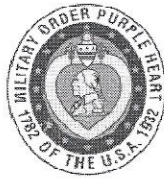




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- Pledge of Allegiance: Jack Wagner December 17, 2019 @ 10:00AM
- Chaplin's Prayer: Dan Bernard
- Roll Call:
 - Commander – J. Wagner - Present
 - Senior Vice Commander - D. Bernard – Present
 - Junior Vice Commander - B. Kurland – Present
 - Adjutant - B. Dismukes - Present
 - Finance Officer - R. Johnston – Present
 - Sargent-At-Arms - J Connor – Present
 - Chapter Executive Committeeman – S. Fantino - Present
 - Chapter Alternate Executive Committeeman – M. Gillenwater – Absent
 - Trustee Year 2 - R. Duffney - Present
 - Trustee Year 1 – Pete Palkowski - Present
 - Service Officer - J. Friese - Present
 - Welfare Officer – Ed Charles - Present
 - Historian - N/A
 - Chaplain - D. Bernard - Present
 - Americanism Officer – R. Duffney - Present
 - VA Representative - Pete Palkowski – Present
- Introduction of Guests and New Members:
 - None
- Reading of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Adjutant read the minutes of November, 2019. Motion to accept, Seconded, and approved by all.
- Report of the Finance Officer: **Balance** = \$ 6,692.89
 - Bank deposits – Mel Gillenwater
- Reading and Actions on Bill's Payable: - None
- Reports of Committees:
 - None
- Unfinished Business:
 - None
- Old Business
 - The Adjutant sent the link to the new Department News Letter to the 80+ emails available to the chapter. 8 addresses were returned as no longer valid. Telephone calls were made to the information from the national database with 6 of the calls to "No Longer in Service". Once the database is available at national this discrepancy will be addressed,



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- Burt Kurland was an invited speaker at the “Spirit of 45” in Naples this year. Four other members attended this event.
- New Business:
 - Adjutant requested approval to renew the Chapter WEB URL for an additional two years. The cost of \$62.32 was approved by the board and a warrant was submitted to the Finance Officer.
 - The Commander submitted the proposed dates for Viola collection for the Calendar Year 2020 (Attached). The commander will work with Walmart management to get their approval.
 - A discussion on the Veterans Administration new “Mission Act” got the attention of most of the board members. Arrangements have been made to have a one hour presentation on the 28th of January at 10AM. The presentation will be at the Veteran’s Museum in Cape Coral.
 - The Adjutant advised the staff of the changes to the Department awards program for 2020. (Attached).
 - The Adjutant advised that the JROTC medals and certificates will be issued to the chapters at the NEC in January. We need to be prepared to pay for the medals at that time.
 - The Adjutant broached the subject of whether the chapter desires to create a chapter flag and if so should he pursue cost/design/etc. and report to the committee in January – Unanimous!
 - Commander wished all a very happy holidays.
- Good of the Order:
 - Meeting Adjourned: A Motion by Jerry Frease and 2nd by Ed Charles at 11:00 was approved by all present.

William F. Dismukes

Bill Dismukes

Adjutant

J. Wagner

Approved by: J. Wagner

**KEY DATES FOR CHAPTERS, DEPARTMENTS and
NATIONAL OFFICERS FROM 07/01/2019 – 06/30/2020
(List of key dates of Important Mailing and Filing Deadlines)**

Fiscal Year	1 JULY 2019 to 30 JUNE 2020
Membership Recruiting and Voting Strength for National Convention	1 JULY 2019 to 30 June 2020
IRS 990 Form filing due for DEPT and CHAP - 990-N electronic filing for DEPT and CHAP <\$50,000 Gross Receipts - 990 EZ or 990 for DEPT and CHAP not qualified to file 990-N Due 15th day of 5th month following the end of organization's taxable year.	Example: 15 NOVEMBER 2019 (for Fiscal Year ended 30 JUNE 2018. Can file as soon as 1 JULY 2018). Submit IRS receipt accepting the 990 filing with the Finance Report.
LM Verification Form* Due (Must be received at Nat'l HQs or postmarked by date indicated; No Exceptions)	1 OCTOBER 2019
LM Rebates Sent to DEPT & CHAP (for verified LMs as of 30 June 2018)	JANUARY 2020
Report Forms Update on Website - (Election, Finance, Americanism, VAVS, Welfare & LM Verification)	1 st Week in December 2019
CHAPTER ELECTIONS* to be held in March or April of each year. Chapter Election Report are due at National Upon Installation of Officers; Must be received or postmarked no later than due date for voting strength count.	30 April 2020
CHAPTER Americanism and Welfare Reports to appropriate National Officers. See submission information on the Forms.	15 APRIL 2020
DEPARTMENT Conventions are to be held between April 1 st and May 31 st . Department Election Reports are due at National upon Installation of Officers; Must be received or postmarked no later than due date for voting at National Convention.	31 May 2020
DEPARTMENT Americanism, Inspector (see sample format in Finance and Inspection Guide on website), Welfare and VAVS Reports to appropriate National Officers. See submission information on the Forms.	1 MAY 2020
CHAPTER Finance Report (with 990, Property List - if required)	31 MAY 2020
DEPARTMENT Finance Report (with 990, Property List - if required)	15 JUNE 2020
NATIONAL CONVENTION – Charleston, WV	26 – 30 JULY 2020

*Chapters and Departments which have NOT timely Submitted a Current validated Election Report will NOT qualify for Delegates at the National Convention, and in addition, non-filing of current Life Member Verification will NOT be paid LM Dues Rebates.

KEY DATES FOR 2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORTS

Deadline for DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S REPORTS	15 MAY 2020
Deadline for NATIONAL OFFICER'S REPORTS	15 MAY 2020

MILITARY ORDER of the PURPLE HEART

NATIONAL ORDER OF COMBAT WOUNDED VETERANS

SW Florida Chapter Number 696

PO Box 150702, Cape Coral, FL 33915-0702



REQUESTED FUNDRAISING COLLECTION DATES

Listed below are the dates requested for fundraising / collection for the Combat Wounded Military Order of the Purple Heart at Walmart

Saturday	-	February 15, 2020	- ** Around President's Day
Saturday	-	April 18, 2020	- ** One Week after Easter
Saturday	-	May 23, 2020	- ** Memorial Day Weekend
Saturday	-	July 4, 2020	- ** Independence Day
Saturday	-	August 8, 2020	- ** Day after Purple Heart Day
Saturday	-	October 10, 2020	- ** Columbus Day Weekend
Saturday	-	November 14, 2020	- ** Saturday after Veterans Day

Thank you.... Sincerely,

Jack Wagner, Commander
The Military Order of the Purple Heart
Chapter 696 – (Lee, Collier & Hendry Counties)
Honoring Our Combat Wounded Veterans
P.O. Box 150702
Cape Coral, Florida 33915-07
(239)-826-6062

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A reminder from your Senior Vice Commander.

It is time for all chapters to start putting together the necessary paperwork for recognition at the annual convention scheduled for April 2020. In order for the Awards Committee to do its job all Chapters must have the documents completed and submitted to the Senior Vice Commander by 15 March 2020.

As a reminder, the categories are as follows:

- Chapter of the Year (150 + members)
- Chapter of the year (Less than 150 members)
- Top Recruiting Chapter
- Best WEB site (150+ members)
- Best WEB site (Less than 150 members)
- Best Social Media (150 + members)
- Best Social Media (Less than 150 members)

National Awards:

Patriot Of the Year

Carol M Fyffe Award

More information will be provided at the DEC on the 19th of January