

**Sons American Legion Squadron 331 Stone Harbor • Monthly Meeting Minutes**

May 11, 2016 • 1900 hrs

Attending, representing SAL:

Greg Kizeik, Commander

Bill Burns

Craig Costigan

Sal Emma

Dr. Walter Finken

Ned Galbally

Jim Govani

Ron Kemly

Ed Taylor

Philip Welsh

Carter Winterbottom

Attending, representing AL

Dr. Vicki Lachman

Tom McCullough

Topic	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
4/13 minutes review and approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mr. Lehman's name spelling corrected</li> <li>● Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes</li> </ul>	Mr. Emma to provide corrected minutes to Cdr. Kizeik
Memorial Day	<p>Memorial Day Events Schedule</p> <p><u>Saturday, May 28</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 0800: Veterans' Breakfast at Court House Diner followed by cemetery flag placement;</li> <li>● 0900: first cemetery flag placement, Fairview Memorial Cemetery at 1st United Methodist Church, North Main Street, Cape May Court House</li> </ul> <p><u>Sunday, May 29</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1530: set up post for Monday</li> </ul> <p><u>Monday May 30</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 0530: Leave Post to set up flags at cemeteries</li> <li>● 0830: bus leaves Post for Avalon</li> <li>● 0840: line up for parade at Post Office</li> <li>● 0900: Avalon Veterans Plaza event</li> <li>● 1000: Bus returns to Post</li> </ul>	<p>Three flag carrier positions open, Navy, Air Force and AL;interested members to contact Cdr. Kizeik;</p> <p>Mr. Govani to ask if Sherry can carry a flag;</p> <p>If SAL cannot fill all seven, Cdr. will ask AL for subs;</p> <p>Mr. Galbally to coordinate driveway project;</p> <p>Cdr. Kizeik will order wreath</p> <p>Cdr. Kizeik to prepare manpower manifest and distribute to event leadership;</p> <p>Cdr. Kizeik taking care of full-page ad</p> <p>Mr. Winterbottom coordinating Sunday setup and Monday cleanup.</p>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 1200: Parade, St. Paul's Catholic Church, 100th St at 3rd Ave. to Civic Ctr at 96th St.</li><li>● 1300: Post laying of wreaths and raising flag</li><li>● 1300 – 1600: Memorial Day open house at Post</li></ul> |  |
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<p>Post 331 American Legion Report, Dr. Lachman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Auxiliary suspended/Cdr. Kizeik read letter from Sec. Pat Coyle into record; not a cancellation of charter, a suspension; main motivation is members' lack of willingness to serve as officers. Dr. Lachman requested that SAL members consider encouraging eligible women to consider joining to revitalize the organization. Interested women should contact Linda McCullough TpmLem@yahoo.com;</li><li>● <i>Ed note: eligibility details are spelled out on the Auxiliary's membership webpage at <a href="https://www.alaforveterans.org/join/">https://www.alaforveterans.org/join/</a>. "Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion, and to the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and direct and adopted female descendants</i></li></ul>	<p>Interested women should contact Linda McCullough TpmLem@yahoo.com;</p>
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*of men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States ... " specific eligibility spelled out on website.*

- At Post 331 meeting, social club director E. Orzek commended SAL member Mr. Winterbottom for his continued commitment and outstanding management of the Mole Hole;
- Memorial Day, flag carriers needed. Available Auxiliary members will continue to volunteer;
- Jim Fleischman has been elected commander but this will require a change in meetings schedule to accommodate his commitments with Avalon Fire Dept. First Tuesday of each month, starting 7/5/16.
- Changing the meeting date required some hoop-jumping, as Post 331 discovered that the meeting schedule was written into the bylaws. A bylaws change is more involved and requires approval from the membership. Dr. Lachman

