



Minutes of April 11, 2019 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; Adjutant Christy, Finance Officer Johanesen; Chaplain Rizzo, Sergeant-at-Arms Murray Service Officer Kathleen Kelleher. Noted that a quorum was present
2. **Minutes** of Feb 2019 meeting read and approved. **Finance Report:** as of April 1, Savings Account value: \$; checking account is \$ Finance report approved as presented.
3. **Communications:** None given.
4. **Committee & Service Officer Reports:** Service Officer Kelleher reported on a program to seek out and contact veterans who may be in need. Lists were passed out to volunteers who will make phone calls to contact village vets and determine their status
5. **Sick Call:** none reported
6. **Unfinished Business.** None.
7. **New Business.** Commander Mike initiated a discussion on Post fund raising. These ideas were presented: Don Sansone suggested an assessment to augment the yearly dues. Ken Kurso reported on a current fund raiser that we could participate in. Involves selling flowers. Ralph Solimano proposed a 50-50 raffle and Glenn Christy offered to contact businesses to see if we could put their logo or business information on our web page. These ideas will be proposed at an Executive meeting and an action plan will be forthcoming. In other business PC Mile proposed that we support a young lady for Girl's state. Cost will be \$187. Motion for approval was made by PC Mike and seconded by Chaplin Joe. The motion was approved by the membership
8. **Program:** Angelo Potitucci spoke on the **Wreaths for Veterans Cemeteries** project. This would entail purchasing wreaths that would be laid at veteran's gravesites. Participating Posts would sell wreaths and lay them at veteran's gravesites. Post 204 needs to decide about participation in this program.
9. **The Good of the Legion.** Nothing reported
10. After **Closing Ceremonies**, meeting adjourned at 1630, followed by a coffee and get-together.

Submitted by
Glenn Christy, Adjutant



Minutes of August 8, 2019 Meeting
of **HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204**

- **Meeting called to order at:** 15:00 hours by **PC Carelli**. Opening ceremonies were conducted by the PC, the Color Guard and the newly appointed Post Chaplain, Harmon Andrews. Officers present: PC Carelli, Chaplain/FO Abruzzi, Sgt.-at-Arms Murray.
- **Minutes** of July 11th meeting the were read and approved. **Finance Report** was not available as FO Terry Johansen was ill and unable ot attend. **Sam Lamhut** of Condo 24 passed away on July 20th. Sam served with the Marines as an aerial photographer during the Korean War. He was the owner of a shoe store and also a sales executive with the company Timberland. He is survived by his wife Judy.
- **Communications Report:** No report
- **Sick Call:** **Dave Burke** and his wife, who were injured in an auto accident last month, are doing much better. Dave is in-attendance at this meeting.
- **Old Business:** **PC Carelli** thanked members who have provided additional voluntary support to the Post. He also thanked all members who participated in the Memorial Day Parade and the 4th of July celebration and ceremony.
- **New Business:** **PC Carelli** announced that **FO Terry Johansen** is stepping down due to ill health. Terry was recognized for his service to the Post. Member Joe Abruzzi is being appointed to fill that post. Joe Abruzzi was sworn-in as FO.
- **Program:** **PC Carelli** thanked all members who have participated in meeting and attended our special events during the year. A Recognition Ceremony was held to honor certain members who have provided exceptional support and service to the Post in the past, as well as, those who are stepping up to assume leadership responsibilities for the coming year. Included were: **Rocco Alessandro**, a long-term member and past commander, Adjutant, **Glenn Christy** who also manages our website and was unable to attend, **Joe Abruzzi** for stepping-up as FO, **Harmon Andrews**, filling to post of Chaplain, **Peter Murray**, continuing as Sgt-at-Arms, **Kathleen Kelleher** for her work as Communications Chair, **David Burke and Mike Palomba** for forming our Post Color Guard, **Jim Sugden** for assisting the Adjutant.
- **The Good of the Legion:** **Jim Sugden** was asked to pass out membership cards ot those who have already paid their dues. **PC Carelli** mentioned that those who would like to pay their dues today may meet with the FO after the meeting. A suggestion was made by

member **Paul Fako** that the Post should consider subsidizing members as necessary to assure that all members have appropriate uniform parts (shirts and hats) to give the Post a more professional look at events. **Dave Burke** donated two American Legion Logo polo shirts for members who could use them.

