



Minutes of August 9, 2018 Memorial Meeting of HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204

Post Commander Mike Carelli opened the meeting with the standard rituals. A bell was struck 6 times in memory of Adj John McConnell.

No business was enacted since this was a memorial meeting. The family and friends of John McConnell delivered their final respects.

American Legion Auxillary Post 204 member Diane Burke led the post and guests in a prayer.

Chaplin Joe Abuzzi presented John's Daughter Barnett Sinclar with a US memorial flag.

Post Commander Mike presented the State American Legion award for John's outstanding work to Diane McConnell.

Villager and opera singer Karen Lampiasi sang *Amazing Grace*.

In conclusion Post Member David Burke played taps and the Legion Bell was struck 8 times in final respect to Adjutant John McConnell.

John will be sorely missed by our chapter.

Respectively sibmitted

Vice Commander Glenn Christy

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Minutes of July 19, 2018 Special Meeting of HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204

1. Meeting called to order by Mike Carelli, Joe Abruzzi, Terry Johanesen Glenn Christy and Mr Murry were in attendance.
2. Items of discussion were:
 - a. Decision on Memorial Service for John. To be held Sept 13th at regular meeting. Will be highlighted on Focus to inform Villagers of event. Mike to ask about any special services done by Coast Guard and anything we might do at funeral/wake. Terry to get bugle for a taps ceremony
 - b. Mike to talk to Diane about files and documents that John had we would need for the organization.
 - c. Discussion held on post card meeting announcements. Mike/Terry will see how John prepared the mailings. Glenn to run meeting notifications on home laser printer for mailing
 - d. Terry to provide us a list of members that can be used for mailings and email. Will also find out where we stand with paid memberships, membership cards and collection of dues from current members.
 - e. State Officers were contacted by Mike to make them aware of John's passing
 - f. Word to membership about John will be done via mailings, Focus and the website. Glenn to post notice on website and to inform Focus/channel 14.
 - g. Mike to get manuals on Legion officer responsibilities.
 - h. Mike will prepare script for next meeting. Decision was made to keep script to basics. Ie Allegiance, preamble, etc are not necessary to include. Glenn volunteered to print script prior to meeting
 - i. Election of a new Adjutant will be done at a later time.
3. Other items of business:
 - a. August 11, 10am to 4 pm SCH newcomers events. All of us will be present to man booth Mike to find literature and signup sheets
 - b. August 24, 9am to 12pm on town green we will be available for legion event.
 - c. September 21 at 6pm Lakeside road there will be a ceremony remembering POWs and MIAs

Respectively submitted

Glenn Christy

Senior Vice Commander.



Minutes of Dec 13th, 2018 Meeting of HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204

1. **Meeting called to order at 1505** by PC Carelli, followed by Opening Rituals. Officers present: PC Carelli; Finance Officer Johanesen; Chaplain Abruzzi; Sergeant-at-Arms Murray. Adjutant Christy, Past Commander Allesandro. Noted that a quorum was present
2. **Minutes** non read. Refer to web page for last month's minutes
3. **Communications:** No communications.
4. **Committee & Service Officer Reports:** none
5. **Unfinished Business.** None.
6. **New Business.** None presented
7. **Program:** Pomaraug High School Choral and String quintet performed.
8. **The Good of the Legion.** Ladies Aux served refreshments
9. After **Closing Ceremonies**, meeting adjourned at 1600, followed by a coffee and BYO get-together..

Submitted by
Glenn Christy, Adjutant



Minutes of Dec 28, 2018 Special Meeting

of HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204

A special meeting was held on Dec 28, 2018 to discuss how business would be conducted in the absence of the Post Adjutant. Present were Post Commander Mike Carelli, Treasurer Terry Johanesen and Adjutant Glenn Christy.

These items were discussed:

- 1) Ct tax use filing. Glenn Christy is to investigate. At this writing Glenn has already filed the report. This is an annual filing we have to make. In the event we have a fund raiser we must report the income we made and the expenses we had.
- 2) Xmas gift to person who sets up music room. Will be handled by Terry.
- 3) Working with Glenn for 3 month Florida stay. Glenn to be in contact via email and phone. Glenn will email meeting notices and give Mike postcards for mailing to non-email users. He will also monitor state and national web sites for any possible action or reports that would affect our post. Likewise, Mike or Terry are to inform Glenn of anything he should do concerning Legion business.
- 4) July 4th joint men and legion function. Decided that we should no longer participate,
- 5) Was agreed that there should be no March meeting
- 6) Other Business:
 - a. Cmd Mike will contact state to determine how we nominate a Boys state candidate.
 - b. It was determined that we need fund raisers to enable us to finance any special activities (Boys State for one) we might undertake. Also to cover expense of supplies and web site cost. Planning for fund raisers will be done as determined by the Post 204 officers.
 - c. Plan for special activities during the year such as the Air Museum trip we did.
 - d. Ensure that shut in veterans in the village have a regular visit from Legion members. This to let them know they are not forgotten

