FANTASTIC! This pretty much describes the past couple of months for Post NL01! We successfully hosted a national visit at Geilenkirchen, Airbase, ran two Post Meetings, connected with our military community doing Bagger for a Day at USAG Schinnen Commissary. Attended the Department of France DEC/Convention and left with 4 Department Officer positions, 3 incredible awards, and the honor of hosting the 2nd DEC! That was June! We kicked off July with the 4th of July Celebration Festival & BBQ, had fun with legion Bowling, and last week supported MWR Concert with Country Music star Darryl Worley. August looks to be just as Wonderful and Fantastic! I’ll see you on the field! ~ Commander Ray

Thanks to Comrades Dennis Owens and Andy Clevenger for all the great photos.
Dates to Remember

21 Sep - Gen Membership Meeting

07 Oct - Bagger for a Day

14 Oct - B-17 42-3195 Ceremony

19 Oct - The RAD @ Schinnen, NL

19 Oct - Gen Membership Meeting

26-27 Oct - 2nd DEC, Heerlen, NL

4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL/BBQ

WE WELCOME ALL NATO!

Sunday, July 29
4 PM  BBQ starts 2:30 PM
Schinnen Outdoor Concert
Margraten Post NL01 2018 – 2019 Officers

Commander
Ray Perez

Adjutant
Rick Ojeda

1st Vice
Jim Brotherton

2nd Vice
Harvey Briggs III

Sgt-at-Arms
Mark Chernek

Finance Officer
Dale Snyder

Service Officer
Ron Macauley

Historian
Dennis Owens
Margraten Post NL01 Monthly Meeting 20 July

Gavel at 17:55
Salute
Chaplains Prayer (Harvey Briggs)
POW/MIA (Sgt at Arms Mark)
Pledge of Allegiance
American Legion Preamble
Roll Call- conducted by acting Adjutant Andy.
Present: Commander, 2nd Vice, Sgt at Arms, Finance Officer, Service Officer.
Excused: 1st Vice, Adjutant, and Historian
Members: 11 Confirmed quorum
Guests: Melissa Perez

June Meeting Minutes: motion by Ron to accept minutes as published pending amendments, 2nd'd and approved.

REPORTS:
Finance Officer Dale- complete read through of balances and report submitted. Points of interest, BE02 payment for Bastogne processed, outstanding payment from Department received, Commissary Bagger and 4th of July funds deposited. Minus outgoing payments = balance $2,510.65.
Motion- accept the Finance Report pending audit. Approved.
1st Vice Jim (Ray provided membership standings with renewal season info and 10 new members from National). Many members present at meeting paid renewals.
2nd Vice Harvey- Ways&MMeans Committee.
29 July- Schinnen Country Concert approved. Post NL01 only vendor for food. Pulled pork, brisket nachos, burgers, chips and dawgs. Soft drinks and water, waiting to hear on beer. POC Commander Ray.
7 Oct- Commissary Bagger for a day. Volunteer list out there
10 Aug - Retiree BBQ, burgers, chips and dogs. (Change for next Post meeting; will be held during/after Retiree BBQ).
18 Aug- Schinnen EXPO

Service Officer Ron-
VA Representative; July meetings were highly successful. Next dates will be 19-20 Sep. Standing by for email announcement and appointment booking.

Honor Guard inquiry for funding and organization.
Post Flag inquiry for funding and offered contacts in Korea for production/embroidering.
Sgt at Arms Mark- Update on goals and uniforms for standing up Honor Guard. Will meet with Comrade Andy to share list of names, research uniform ordering options and Honor Guard gear.
Status of PO Box for shipments? (POC Commander Ray working it with USAG Benelux Commander)

Old Business: mostly covered with sidebars during reports. Nothing further.
18:55hrs---------Dinner Break---------BBQ pulled pork sandwiches with chips and drink by Grill Meister Ray and Melissa. Donations made into the "pretzel barrel".

Call to order 19:20hrs New Business:
- Hürtgen Forest details and tour options. November timeframe, POC Service Officer Ron
- Comrade Ralph researching General Eisenhower and Field Marshall Montgomery in GK/Schinveld area.
- BE02 Flanders Fields ceremony, 27 October, cancelled due to 2nd DEC.
- Malmedy Massacre ceremony dates.... standing by for further words, POC Commander Ray.
- Faces of Margraten- State-to-state updates. Good results and feedback from some Post and Veteran's agencies in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Texas and Utah. Comrade Dave Ehnis contacted Vice Commander Post 315. This has been forwarded to other local posts. Additional plans to include articles to the local newspapers and school projects for local students. More to follow. "Send the letters, plant the seeds and coordinate with other Post NL01 members to share the task." Commander Ray.