- **Closing Ceremonies:** were conducted. **Chaplain Andrews** offered a prayer, **Sgt-at-Arms Murray** retired the POW-MIA Cover and the Color Guard retired the colors. The meeting was adjourned at: 16:30

Submitted by,
James Sugden, Assistant to the
Adjutant

Minutes of December 12, 2019 Meeting
of **HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204**

1. **Meeting called to order** at 15:00 hours by PC Carelli. Opening ceremonies were conducted by the Post Commander, Color Guard and Post Chaplin. Chaplin Andrews provided a prayer.

Officers Present: PC Carelli, VC Sugden, FO Abruzzi and SO Kelleher. Adjutant Christy is on Sick Call.

PC Carelli announced that this meeting would be designated as the Commander's Holiday Meeting and would follow a special, abbreviated format to allow time for a special performance by the Brookfield High School Chamber Singers.

2. **Reading of the Minutes and Finance Report** were dispensed with as part of the abbreviated program.
3. **Communications Report:** dispensed with as part of the abbreviated program.
4. **Sick Call:** dispensed with as part of the abbreviated program.
5. **Old Business:** dispensed with as part of the abbreviated program.
6. **New Business:** dispensed with as part of the abbreviated program.
7. **Program:** The Brookfield High School Chamber Singers, led by their director Mr. John LaMendola, presented a holiday program that was entertaining and artistically performed. The program began with "God Bless America" and continued with a selection of Christmas and Holiday music. All were well received. At the conclusion of the program, PC Carelli presented Mr. LaMendola with an American Legion coffee cup as a token of our appreciation for the program and for the all the talented students that performed.
8. **The Good of the Legion:** The HV American Legion Ladies Auxiliary provided refreshments for all attendees and the performers. Immediately following the meeting.
9. **Closing Ceremonies:** The Colors and the POW/MIA cover were retired. The meeting adjourned at 16:20 hours.

Submitted by,
James Sugden, Vice Commander
Assisting the Adjutant



Minutes of Feb 14, 2019 meeting

of HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204

Meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm

Standard opening was done with the attention to colors; the POW & MIA ceremony and prayer which was given by Terry Johanesen . The sgt. at arms presented MIA -POW cover to front of room and the Pledge of Allegence was said.

Post officers in attendance: Cmdr. Michael Carelli, Finance officer Terry Johanesen, Service officer Kathleen Kelleher, Past Cmdr. Rocco Alessandro

No previous minutes or financial reports

Jim Sugden introduced guest speaker Chaim Gewirtzman who spoke at length concerning long and short home health care thru his company NCE in Waterbury Ct. this was followed by Q & A

Kathleen Kelleher read closing prayer

Colors were retired and meeting adjourned at 4:45pm

Respectfully submitted
Post Adjutant Glenn Christy



Minutes of Jan 10, 2019 Special Meeting

HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204

- 1 Attendance of officers and opening prayers and ceremonies
- 2 Commander Mike declared meeting open at 3:10PM. Minutes skipped.
- 3 Financial Report by Terry J.: \$1878.44 in checking Account, with 2 checks for \$105. outstanding for the month. Savings Account: = \$3,718.18
Financial Report approved.

- 4 Motion by Cdr Carelli that Kathleen Kelleher be named Service Officer, with Rocco Alessandro. Seconded by Joe Abruzzi and passed.

In accepting the post Kathleen then spoke of ideas to help veterans such as co-ordinating efforts with other posts.