Respectfully submitted
Post Adjutant Glenn Christy



Minutes of February 8, 2018 Meeting of HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204

1. **Meeting called to order at 15 05** by PC Alessandro, followed by Opening Rituals. Officers present:
PC Alessandro; Adjutant McConnell; Chaplain Carelli; Sergeant-at-Arms Murray. Senior Vice Commander Christy was out of town. Finance Officer Johanesen is at home recovering from minor surgery. Noted a quorum present; meeting sign-up attached is 15, including 1 guest.
2. **Minutes** of January 2018 meeting read and approved. **Finance Report**: The Finance Officer will report at the March meeting; however, he advises that as of February 1, Savings Account and Checking Account are approximately the same as at January 1st, because the activity during the last month was minimal.
3. **Communications**: Department of CT February Bulletin was reviewed. The Adjutant attended the Department of CT Mid-Winter Conference on Saturday, January 27th at the Marriott in Trumbull, representing the Post. February 10 Valentine's Day Dance at VFW Post 1607 displayed. The Post is over 100% membership for the 2018 year. The Village has asked for a roster of Members; Adjutant will provide.
4. **Committee & Service Officer Reports**: Americanism - The Boys State and Police Youth Week program presentations will be made to the Junior Class at PHS during February. Service Officer reported that the VA was sending out the medical coverage notices required by the ObamaCare Act. No other reports.
5. **Sick Call**: PPC Vince DaGrosa is at the Lutheran Home in hospice care.
6. **Unfinished Business** . None. **New Business** . None. However, the Post's planned trip to the New England Air Museum was reviewed. The trip will be on May 10, our regular meeting date in May. Approximate hours, from 0900 depart to 1700 return. Cost will be \$13.50 per head, including wives, etc. This is the veteran's rate. Comrade Mort Gutman will try to see if he can get that reduced because he is giving the tour. Bus cost is about \$700, so we will car pool. Bring your own lunch, or go out to the highway for any of a dozen fast food places.
7. **Program**: "How to Appeal Your New Property Assessment to the Southbury Board of Assessment Appeals." Presented by Adjutant McConnell. This was a hands-on program. The appeal form was passed out and the way to fill in the form was discussed. The HV Manager's Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2017 was also provided to show average and median selling prices for all unit types in Heritage Village during the fiscal year. Appeal deadline February 20.
8. **The Good of the Legion** . The Adjutant reported on the Veteran's monthly Coffee Hour at the Senior Center, to be held Wednesday, February 28. Also noted: Legionnaires Insurance Trust; Veterans Wall of Honor Rededication in May, at the Senior Center. Applications are due by March 1st.
9. After **Closing Ceremonies**, meeting adjourned at 1620. A coffee and BYO get-together preceded and followed the meeting.

Submitted by
John H. McConnell, Adjutant



Minutes of April 12, 2018 Meeting of HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204

