



Post 204 Meeting Minutes

Aug 12, 2021 3:PM,
Music Room, Meeting House

PC Mike called the meeting to order at 3PM

Chaplain Joe H. – Opening prayer.

MIA/POW Ceremony -- Performed by PC Mike

Post 204 Singers sang " America the Beautiful"

Officers present: All officers present except Adjutant Jim Sugden and Peter Murry

Minutes of June meeting were read by SVC Glenn Christy. No changes were made.

A motion was made and accepted to approve the minutes

FO Joe Abruzzi gave the financial report. It was approved and accepted by the membership
Detail can be had by contacting Joe. Our finances are not included in meeting minutes.

SVC Christy gave a brief update in the website and answered membership questions concerning the site.

Sick Call - One post member was reported as being ill. His name will be given
to Service Officer Kathleen Kelleher for follow up.

PC Mike announced that there would be an opportunity to socialize after the meeting at the 1850 house..

At the next meeting we will have Judge Domenick Calabrese speak on Probate and wills.
Everyone is invited to bring family members to listen to the presentation
And ask questions. In addition, the ladies of Post 204 Auxillary will serve ice cream. Yum – yum.

On Oct 17th there will be an Expo at Sarah Cooke Hall. It will last from 1 to 3 pm. We will be
setting up our table from 11 to 1. We will have a table in the hall with our flags and members will
be there to talk to vets who would like to join and/or get additional information.

A sign up sheet was provided for members to volunteer up for manning the table.

A call was made to the membership to see who had served in the Korean war.PM PC Mike read a
brief synopsis of major Korean war events.

Chaplin Joe H. Delivered a prayer in the memory of Harmon Andrews and gave a brief overview of his
life contributions to the Military, the Town of Southbury and the American Legion.

PC Mike recovered the MOA flag and closed the meeting at 4:15



HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204

Minutes of Meeting held: December 09, 2021 - Heritage Village Meeting House- Victor Borge Room

Officers in attendance: Post Cmdr. Michael Carelli, Sr Vice Cmdr. Glenn Christy, Adjutant Jim Sugden, Finance Officer Joe Abruzzi, Acting Sgt. At Arms John Seidel, Chaplain Joe Humeston, Past Cmdr., Rocco Alessandro

Sick Call: Service Officer – Kathleen Kelleher and Sgt. At Arms Peter Murray were remembered in their absence.

Post Cmdr. Milke Carelli called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm (15:00 hours)\

Cmdr. Carelli noted that we were unable to have the Brookfield High School Chorus entertain us this year due to pandemic restrictions and vaccination concerns.

Opening ceremonies were conducted with the assistance of the Color Guard. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by singing of God Bless America. Chaplain Humeston provided a prayer and recalled important days in US Military History for the month of December were recalled including, December 7th 1941, Pearl Harbor Day, now a national day of remembrance. December 8th, 1941, the Declaration of War on Japan. December 15th 2011, end of the Iraq War, December 31, 1946, official end of World War II. POW/MIA remembrance ceremony was also observed along with a reminder that over 80,000 POWs and MIAs are still unaccounted for.

The Adjutant read **the minutes of the 11/11 meeting**.

Financial Officer Abruzzi provided a **financial report** noting balances in checking and savings of \$2,912 and \$3717 respectively.

Old Business:

Cmdr. Carelli read a letter of congratulations sent to re-elected Southbury First Selectman Jeff Manville. The Brookfield HS Chorus is scheduled to perform at our December meeting.

Cmdr. Carelli inquired as to any update available on the plight of Marine Lt. Colonel Stuart Scheller. Adj Sugden will review and report at the next meeting.

New Business:

Cmdr. Carelli provided some background on the "Christmas Truce" between German and British forces during WWI. This was followed by the Singing of Silent Night by the Post 204 Singers.

Representatives both the Southbury V.F.W. and Legion Post 147 will be visiting veterans in the Lutheran Home. The need for additional volunteers was noted.

The Coast Guard Band provided details of their upcoming Holiday Concert. More details available at: www.uscg.mil/band

Wreaths Across America is being sponsored again this year by local Legion Post 147 and the VFW. Donations and assistance with wreath distribution are always welcome. It was noted that the Ladies Auxiliary has donated \$100.

Chaplin Humeston read a closing prayer with a special remembrance of Lt. (and then Senator) Robert Dole who passed on Dec, 5th. The Color guard retired the colors at 4:15 pm (16:10 hrs)

The meeting was concluded with the singing of Auld Lang Syne by the Post 204 Singers.

Adjournment of the meeting was followed by refreshments at the 1805 House.



Post 204 Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2021 3:PM, Music Room, Meeting House.

Chaplain Joe H. – remembering the important days of our military in June
1944 Allied Invasion of Europe
1950 Korean WAR BEGAN
1775 George Washington Appointed Commanding General of
the Continental Army
1865 The Last Confederate Forces surrender

MIA/ POW Ceremony-- Peter Murray

Post 204 Singers sing " America the Beautiful"

Officers present: All officers present except S.V.C. Glenn Christy

F. O. Joe Abruzzi gave the Finance Report.

Check for \$50. for Girls State

Check for \$100. to Post 147 and VFW for Memorial Day luncheon.

Cdr. M.C. Thanked the members who took part in the Memorial Day parade.
Also some discussion on the day's activities, (good and bad)

Girls State Discussion: CDR M.C. gave a report on Hana Hussain, our only applicant, and her visit to the Village with Jim S., Pat S. and M.C. The members seemed interested and are looking forward to meeting Hana after her Girls State experience.