- 5 Ken Korsu, VFW Commander, spoke on various topics, including communications with The VFW and Post 147. He noted that Mary Korsu was a contact for services and help with Rides to VA facilities. Also, Ken talked of a movement at town meeting to reduce taxes for Veterans and problems of some Vets to pay air fare home upon separation from service. He Stated that a fund is available for some aid.
6. Commander Carelli moved in new business, that the post "not" participate financially in the Men's club 4th of July picnic. This was seconded and after a discussion, pro and con, it was voted on to not participate
5. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM



Minutes of July 11, 2019 Meeting
of **HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204**

1. **Meeting called to order at 15:10** by PC Carelli, followed by **Opening Rituals**. Officers present: Post Commander Carelli, Adjutant Christy, Finance Officer Johansen, Chaplin Abruzzi, Sergeant-at-Arms Murray.
2. **Minutes** for the May and June Meetings were read and approved. **Finance Report** was read and approved. FO Johansen advised members that dues notices were now in the mail and that payments should be made directly to our Post. The Finance Officer will then forward the appropriate amount of dues payment to the Legion's national office.
3. **Communications Report:** No report
4. **Sick Call:** **Dave Burke**, recently suffered an auto accident and would welcome visitors or a call. **Bernard Gallagher**, Condo 10, a Vietnam Vet passed away on June 24th leaving a wife, Gere. He spent his civilian career in advertising and was 74 years old. **John Colla**, Condo 8, a Veteran of the Korean War, also a member of the VFW. He worked for the Dictaphone Corporation for 38 years and leaves a wife, Frances. He passed away on June 20th at age 87. **Frank Harrison Nye**, formally of Heritage Village passed away on June 20th at age 100. He served in the Air Corps during WWII and operated a sporting goods store before moving to Heritage Village. **Cecile Nutting**, Condo 1, died on July 7th at age 88. She served in the Air Force in Alaska during the 1960s. She was a realtor with Joseph Bette Agency before retiring.
5. **Old Business:** An appeal was also made by PC Carelli for members who are able, to lend additional financial support to our Post with their voluntary contributions.
6. **New Business:** None, at this time.
7. **Program:** Guest speaker, **Ken Korsu**, a veteran of Vietnam service with the 101st Airborne and Commander of Southbury VFW Post 1607, spoke on the Battle of Hamburger Hill. His recollections of his time as an artillery battery commander in the A Shau Valley, the background behind the battle and his vivid descriptions of his unit's participation in the assault were of great interest and well received by all in attendance.
8. **The Good of the Legion:** No report
9. **Closing Ceremonies:** were conducted. The meeting was adjourned at 16:10, followed by coffee and informal conversation.

Submitted by,
James Sugden, Assistant to the Adjutant



Minutes of June 13, 2019 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; Service Officer Kathleen Kelleher; Past Commander Rocco Alesandro. Noted that a quorum was present
2. **Minutes** for previous meeting were not available. **Finance Report:** As of June 1, Savings Account value was: \$; checking account was \$
3. **Communications:** No communications.
4. **Committee & Service Officer Reports:** Kathleen Kelleher gave a summary of her work obtaining names and addresses of all vets in the village. She suggested a campaign to advertise membership in the village. She would like to have visits to those in hospitals or homes. Likewise she would like to have help calling vets in village in order to get their status.
5. **Program:** Jim Sugden spoke at length about benefits and services of the V.A. Jim has agreed to become new Asst to the Adjutant. At next meeting Jim will further discuss VA Long Term care services and requirements of the VA. The July speaker will be Ken Korsu VFW Commander who will discuss WWII battle of Hamburger Hill
6. **Old Business:** Donations to the Post have reached \$800 due to some very generous donations. This money greatly affects or ability to continue with Boy's and Girl's State as well as State Police should we have a candidate.
7. **New Business.** Commander Carelli notes he is in contact with the 102d Army National Guard Band and they are trying to work out a date when they might have a concert in the Village.
8. **The Good of the Legion.** None.
9. After **Closing Ceremonies**, meeting adjourned at 1605, followed by a coffee and BYO get-together..