	<p>recommended SAL check its own bylaws to determine if they include any procedural items like meeting schedule. State Dept. recommends local chapters remove such procedural items to avoid similar problems;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Landscaping: six benches ordered; five sponsored: 1) Stone Harbor Homeowners Assoc.; 2) AL Auxiliary; 3) John Ready to honor Al Carusi; 4) Stone Harbor Borough; 5) Laura Keenan to honor Bill Keenan. Avalon borough meets tonight hopefully Borough will sponsor last. Bench \$1,075 each plus plaque. Wildwood Elks gave a \$300 donation. These donations will cover half the cost of a bike rack. Perimeter planting will be planned according to best schedule. By about the middle June property will start to look different. Master gardener and Dr. Lachman will coordinate. Mayor of Avalon donating plants and planting service however additional volunteers will be needed, stay tuned for call. Dr.</li></ul>	
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	<p>Finken volunteered to help with planting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 6/17 – 18 fishing tournament</li><li>● Mr. Migeot reported 50/50 raffle sales have matched 2015 rate from same period;</li><li>● South Jersey Regional Walk for Homeless Veterans 6/9 on Wildwoods Boardwalk. Meet at Wildwoods Convention Center just before 4 pm. \$20 includes T-shirt;</li><li>● AL won the Americanism Award for second consecutive year. Award to be presented at Wildwoods Convention Ctr. 6/9 noon. SAL members invited to attend;</li><li>● Norm Marlin presented Post 331 with the Cape May County Distinguished Service Award;</li><li>● Bill Keenan is looking for patrons for ad book, \$30;</li><li>● Elections held Monday; Jim Fleischman, commander; Tom McCullough, 1st Vice; Norm Marlin, 2nd vice; finance, Ray Parzych; Sgt-at-Arms, Bob Levins; Trustee Harry Clayton (traditionally past commander).</li></ul>	
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	<p>Dr. Lachman will serve her fifth year as adjutant and has given notice that she will be taking a break in 2017; Art Faint stepped up as historian; Deb West stepped up as service officer, she is also County service officer and has formal training. official installation on Flag Day.</p>	
<p>Chairmen and officers, Cdr. Kizeik</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Assigned chairs: 50/50, Tim Davis; Seafood, Carter Winterbottom &amp; Brian Heenan; Barbecue, Ed Taylor &amp; Tom McCullough; Landscaping Ned Galbally; Elections Cdr. Kizeik; Gravesite, Ed Taylor; Pancakes, Walt Finken; Pearl Harbor Day, Sal Emma &amp; Craig Costigan;</li> <li>● Open chair positions, volunteers needed: Spaghetti Dinner, Squadron Social Events; Donations &amp; Contributions</li> <li>● Cdr. Kizeik distributed updated membership roster to executive committee and chairs.</li> </ul>	<p>Volunteers needed for open chair positions, contact Cdr. Kizeik</p>
<p>Nomination of Officers; Cdr. Kizeik</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The commander has received some responses; written ballots were distributed and voted on at meeting; balance of ballots will</li> </ul>	<p>Members who did not attend meeting to respond to forthcoming email.</p>



	<p>be emailed; members not in attendance will have opportunity to vote via email; Cdr. Kizeik will tally update membership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cdr. Kizeik read the nomination rules into the record</li> <li>• Mssrs. Costigan and Emma and Dr. Finken were nominated for adjutant from floor but declined;</li> <li>• Dr. Finken was nominated to serve as chaplain and accepted.</li> </ul>	
331 Website salpost331.com, Cdr. Kizeik	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website development continues and it is looking good thanks to the efforts of Frank Davis;</li> <li>• Team is working on getting the members/documents area up and running, more to come.</li> </ul>	
50/50, Cdr. Kizeik	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cdr. Kizeik will touch base with Tim Davis ask him to reach out to membership on SAL sales. If members want tickets, they can contact Tim directly.</li> <li>• 50 tickets are available in Mole Hole for members tonight.</li> </ul>	
Open Discussion		
SAL meeting change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Burns asked if SAL might attract more members by changing meeting to Mondays with the goal of capturing summer residents who may still</li> </ul>	