1. **Meeting called to order at 15 05** by PC Alessandro, followed by Opening Rituals. Officers present:
PC Alessandro; Adjutant McConnell, Finance Officer Johanesen; Chaplain Carrelli; Sergeant-at-Arms Murray. Vice Commander Christy excused for a medical. Noted a quorum present; meeting sign-up attached is 23, including guest Peter DiMaria..
2. **Minutes** for meetings of February 8 and March 8, 2018 read and approved. **Finance Report**: As of April 1, Savings Account value was: \$; checking account was \$
3. **Communications**: Department of CT Bulletin was reviewed. Letters received asking for our support from Tom Flowers who is seeking the office of Department Commander, and from Dennis Beauregard who is running for the office of Vice Commander.
4. **Committee & Service Officer Reports**: Americanism: The Adjutant reported that a joint presentation with Post 147 had been made to the Junior Class at PHS, on Boys State, Girls State, and CT State Police Week, and that one Delegate to Boys State had been approved.
5. **Unfinished Business** . None.
6. **New Business** .
 - (1) The Adjutant moved that if there were no candidates for the CT State Police Week, the money previously voted could be used, with an additional \$50 for another Boys or Girls State delegate. Second Mike Carelli. After discussion, motion passed unanimously.
 - (2) Nominations for Officers for the 2018-2019 Legion Year are now open. We are a month early as the May Meeting is being replaced by our group visit to the New England Air Museum. The following Post 204 Members have agreed to fill the four elective positions, if elected, and their names are hereby placed in nomination: For Post Commander - Michael J. Carelli, Jr.; Senior Vice Commander - Glenn Christy; Adjutant - John McConnell; Finance Officer - Terry Johanesen.
7. **Memorial** . Departed Comrades Tom Yacono and Vince DaGrosa were remembered with short eulogies and a moment of silence. Post Members did a Walk-by and Silent Salute Ceremony at Vince's Wake in February.
8. **Program**: Mr. Peter DiMaria, from the CT Department of Veterans Affairs gave a well-received presentation on the services offered to veterans by the Department.
9. **The Good of the Legion** . The next monthly Veterans Coffee Hour at the Senior Center will be on Wednesday, April 26th, at 1000. Heroes' Day at Quassy will be May 12. Everyone needs to call USAA and set up an account number, even if they don't buy any coverage. The Membership can be passed to children.
10. After **Closing Ceremonies**, meeting adjourned at 1613, followed by a coffee and BYO get-together.

Submitted by
John H. McConnell, Adjutant



Minutes of May 10, 2018 Meeting of HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204

1. The formal Meeting for May was cancelled, and replaced by a group trip to the New England Air Museum, in Windsor Locks, CT.
2. Fifteen Members and guests attended the event.
3. No Legion business was conducted during the trip.
4. The group car-pooled from the H.V. Paddock parking lot to the Museum. The entrance fee was specially set for the group at \$13.50 per person, which included an escorted and guided tour of the exhibits. Having the volunteer escorts allowed open cockpit privileges for the group, a perk not usually available to museum visitors.
5. The group split into two groups of 7 each for the actual tour. One group was led by Comrade Mort Gutman (B-52 Navigator, Vietnam) who volunteers at the museum on alternate Sundays. Lunch was bring your own, or fast food on Route 75 outside the museum. Some members returned after lunch to look at the planes parked outdoors. In all, about 65 of the museum's over 100 aircraft are on display at any given time.

Submitted by
John H. McConnell, Adjutant



Minutes of January 11, 2018 Meeting of HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204

1. **Meeting called to order at 15 10** by PC Alessandro, followed by Opening Rituals. Officers present:
PC Alessandro; Adjutant McConnell; Finance Officer Johanesen; Chaplain Carelli; Sergeant-at-Arms Murray. Senior Vice Commander Christy was out of town. Noted a quorum present; meeting sign-up attached is 15, including 2 guests.
2. **Minutes** of November 2017 and December 2017 meetings read and approved. **Finance Report**: as of January 1, Savings Account value: \$4,710.86; checking account is \$648.98. Finance report approved as presented.
3. **Communications**: Department of CT Bulletin was reviewed. February Valentines Day Dance at VFW Post 1607 displayed. The Post is over 96% membership for the 2018 year.
4. **Committee & Service Officer Reports**: Americanism - The Boys State and Police Youth Week programs will be at the schools on or about February 1st. No other reports.
5. **Sick Call**: PPC Vince DaGrosa still at the Lutheran Home but not mobile.
6. **Unfinished Business** . None. **New Business** . Motion made by Adjutant McConnell to fund one boy to Boys State, and up to 2 boys or girls to CT State Police Week for this year. Seconded by Joe Abruzzi. After discussion, unanimously all in favor.
7. **Memorial** . Departed veteran and Post Member Edward T. Matthews was remembered with a short eulogy, a remembrance by Comrade John McConnell, and a moment of silence.
8. **Program**: The Post's planned trip to the New England Air Museum was discussed. By general agreement, it was decided to try to schedule the trip for our regular May meeting date, which will be Thursday, May 10th. The Adjutant will investigate the cost for a bus, so that individual drivers are not needed.

The Adjutant also outlined the general plan for the Post to host an Army-Navy Game Party in the Lodge, Lower level, on Saturday, December 8th, 2018. This will be a fundraising opportunity, primarily from a football squares score raffle.
9. **The Good of the Legion** . The Adjutant reported on the Veteran's monthly Coffee Hour at the Senior Center, for Wednesday, January 31st. The Mid-Winter Conference on Saturday, January 27th at the Marriott in Trumbull. Also noted: Legionnaires Insurance Trust; Veterans Wall of Honor Rededication in May, at the Senior Center. Applications are due by March 1st.
10. After **Closing Ceremonies**, meeting adjourned at 1605, followed by a coffee and BYO get-together.