Submitted by
Glenn Christy, Adjutant



Minutes of May 9, 2019 Meeting of HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204

- **Meeting called to order at 1500** by PC Carelli, followed by Opening Rituals. Officers present: PC Carelli; Finance Officer Johanesen; Chaplain Abruzzi; Sergeant-at-Arms Murray. Adjutant Christy and Service officer Kelleher. Our guests were Charles Burke Vice Commander of District 2 and Kat Bonomo, our candidate for Girls State. Noted that a quorum was present
- **Minutes** for April meetings read and approved. **Finance Report:** As of April 1, Savings Account value was: \$ 3713.79; checking account was \$1637.68.
- **Communications:** No communications.
- Sick Call: No members reported as being ill
- **Service Officer Report:** Kathleen reported that she had visited John Power in River Glen. Although he is unable to talk because of a stroke he was most receptive to see Kathleen. He would like more visits. Kathleen also reminded members that she had a tax list that we could find the names of veterans in Heritage village who we might contact to see if they are in need of companionship or help. Please contact Kathleen if you could help in this endeavor.
- **Unfinished Business.** PC Mike requested that any donations to the post would be appreciated. Several donations have already been made. If you would care to donate make checks to am leg post 204. A brief discussion followed on the status of donations. It was noted that both State and national chapter are always asking for donations. Accordingly, it would seem to be appropriate for donations to go to our chapter until we are sufficiently funded to operate and perform chapter functions such as Boys and Girls state. Essay competitions, etc.
- **New Business.** A) Signup sheets were passed around for any members wanting to march or ride in the Memorial Day parade. We will meet May 27th at 10 pm in the parking lot across from CVS . B) We need to know if there are any ww2 vets. They will have a special car in the parade.

The State of Connecticut is having an Armed Forces Day luncheon May 17th at 11am. It will be held at the Aqua Turf Club, Southington. Cost is \$30. If you want to go please contact me and I will place your reservation. Attire is business or service dress

- **Program:** Am Legion Aux President Pat Squitieri introduced our Girl's State representative, Kat Bonomo. Kat gave a brief resume of her background and interests. She is on the Varsity Debate team and is considering going to the Naval Academy.

A question arose about having a Boy's state rep. Was pointed out that we did not have the funding to do that. District 2 Vice Commander Burke stated that they would help if funding was needed to send a Boys state rep from our post

- **The Good of the Legion.** None.
- After **Closing Ceremonies**, meeting adjourned at 1615, followed by a coffee and get-together.

Submitted by
Glenn Christy, Adjutant

No meeting this month

Minutes of November 14, 2019 Meeting
of **HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204**

1. **Meeting called to order at 15:00 hours by PC Carelli.** Opening ceremonies were conducted by the Post Commander, Color Guard and Post Chaplin. Officers Present: PC Carelli, FO Abruzzi, Sgt.-at-Arms Murray, Service Officer Kelleher and Asst. to the Adjutant Sugden. Chaplin Andrews lead the members in prayer and the remembrance of important and historical days in November. Sgt.-at-Arms Murry placed the POW/MIA in honor of our missing comrades. PC Carelli then introduced Nancy Trew Sugden who led the assembled group in singing *God Bless America*.
2. **Minutes** for the October meeting were read and approved. **Finance Report** was read and approved.
3. **PC Carelli announced a temporary appointment.** Jim had been assisting in the unofficial capacity of “Assistant to the Adjutant”. However, to bring his appointment into conformance with American Legion by-laws and practices, he is being temporarily appointed to the official post of Vice Commander. Jim was presented, duly “sworn-in” and pledged to faithfully perform the duties of Vice Commander.
4. **Communications Report:** No report at this time
5. **Sick Call:** No one reporting on sick call.
6. **Old Business:** No old business to discuss.
7. **New Business:** No new business to discuss.
8. **Program:** Joseph Bette, a Southbury based realtor with many years’ experience in the Heritage Village market, addressed the group on the best techniques for building your home’s resale value. He answered questions and provided numerous tips on the unique aspects of the Heritage Village real estate market.
At the close of Mr. Bette’s address, PC Carelli presented American Flag pins to be he and Nancy Trew Sugden as a token of our appreciation.
9. **The Good of the Legion:** Nothing further to discuss.
10. **Closing Ceremonies:** Were conducted. Chaplin Andrews offer a prayer. PC Carelli retired the POW-MIA cover in the absence of Sgt.-at-Arms Murray. The meeting was adjourned at: 16:10 hours.

