

Minutes of February 13,2020 Meeting
of **HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204**

1. **Meeting called to order at 15:00 hours** by PC Carelli. Officer in attendance were **PC Carell, VC Sugden, FO Abruzzi, SO Kelleher, Chaplin Andrews and SAA Murray. Opening ceremonies** were conducted with the assistance of the **Color Guard, Chaplin Andrews and SAA Murray.**
2. **Minutes** for the January 9th meeting were read and approved.
3. **Financial Report:** FO Abruzzi delivered the Financial Report which was approved as read.
4. **Post Commander's Report:** **Glenn Christy** has stepped down from his duties as Adjutant due to health issues but will continue his service to the Post as Historian and has been given the life title of **Honorary Adjutant.** A **Certificate of Appreciation** (attached) was authorized for Glenn in recognition of his years of service to Post #204. Jim Sugden will assume the duties of Adjutant. Elections for Post Officer will take place at the May meeting. The PC placed a sign-up sheet on display for any members who are interested in running for a Post officer's position. A replacement for Assistant to the Adjutant was specifically requested.
5. **Sick Call:** **PC Carelli** noted his trip to visit veterans at the local Lutheran Nursing Home. He encouraged members to take part in future visits.
6. **Program:** **George Goodwin**, president of the Heritage Village Ambulance Service provided addressed Post members and guests regarding the history and operations of the HV Ambulance Service. Following his presentation, he opened the discussion to questions from the floor. At the close of his presentation, PC Carelli presented George with a flag pin as a token of our appreciation for visiting with us.
7. **Old Business:** **VC Sugden** provided a summary of the comments made at the recent AM Legion Regional Conference regarding incorporation of the Post. Promising additional details on incorporation in the near future.
8. **New Business:** The attendance of several new or potential members was noted. **PC** requested that prospective new members provide a copy of their DD-214 to Jim Sugden along with a payment for annual dues of \$35. **VC Sugden** provided details on a recognition program for Vietnam Era veterans. This program is presented by a Commemorative Partner Team from Post 17 of Naugatuck. It honors those who served in the Vietnam Era, between 11/1/55 and 5/15/75 regardless of their during station in that period. More details to follow. (see attachment)
9. **Closing Ceremonies:** Chaplin Andrews led the group in a memorial service for Sgt. John K. Carroll, age 77 of Heritage Village who served as an artillery instructor in the U.S. Army after graduation from Boston college. He was honorably discharged in 1968. Donations may be made

in John's name to the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Closing ceremonies were conducted. The meeting was adjourned at 16:10 hours.

Submitted by,
James Sugden, Adjutant



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JIM SUGDEN

FINANCE OFFICER
JOSEPH ABRUZZI

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS
PETER F. MURRAY

HONORARY CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

TO: Adjutant Glenn Christy:
American Legion Post 204

DATE:
On this day of our lord, February 4, 2020.

Be it know, that in appreciation for his hours, days and years of hard work for the Am. Leg. Post 204; in the Offices of Vice Commander and Adjutant; Glenn Christy is designated as HONORARY ADJUTANT FOR LIFE, with all privileges given to that office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, THIS DOCUMENT CERTIFIED BY THE SIGNATURE OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS:

Cdr: Michael Carelli

V.Cdr: Jim Sugden



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FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Nov.21,2019

Hi Commander,

Has your post recognized your Viet-nam veterans with their D.O.D. Commemorative lapel pin?

Post 17 in Naugatuck is a commemorative partner. We are authorized by the D.O.D. to present the Viet-nam veterans pin to any veteran who served in ant branch of the service from Nov. 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975 regardless of where they may have been stationed.

If your post would like to have our Commemorative Partner team come to your Post and put on a presentation ceremony, please contact me for details.

Yours in Fellowship,

Tom Honyotski Sr.

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Minutes of January 9, 2020 Meeting
of **HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204**

1. **Meeting called to order** at 15:00 hrs. by PC Carelli. Opening ceremonies were conducted by the Post Commander and Post Chaplin. Officers present were: PC Carelli, VC Sugden, FO Abruzzi, SO, Kelleher, Sgt. At Arms Murray. Adjutant Christy is on sick leave. Members of the Color Guard were unable to attend. Chaplin Andrews delivered the Opening Prayer noting the important days of our military which occurred in January. Following the POW/MIA ceremony and the Pledge of Allegiance, Helen Falcone of Heritage Village sang a powerful rendition of the National Anthem. Helen was then presented with a flag pin memento of her visit with our post.
2. **Minutes** of the Dec. 12, 2019 meeting were read and approved. **Finance Report** was read and approved. FO Abruzzi presented an expanded, Annual Finance Report this month. Copy attached to these minutes.
3. **Communications Report:** none at this time
4. **Sick Call:** Adjutant Glenn Christy's absence was noted and PC Carelli gave an update on Glenn's continuing recovery. SO Kelleher was presented with her Service Officer's pin. She, being on sick call during the presentation ceremony in November.
5. **Old Business:** It was noted that catalogs of American Legion covers, clothing and pins were available for perusal after this meeting for those interested obtaining such items. SO Kelleher reintroduced her call for volunteers to call area veterans. The project would provide visits to area veterans.
6. **New Business:** the floor was opened to member comments and questions. A discussion of fund-raising and membership promotion options generated several ideas that were discussed. Among the ideas discussed were:
 - A raffle
 - Solicitation of contributions from area residents including fund raising "coffee hours" to educate HV residents about Post 204
 - Sale or raffle of Bird Houses
 - Promotion of a specific project to focus attention on the good works of the Post and how increased funding will benefit HV.