10 Aug 2018, motion for next Post meeting to be included during Retiree BBQ, passed.
17 Aug 2018, motion by Mark, 2nd by Andy to attend the B-17 "Pickelpuss" Memorial ceremony and M&M museum, motion passed.
14 Oct 2018, B-17 Memorial ceremony, Waldenrath, Germany. POC Commander Ray
19 Oct 2018, Retiree Appreciation Day at Schinnen. POC Service Officer Ron

For the Good of the Legion:
Update on Legion Convention in Wüstenrot, Germany, hosted by GR79.
- Post NL01 was selected to host 2nd DEC on 27 Oct 2018. Venue is Valk Hotel in Heerlen (where we had our Post elections in March). POC Harvey and Ray
- 3 of 4 Annual award packages submitted won! Commander of the Year Ray Vincent, Adjutant of the Year Andy Clevenger and the big one,

POST OF THE YEAR NL01!
- Department elections were a surprise and big accomplishment. New Department of France Officers from Post NL01 are: Vice Commander Dennis Owens, Historian Ray Perez, Chaplain Harvey Briggs and Sgt at Arms Andy Clevenger.

Update on the recent Centennial decision and message for Paris, March 2019. Commander Ray provided details and Post NL01 will be developing a plan for our participation and possibly combining other days/events/visits. Standby for further details.

2nd DEC, 27 Oct 2018; Commander Ray provided brief intro and details for registration fees for Conference Center, meals, prices, rooms and events. Mark was requested to coordinate Music4Vets performance from 21:00-00:00hrs.

recover POW/MIA table flag.

Gavel adjourned 20:00.
Margraten Post NL01 had an incredible time at this years DEC & Convention! We kindly thank all who attended, and we appreciate all the support during the election. We won’t let you down! I could not be prouder of our Post! We also won three great awards! Past Commander Ray Vincent won Commander of the Year! Andrew Clevenger won Adjutant of the Year! And the one I’m most proud of was Small Post of the Year! We should all pause and take a look back at what a great year we had! Fortunately, we look to get even busier by once again hosting the 2nd DEC on Oct 27th!! ~ Commander Ray
Margraten Legionnaires Mark Chernek and Troy Becker represented Post NL01 well for the Peace Light Christmas Card photoshoot.

The origin of the Peace Light begins during advent when a candle is lit to an eternal burning flame, originating from the Grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem, Israel. The Peace Light is meant to promote peace, harmony and unity among the people of the world regardless of race, ethnicity or religion. For several decades the International scouting movement – Both Boy and Girl Scouts, have actively promoted global peace and harmony through the distribution of the Peace Light. Each year, a child from Upper Austria is named the Peace Light Child and travels to Bethlehem to receive the flame from one of the Grotto’s oil lamps. These lamps have been burning continuously for over 1,000 years. The light and child then travel back to Vienna, Austria where it is distributed at a Service of Dedication to delegations of Scouts from across Europe, who in turn takes it back, with a message of peace, to their own countries.
From the Viet Nam era to active duty folks, our post is blessed with many incredible people representing all the services. Putting a few of our Legionnaires under the spotlight is a regular feature in our newsletter. I think it’s important to learn more about our comrades and benefit from their stories. ~ Commander Ray

MICHAEL “WOLF” DIGIROLAMO

Greetings fellow Legionnaires! I would like to introduce myself, I am Captain Michael J. DiGirolamo and I am currently serving in the active duty USAF as Chief, Operations Wing Training and Tactics, E-3A Component, NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany. At the moment I am responsible for developing tactics, techniques and procedures (TTPs) for NATO’s only multi-national, operational flying unit.

I was born and raised in Mesa, Arizona and eventually earned my bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education Social Studies and a master’s degree in Higher and Postsecondary Education Administration from Arizona State University (ASU) in 2007 and 2009 respectively. Shortly after graduating with my masters I began working as a mid-level administrator for ASU. During my career of working with freshmen I decided to pursue my dream of joining the USAF and took the steps to apply to Officer Training School.