	<p>be available on Mondays instead of midweek;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dr Lachman explained AL's process for bylaws amendment; best to remove from bylaws and leave meeting schedule up to exec committee;</li> <li>● Membership agreed to launch an exploration of bylaws and, if needed, initiate bylaws change to assign executive committee responsibility for setting meeting schedule.</li> </ul>	
Bylaws exploration initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cdr. Kizeik nominated Mr. Emma as bylaws update chairman and Mr. Emma accepted.</li> <li>● Mr. Emma and Cdr. Kizeik will sweep document for meeting dates and other procedural issues that would be best removed;</li> <li>● Mr. Emma will administer any bylaws changes resulting from the review;</li> </ul>	Cdr. Kizeik and Mr. Emma to coordinate
Flag donation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mr. Emma asked if Post 331 or Squadron 331 would fly a large flag he would like to donate. It is the flag that draped his father's casket, an Army veteran who</li> </ul>	Mr. Emma to write letter and present flag

	served in Korea. The members and executive committee enthusiastically agreed to fly the flag.	
2016 calendar questions/comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 10/8 Barbecue date locked in for vendor arrangements; event chairmen to work out details, quantity and pricing</li> <li>● AL Pancakes chair is Jim Fleischman</li> <li>● Standard procedures template document is available and recommended for event chairs.</li> </ul>	As needed, 2015 chairs to brief 2016 chairs on event.
Ludlam gravesite, Mr. Taylor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Location is Rt 47 S. between Courthouse-Dennisville Rd and Rt. 83 adjacent to Trinity United Methodist church;</li> <li>● Mr Taylor passed around a photo showing some work needed; stumps need removed; metal fence clean up and paint; weed trimming; solar lights suggested for lighted flag (small US and Army flags);</li> <li>● Hard to get hold of cemetery caretaker since church is not active and building for sale; Mr. Taylor is working on it; Dr Lachman has list of county church contacts; also will work</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Lachman to provide church contacts to Mr. Taylor;</p> <p>Mr. Taylor to coordinate work;</p> <p>Mr. Taylor to submit budget for future consideration.</p>

	<p>to make contact with any existing next of kin to update; Boy Scout troop 70 did some work on Union Cem., Thomas Shaw Jr. 2005 did Eagle Scout project – Mr. Taylor will attempt to make contact with the scout and/or his family to see how he administered permissions, etc.;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cdr. Kizeik commented that this initiative should be a world-class effort and recommended that Mr. Taylor set schedule for regular maintenance;</li> <li>● Cdr. Kizeik proposed an authorization of funds, and assigned Mr. Taylor with creating and issuing a budget for future consideration.</li> </ul>	
Landscaping, Mr. Galbally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mr. Galbally has authority to purchase stone; Dr Lachman has contact with stone vendor;</li> <li>● Mr. Galbally to coordinate call for rake squad when stone arrives</li> </ul>	Mr. Galbally to meet with Dr. Lachman to discuss bringing in stone/weed guard to jibe with plant legend;
AL State Convention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● June 9 - 10, Wildwoods Convention Ctr</li> <li>● Delegate form due by 5/31</li> </ul>	Admission fee covered for SAL members; interested members to let Cdr. Kizeik know if interested

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dress uniform</li> </ul>	
Veterans Corner Magazine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAL submitting article, Mr. Emma coordinating;</li> <li>• Cdr. Kizeik commented that this publication is a great resource for information for veterans. SAL may want to consider a donation next year to help with operating funds.</li> </ul>	Mr. Emma coordinating
Lifesaving Station Summer Docents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cdr. Kizeik commended Mssrs. Costigan and Herr for re-upping.</li> <li>• Additional docents are always needed; training is provided.</li> </ul>	Interested parties should contact Bill Lehman, 609-368-2098 or carolbill2@aol.com
Uniform items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Tracy is making an order for Memorial Day</li> </ul>	Members in need of uniform items should contact Mr. Tracy immediately to make the holiday deadline
Private Ingram's immolation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Lachman had sad news about a veteran, Private Ingram, who committed suicide in March by setting himself on fire at the VA center in Northfield, Atlantic County. He arrived on a Saturday when the center is closed. His dramatic death is placing renewed pressure on the VA to step up access to mental health services.</li> </ul>	

	<i>Ed. note, a news account including comments from Atlantic County VA Director Bob Frolow can be found here: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/glw5ugb">http://tinyurl.com/glw5ugb</a></i>	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• With no further business, the meeting was adjourned following the benediction by Mr Burns at approximately 2020 hrs.</li></ul>	

Submitted by Salvatore A. Emma  
1 June 2016