7. **Program:** No formal program was planned for this “business only” meeting
8. **The Good of the Legion:**
9. **Closing Ceremonies:** Closing ceremonies included retirement of the Colors by newly appointed Color Guard member Dario Marenelli, retirement of the POW/MIA cover, a prayer by Chaplin Andrews and honorable remembrance of Forrest Palmer a veteran of WWI in Normandy. PC Carelli adjourned the meeting at 16:20 hours. Coffee and conversation followed.

Submitted by,

James Sugden, Vice commander

Post 204 Finance Report for 2019

Operating Account

Beginning 1/1/19 = **\$1736**

Ending 12/31/19 = **\$2466**

Total Income = **\$3,630**

Gross Income from Dues = **\$2,450** (67%)

Net Income from Dues = **\$334** (9%)

Donations = **\$1,180** (33%)

Total Expenses = **\$2,958**

Dues to State = **\$2,116** (72%)

Admin. = **\$319** (11%)

Food = **\$90** (3%)

Gifts = **\$225** (8%)

Boys/Girls State = **\$188** (6%)

Delegate fees = **\$20** (1%)

Income minus expenses = **\$673**

Savings Account

Beginning 1/1/19 = **\$3,713**

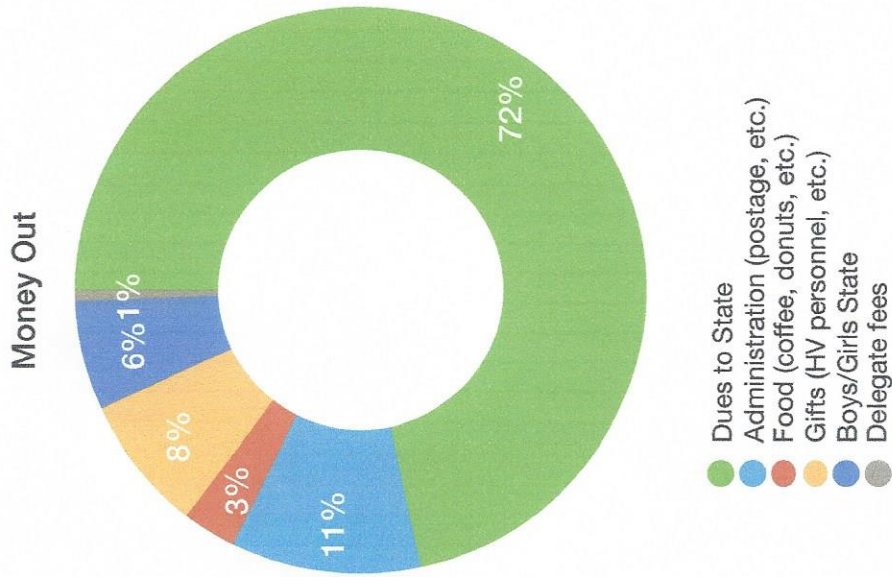
Ending 12/31/19 = **\$3,715**

Budget 2019

MONEY IN	
Dues	\$2,450
Donations	\$1,180
Fund Raisers	\$0
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,630

MONEY OUT	
Dues to State	\$2,116
Administration (postage, etc.)	\$319
Food (coffee, donuts, etc.)	\$90
Gifts (HV personnel, etc.)	\$225
Boys/Girls State	\$188
Delegate fees	\$20
Donations	\$0
Other	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,958

MONEY LEFT OVER	
Income minus expenses	\$673



Due to covid only three meetings were held in 2020. Only meetings were Jan, Feb and October



Minutes of October 8, 2020 Membership Meeting

Of the **Heritage Village American Legion Memorial Post #204**

Meeting called to order at 10:00 Hours by Commander Michael Carelli. 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, SVC Christy, Past Commander Alessandro, Adjutant Sugden, FO Abruzzi, SO Kelleher, Chaplin Andrews, SAA Murray.** Opening Ceremonies were held with the assistance of the **Color Guard, Chaplin Andrews and SAA Murray.**

Reading of the Minutes of our last meeting (February 13, 2020) was waived.

The **Post 204 Singers** were introduced and performed a rendition of God Bless America. PC Carelli indicated that the newly formed Post 204 Singers would welcome any member that would like to sing as part of a small group. As times return to normal the group hopes to rehearse and perform for Village functions.

The Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion was recited.

Adjutant Sugden provided a review of activities since the Post's last meeting. His report included:

- a reminder that 2021 dues notices have been sent
- discussion of the assessment of \$975 levied by the district on Post 204 for administrative services
- a request for a donation to the Department of CT Oratorical Contest
- discussion of the websites for the state, national and our local post, along with instructions for accessing these sites
- Information on the 100 Mile Challenge to support the American Legion Veterans & Children's Foundation

FO Abruzzi provided a report on Post Finances

SVC Christy provide additional information on and instruction for use of the Post's website.

SO Kelleher provided remarks to members about important immunizations that they should pursue with their doctors or local medical care resources

PC Carelli requested comments form the membership about donations for the Oratorical Contest. The members present approved a \$50 donation.

New Business: None at this time

Closing Ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 hours.