Submitted by
John H. McConnell, Adjutant



Minutes of July 12, 2018 Meeting of HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204

Meeting called to order at 1501 by Post Commander Mike Carelli. Officers in attendance were Senior Vice Commander Glenn Christy and Finance Officer Terry Johanesen. Adjutant McConnell is in Ireland. Our Chaplain is Joe Abruzzi, and Peter Murray is our Sergeant at Arms.

Minutes of June, 2018 meeting approved as read.

Finance Report: as of July 1 was read and approved

Communications: None reported

Introduction of guests: Mike introduced Mr. Walker Morris, our 2018 Delegate to Boys State and Sal Raciti, who was a Member through 2013, and whom we hope to convince to re-join. Sal's name is on that Charter Document on the back wall and he is the last of the original Charter Members of Post 204 still residing here in Heritage Village.

Committee & Service Officer Reports. None

Sick Call: Herb Marcucilli is at the Lutheran Home, recuperating. His wife expects him to be coming home in future.

Unfinished Business. None.

New Business. Adjutant raised the motion that the Post should buy a ½ page ad for the HV Ambulance Association Walkathon Booklet for \$50. Motion was passed

Program: Walker Morris, our 2018 Boys State Representative gave a talk about his experiences.

The Good of the Legion. No matters raised.

After Closing Ceremonies, meeting adjourned at 1620, followed by the coffee and BYO get-together.

Submitted by
Glenn Christy, Senior Vice Commander



Minutes of March 8, 2018 Meeting of HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204

1. After deliberation by the Commander on Tuesday, March 6, PC Alessandro declared the meeting canceled due to the forecasted snowstorm for Wednesday, and anticipated clean-up Thursday.
2. The Adjutant sent an email blast to all members with email addresses advising of the cancellation, and asked Channel 14 to put up the cancellation on the Notice crawl.
3. The Senior Vice Commander placed a banner cancelation notice on the Post 204 website at www.hvamlegion.org.
4. Heritage Village experienced a 13 inch snowfall all day and night Wednesday.

Reported by
John McConnell, Adjutant



Heritage Village - American Legion – Memorial Post 204

Minutes of May 13, 2021 Meeting

Meeting Called to Order: by PC Michael Carelli at 1500:00 hours. The meeting was held on the Heritage Village Meeting House Patio. Masks were worn and social distancing protocols were observed. Officers in attendance were: PC Carelli, Past Commander Alessandro, Adjutant Sugden, Financial Officer Abruzzi, Sgt at Arms Murray. Opening services were held with the assistance of the Color Guard and Sgt. At Arms Murray. Joe Humeston read the opening prayer in Chaplain Andrews' absence.

PC Carelli greeted all present and the minutes of our last meeting 10/2020 were read. The minutes were accepted without change or correction.

Sick Call: PC Carelli noted with sadness that Chaplain Harmon Andrews is currently entering home hospice care. Sentiments regarding comrade Andrews' contribution to our Post and to the Town of Southbury were shared.

New Business:

Memorial Day Parade - May 31st downtown Southbury, 11:00 am start time at Pomperaug Office Park. A minibus is being provided for those who cannot walk the parade route. Lunch will follow at the VFW club house. Post 204 members are invited.

- A motion was made, seconded and approved to send \$100 to the VFW as a contribution toward the cost of providing lunch.
- PC Carelli is working with the HV office to get approval for a 4th of July ceremony at the Meeting House Flag Pole.
- Boys & Girls State: A motion was made, seconded and approved to partner with both the Southbury American Legion Post and the Post 204 Ladies Auxiliary to share 50% of the cost of sending a boy and 50% of a girl to the program this year.
- Discussion of holding one of our upcoming meetings at a restaurant. The idea was favorably received.
- Appointment of Joe Humeston as Chaplain.

Old Business or Other Discussion: None at this time.

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Joe Humeston provided a closing prayer.

Closing Ceremonies and Retirement of the Colors were held and the meeting was adjourned at 1610 hours.



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Respectfully submitted
Post Adjutant Glenn Christy



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3. **Communications:** No communications.
4. **Committee & Service Officer Reports:** none
5. **Unfinished Business.** None.
6. **New Business.** None presented
7. **Program:** Lisa Wnuck gave a presentation on Wills and Trusts
8. **The Good of the Legion.** Ladies Aux to have a card party fund raiser Nov 19th. A memorial service will be held at the Town Hall on Nov 11th at 11pm to honor the 100th anniversary of the Armistice.
9. After **Closing Ceremonies**, meeting adjourned at 1600, followed by a coffee and BYO get-together..

