Good of the Order.**

1. Post Incorporation: Yearly incorporation notice, normally received in August, was not received this year. This was due to changes in the State's policies. Incorporation period is now October through September. Fees have also doubled from \$25.00 to \$50.00. Forms were obtained from the Secretary of State and completed as required.
2. Commander Evered initiated a discussion regarding how the Post should celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary which will be in March 2011. Plans would be to hold a special or open meeting with family and guests, press releases, special recognition of Charter Members (5 have been identified) and Life members as well as other noteworthy memberships and events. This discussion will be carried forward to future meetings. A committee chair and committee is needed for this project. If interested please tell a Post Officer.
3. With George Patenaude cutting back on his involvement the Post is without a Photographer. Anyone who can take over for George is asked to contact a Post Officer. With the Post website and the Zip06 account distribution of photos is no expense and easy to accomplish.
4. All were reminded that we have returned to the winter meeting schedule. The November meeting will begin at 1:00 PM on Monday November 8, 2010.

There being no further business the Commander closed the meeting. The meeting was closed at 2:45 PM.

A post meeting gathering was held at Dunkin Donuts in Gales Ferry. The Commander initiated this gathering in lieu of mid meeting refreshments. The intent was to continue the members' camaraderie while exposing the Post to the community. Dunkin Donuts was very accommodating and all enjoyed the change and refreshments.



H. H. Solt III  
Adjutant