Discussion of the 4th of July;

CDR. Mike said we will meet on Sunday July 4th and the ceremony will last about 20 or 30 minutes. It will start at 11:AM

Part of the Ceremony will be held on the Patio and part will be held at the Flag Pole, outside the main door to the meeting house.

The Color Guard will be used.

The Post Singers or another singer will be asked to sing.

Joe Abruzzi will be our Bugler

CDR Mike or another member of the Post will talk on the History and origins of the 4th of July

*** Final details on the program will be sent out in an e-mail.

New Members:

Milton Coates --- John Barna

Discussion of a social gathering at times: The topic received a positive response.

CDR. Mike suggested the newly opened 1850 house on the H.V. grounds. There was a yes vote for such a meeting place.

S.O. Kathleen Kelleher suggested a "Wine tasting event" -- A discussion on H.V. rules for serving alcohol was discussed. CDR. Mike suggested the Post officers discuss the possibility and see if the Village would approve.

Chaplain Joe H. -- gave the closing prayer.

Sgt at Arms Peter Murray retired the POW/MIA COVER.

CDR. Mike Carelli asked for the Colors to be retired.

At 4:PM the meeting was brought to a close.



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.



HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204

Minutes of Meeting held: November 11, 2021 - Heritage Village Meeting House- Victor Borge Room

Officers in attendance: Post Cmdr. Michael Carelli, Adjutant Jim Sugden, Finance Officer Joe Abruzzi, Sgt. At Arms Peter Murray, Chaplain Joe Humeston, Service Officer Kathleen Kelleher

Post Cmdr. Milke Carelli called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm (15:00 hours)

Opening ceremonies were conducted with the assistance of the Color Guard. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by singing of God Bless America. Chaplain Humeston provided a prayer and recalled important days in US Military History for the month of November were recalled including, Establishment of the US Marine Corps in 1775, Signing of the WWI Armistice in 1918, ending of the Grenada Campaign 1983. The POW/MIA remembrance ceremony was observed.

The Adjutant read the minutes of the 10/24 meeting.

Financial Officer Abruzzi provided a financial report noting balances in checking and savings of \$2009 and \$3716 respectively.

The assembled members were addresses by Seth Poston, Security Manager for Heritage Village. He provided an update on the current level of security in the Village and initiative now being considered to maintain and enhance Village security. Seth was presented an American Flag pin by Cmdr. Carelli as a token of our appreciation for his appearance and continued work on our behalf.

Cmdr. Carelli delivered remarks regarding Veterans Day 2021 and expressed appreciation to all who served in every branch of the US Military.

The Brookfield HS Chorus is scheduled to perform at our December meeting. Their appearance must be cleared by the Village. Members were encouraged to attend with guests and the Ladies Auxilliary will prove refreshments.

Commander Carelli provided an anecdote about the hidden value of a painting in the Stockbridge American Legion Post Meeting House. (original Norman Rockwell)

Chaplin Humeston read a closing prayer and the Color guard retired the colors at 4:10 pm (16:10 hrs.)



HERITAGE VILLAGE MEMORIAL POST #204

Minutes of Meeting: **October 14th, 2022** at the Heritage Village Meeting House, Victor Borge Room

Officers in attendance: Post Cmdr. Michael Carelli, Sr. Vice Cmdr. Glenn Christy, Adjutant Jim Sugden, Finance Officer Joe Abruzzi, Sgt. At Arms Peter Murray, Chaplain Joe Humeston, Service Officer Kathleen Kelleher, Past Cmdr. Rocco Alessandro.

Post Cmdr. Carelli call the meeting order at 15:00 hours.

Opening ceremonies were conducted and Chaplain provided an opening prayer.

The POW/MIA remembrance ceremony was provided with assistance from Sgt. At Arms Murray and Cmdr. Carelli noted that the number of missing to date is 80,000. The names of the 13 service members who perished recently in Afghanistan were read aloud to our members by Cmdr. Carelli

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Post 204 singers performed the Star Spangled Banner.

Sr. V Cmdr. Christy read the minutes of the 9/9/21 meeting.

Finance Officer Abruzzi provided the financial report.

No members were listed on Sick Call.

Cmdr. Carelli requested volunteers for the HV Expo on Sunday 10/17th. He further noted the recent news about LtCol. Stuart Sheller. He also commented on the ceremony held on 10/1 for 8 veterans whose remains were unclaimed and who were buried at the Middletown Veteran's cemetery with military honors.

Meeting was adjourned at 15:50 hours and was followed by an informal get-together for refreshments at the 1850 House.

Jim Sugden

Adjutant – Post 204

Due to covid in 2021 no meetings were held in Jan, Feb, Mar, April and July



Post 204 Meeting Minutes

Sep 9, 2021 3:PM,
Patio, Meeting House PC

Mike called the meeting to order at 3PM

Chaplain Joe H. – Opening prayer.

MIA/POW Ceremony -- Performed by John Seidel

Officers present: All officers present except Adjutant Jim Sugden and Peter Murry

PC Mike honored the 13 service members killed in Afghanistan on August 20 by reading their names

Reading of the minutes and the financial report was suspended due to the program. Members were reminded of the October 17th Expo in Sarah Cooke hall. Also it was noted that the Ladies Aux was having a Poppy sale on Sept 11th and 12th. PC Mike asked that people willing to help please sign up on the list that was on the table.

The main part of the meeting was dedicated to our speaker - Probate Judge Domenick Calabrese.

The Judge gave some very interesting material on the importance of having a timely will, power of Atty and An Executor.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4PM. The ladies of the Auxiliary provided ice Cream and lots of goodies. There efforts were appreciated by all.

VC Glenn Christy
Acting Adjutant

PC Mike recovered the MOA flag and closed the meeting at 4:15