Submitted by
Glenn Christy, Adjutant



Minutes of October 11, 2018 Meeting of HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204

1. **Meeting called to order at 1505** by PC Carelli, followed by Opening Rituals. Officers present: PC Carelli; Finance Officer Johanesen;; Sergeant-at-Arms Murray. Adjutant Christy. Noted that a quorum was present
2. **Minutes** for Sept meetings read and approved. **Finance Report:** As Sept 1, Savings Account value was: \$; checking account was \$
3. **Communications:** No communications.
4. **Committee & Service Officer Reports:**
Commander Mike reported on the visit to meet the National Commander in Wilton. A picture of the National commander and 204 post officers is now on the web site.
5. **Unfinished Business - Carry over items**
 - (1) We are requested to remove file cabinets from the Storage center by the Library It was suggested we could dispose of the furniture Oct 3 at the Village trash pickup. This was not done. Need to take some action on this matter.
 - (2) The ladies American Legion Axillary has a Card Party for “Fisher House” at SCH from 1 to 4. Donations of clothing and Gift cards are requested
 - (3) A Bells for Peace ceremony will be held Nov 11th. All churches are request to ring their bells 21 times at 11am.
 - (4) The VFW will have a ceremony on November at 11pm. A free lunch will be served at the VFW meeting place.
6. **New Business.**
Several items of business were discussed:
 - 1) Finance Officer Terry outlined what the minimum cost was of running the Post. They exceed the revenue we obtain from dues. Funding ideas were discussed but nothing was decided at this meeting. Work is to continue on how to raise additional operating funds. In addition, some 25 members have not paid their dues at this point.
 - 2) Kathleen Kelleher gave us some ideas about how we might visit our home bound members. If any members know of shut-ins let us know so that we might arrange to visit them. We have done this in the past and will continue to do so
 - 3) A discussion was held on how to increase attendance. Was pointed out that the web page is not widely reviewed and additional sources of communications are needed. Adj Christy suggested that we use email as an additional source of Meeting Calls and in contacting our members. We currently have 50 members with email addresses.. Members Ralph Soliman and Jerry Cloutier agreed to help out in obtaining missing email addresses. A suggestion was also made to call members who do not have email addresses to request their attendance at upcoming meetings.
 - 4) There is to be a veteran’s ceremony at the Gainesville school on November 9th. There is an 8:45 breakfast, a 9:15 assembly and a 10AM classroom visit. All are invited to come.
 - 5) Our next meeting will have Attorney Lisa Wnuck giving a presentation on Wills, Trusts, and Probates.
7. **Program:** None.
8. **The Good of the Legion.** None.
9. After **Closing Ceremonies**, meeting adjourned at 1613, followed by a coffee and BYO get-together..

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Glenn Christy, Adjutant



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2. **Minutes** for August meetings read and approved. **Finance Report:** As of April 1, Savings Account value was: \$; checking account was \$
3. **Communications:** No communications.
4. **Committee & Service Officer Reports:** none
5. **Unfinished Business.** None.
6. **New Business.**
 - (1) Glenn Christy was nominated for Adjutant. No other nominations were received from the membership. Glenn was approved by the membership as the new adjutant. The post of Senior Vice Commander is now open.
 - (2) Chaplin Abruzzi and Dave Burke called the members attention to a veteran's coffee hour that is held at the Southbury Senior center. A representative for the VA usually attends and has useful information for vets. Examples are free dental care and courses available at the center for the Arts
 - (3) The ladies American Legion Axillary has several activities scheduled.
 - a. Poppies sale, Sat 15th at Stop and Shop.
 - b. Card Party for "Fisher House" at SCH from 1 to 4. Donations of clothing and Gift cards are requested
 - (4) A Bells for Peace ceremony will be held Nov 11th. All churches are request to ring their bells 21 times at 11am.
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 - (6) We are requested to remove file cabinets from the Storage center by the Library It was suggested we could dispose of the furniture Oct 3 at the Village trash pick up.
7. **Memorial.** A moment of silence was observed for veterans Charles Beachman, John Grainger, Vincent Coviello and Peter Allen who recently passed away.
8. **Program:** None.
9. **The Good of the Legion.** None.
10. After **Closing Ceremonies**, meeting adjourned at 1613, followed by a coffee and BYO get-together..

Submitted by
Glenn Christy, Adjutant