



William E. Dillard American Legion Post 104, Inc.

Minutes for January 2022 Meeting

Monday, 10 January, 2022, at 1900, Post Vice Commander Roy Burnette called to order the monthly (second Monday) meeting of William E. Dillard American Legion Post 104, Inc., at the American Legion Hall, 915 West Main St., Sylva, NC. Present were seventeen post members.

Opening Ceremony

Sergeant of Arms, Ron Short marched the colors to the front of the room- posted them in their stand and Vice Commander Burnette led the members in a hand salute. Chaplain Burrus Jones offered the opening prayer. Vice Commander Burnette read the American Legion statement to honor all missing U.S. POW and MIA's. Members viewed the empty POW and MIA logo embossed black chair on display. The Vice Commander led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution.

Previous Minutes

Adjutant Larry Agle summarized the minutes of the November 2021 meeting (available at www.sylvalegion.org/minutes/) which received approval by a voice vote, with Debra McGill making the motion and seconded by Marty Childers.

Finances

Adjutant Larry Agle presented the current financial report. The report received approval by a voice vote, Bill Loucks making the motion and seconded by Andy Anderson.

Membership and Recruiting Report

Membership Officer Larry Agle gave report and there are currently 121 members, registered, who have paid their dues for 2021 – 2022 fiscal year. The 2022 dues (1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022) are now due and members can renew by mail, in person, or online. Dues are \$35.00, with the Post keeping \$7.50 and the balance going to the Department of North Carolina (\$9.00) and the National American Legion (\$18.50). *Mail payments* to American Legion Post 104, at P. O. Box 104, Sylva, NC 28779.

Members can pay their annual dues on line at the **National Headquarters** web site <http://www.legion.org/renew>. To complete this action, have your American Legion

membership number and a credit card available. As you finish, you can print off a temporary membership card plus a receipt to serve as “proof of membership” until Membership Officer Agle mails or gives you a permanent card.

Business and Announcements

- BREAKFAST: 01-22-22 at 1000 we will do a breakfast at the post for all who would like to attend. Hope to see many of you there.
- NEW MEMBERS: Dave Robinson of Maryland. He wanted to join our post because his grandad, William Ode Robinson, was a member of post 104 after WWI. He is also a member of the Jackson Rangers in honor of his grandad.
- Ron and Brenda Bumgarner donated \$400.00 to the post to be used for Boys State.
- Mid-winter conference is scheduled for February 17-20. If you have anything that needs to be brought up please contact Jim McGill or Larry Agle.
- Veterans Service Fund, the post voted to contribute \$160 dollars to this fund. The fund is used to assist veterans in need.
- Oratorical contest will be held this February in Hickory.
- Pull Tabs are no longer being collected for the Legion. We will check with other organizations to see if they are collecting them. Please continue to save them.
- The need to keep a few “spare” flags at the post came up. We will discuss the size and number at the next meeting.
- A “duty roster” will be posted at the next meeting to assist Ed and Becky in getting the post ready for our meetings or whatever may need to be done in the future. Please, if you can and are able, sign up to help.
- MEDAL OF HONOR Recipients that Jim McGill brought to our attention.
 1. Sergeant First Class Alwyn Cashe <https://www.cmohs.org/recipients/alwyn-c-cashe>
 2. Sergeant First Class Christopher Celiz <https://www.cmohs.org/recipients/christopher-a-celiz>
 3. Staff Sergeant Earl Plumlee <https://www.cmohs.org/recipients/earl-d-plumlee>

Funeral Details

Vice Commander Roy Burnette stated that we performed zero funeral since the last meeting.

Sick Call

- Ed Harwood has vertigo again.

- Judy Cariveau's family all who are vaccinated and boosted are sick with Covid.
- Jim Nicholl is doing well but has some minor mobility issues.

Please keep all of these folks and their families in your prayers.

Closing Ceremony

After Chaplain Jones offered the closing prayer, Vice Commander Burnette led the group in a hand salute and declared the meeting adjourned at 1940.

Respectfully presented,

Larry Agle, *Adjutant*