Submitted by,
James Sugden, Vice Commander



Minutes of Oct 10, 2019 Meeting
of **HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204**

1. **Meeting called to order at 15:10** by PC Carelli, followed by **Opening Rituals**. Officers present: Post Commander Carelli, Adjutant Christy, Finance Officer Abruzzi, Chaplin Andrews, Sergeant-at-Arms Murray. Karen Lampiasi sang the Star Spangled Banner to open the meeting.
2. **Minutes** for the May and June Meetings were read and approved. **Finance Report** was read and approved.
3. **Communications Report:** No report
4. **Sick Call:** Chaplin Harmon Andrews reported that Paul Carolla, U.S Army, and Robert J. Dyer, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, passed away. There will be an honoring of Robert's life at the Heritage Hotel. More details to come.
5. **Old Business:** American Legion shirts and hats catalogue is on the table if anyone wants to order Legion hats or shirts. Checks for Wreaths across American can be given to Harmon Andrews who will deliver them to the VFW.
6. **New Business:** PC Carelli reported that we have received an invitation for the VFW annual Oktoberfest which will be on October 26th from 5 to 8 PM at the VFW club house. Charge is \$20. Hope is for enough Post 204 members attending to have 1 or 2 tables.
7. **Program:** The speaker was Carol Maksimow from the Hearing Aid Specialists of CT. She is the founder and director of that company. Her talk was very informative regarding the types of hearing loss and the hearing aids developed to counter the loss of hearing.
8. **The Good of the Legion:** No report
9. **Closing Ceremonies:** were conducted. The meeting was adjourned at 16:10, followed by coffee and informal conversation.

Submitted by,
Glenn Christy, Adjutant

Minutes of September 12, 2019 Meeting
of **HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204**

1. **Meeting called to order at:** 15:00 hours by **PC Carelli**. Opening ceremonies were conducted by the PC, the Color Guard and the Post Chaplain, Harmon Andrews. Officers present: PC Carelli, FO Abruzzi, Sgt.-at-Arms Murray and Asst. to the Adjutant Sugden. American Legion Auxiliary member **Denise Burke** addressed the group regarding the recent Poppy fund raiser. She thanked the Post 204 members who participated in the event with the Auxiliary.
PC Carelli took a few moments to recall with those in attendance the events of 9-11, especial the heroic actions of the passengers of Flight 93. He extolled their bravery and tenacity in fighting back against the hijacking of their aircraft. Their actions and sacrifice ultimately saved many lives and should stand as an inspiration to us all.
2. **Minutes** of August 8, 2019 meeting the were read and approved.
3. **Finance Report** was read by FO Abruzzi and approved.
4. **Communications Report:** No report – Communications Officer Kelleher is ill at this time.
5. **Sick Call:** Adjutant **Glenn Christy** and Communications Officer **Kathleen Kelleher** are both on sick call at this time and should remain in our thoughts. Chaplain Andrews noted that **Sam Lamhut** of Condo 24 passed away on July 20th. Sam served with the Marines as an aerial photographer during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife Judy.
6. **Old Business:** Some discussion was held regarding the purchase of name badges. Most members in attendance felt that having name badges would be helpful to our membership. The topic will be researched further.
7. **New Business:** No new business.
8. **Program:** **PC Carelli** noted that our original speaker, was unable to attend and questioned those present as to their interest in booking speakers to discuss various financial topics. The members expressed limited interest in those topics.
In place of our original speaker, the attendees were addressed by **Russ Tolles** of Southbury Post 147. He spoke of the Wreaths Across America project and provided brochures on the subject. He asked for our participation in promoting and supporting Wreaths Across America and its mission to “Remember, Honor and Teach”
9. **The Good of the Legion:** **PC Carelli** noted that a catalogue of American Legion clothing and accessories is on the desk for review by members after our meeting.
10. **Closing Ceremony:** was conducted. **Chaplain Andrews** offered a prayer, **Sgt-at-Arms Murray** retired the POW-MIA Cover and the **Color Guard** retired the colors. The meeting was adjourned at: 16:10 hours.

Submitted by,
James Sugden, Assistant to the Adjutant