Back in February 2011 I was commissioned and began my Undergraduate Air Battle Manager Training in 2012. Following my short time at Tyndall Air Force Base (AFB) I received my first assignment and was assigned to Hill AFB, as an Air Weapons Officer. During his time at the Control and Reporting Center (CRC) I served as an instructor and evaluator Weapons Director as well as a Flight Commander, for the 729th Air Control Squadron. Additionally, during my time at the CRC I supported two contingency deployments in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM at the 71st Expeditionary Air Control Squadron accumulating more than 1,500 hours of live aircraft control during combat operations.

Since being assigned to the NATO E-3A Component back in April 2015 I have had the pleasure of not only learning the ins-and-outs of working in a multi-national environment, but I have had the opportunity to pursue some pretty unique training made possible by being here at NATO. To include graduating from USAF Weapons School in December 2018.

Now that the boring career stuff is out of the way, I can tell you a little bit about me. My callsign is officially “WOLF” but I will answer to “DG” or “DIGI” and numerous other more vulgar names that I won’t list here. While spending time in Europe I have developed a collection of European antiques and historic items. I enjoy just wandering around the market in Tongeren, Belgium on most Sundays. Beyond that, like many others I am so grateful for the opportunity to live and work in Germany and try to explore and travel in my limited free time as much as possible. When I am back in the States, you can find me probably on a Southwest Airlines flight off to explore a new city.

Even though living in Germany is great, I am here alone and decided to join the American Legion not only to get connected to some other individuals, but to get connected to serving our community. I recently aided in the Faces of Margraten Tribute and was so moved to see all the dedication, hard work and sweat that our fellow Legionnaires completed to honor the fallen, it is an event I will never forget.

While I have a few more months left in Germany before my PCS to Tinker AFB in Oklahoma City, I am looking forward to serving more with the American Legion and getting to know my fellow comrades.

Thank you for your continued service and for allowing me to serve alongside you.
DALE SNYDER

I was born and raised in the city of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, a small steel mill town (about 30,000 residents) in South Central Pennsylvania. On 24 Jun 1970, twelve days after my graduation from Lebanon High School and after the realization that the only two options available to me were the military or to follow my father and grandfather into the steel mill, I departed for Ft Dix, NJ for Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training. After spending the majority of my career (10 ½ years) on 3 tours in Europe I retired from the Army in 1991 as a Personnel Management Supervisor, SFC E-7. Shortly after my retirement from the Army I was searching for a new occupation where I could do some good. I successfully pursued training as a Paramedic and served about 10 years in this capacity in the Pittsburgh, PA area. After moving to the Ocean City, MD I had a slight change in my career. I was hired as a Dialysis Technician. I must say that my time as a Paramedic and a Dialysis Tech were both the most rewarding and the most heartbreaking periods of my working life outside the military. These emotions ranged from the four healthy babies I delivered in the back of an ambulance (at different times) to the 2-year-old boy I pronounced dead on his 2nd birthday 2 weeks before Christmas. In 2002, I began employment with the Lebanon, PA VA Medical Center as an Accounts Receivable Tech in the Medical Care Cost Recovery Office. After about 10 Years with the VA I decided that work really was a four-letter word and permanently retired. In 2012 my wife, Lita, daughter Karlijn and I returned to Europe. Our daughter is currently in her senior year of College with the Zuyd Hoge School of Applied Science following the European Studies course of study. I enjoy working with my coin collection, following the Mighty Pittsburgh Steelers, and based on my doctor's orders I ride my bicycle a few days a week (I can’t walk for exercise as I frequently fall. Strange that I can ride). Lita and I enjoy traveling and visiting with our Friends and family here in Europe.
USAG Schinnen EXPO 2018

Margraten Post NL01 had a wonderful time at the Schinnen EXPO! Sold Completely out of food, made several important contacts, and signed up five new members! #LegionStrong
KIARA VALENCIA
Originally from Denver City Texas she grew up with her father (Vietnam Marine Corps Veteran), her mother and 10 brothers and sisters. She ended up graduating with honors from Denver City High School in 2010 and shortly after enlisted in the United States Air Force in hopes for one day working for NASA. She attended basic military training at JBSA Lackland AFB on 18 Jan 2011. She then went to Keesler MS to being Technical School training to become an Air Traffic Controller. However, after 6 months of training she was retrained into Mental Health Services. She was then transferred to Fort Sam Houston where she completed her training on 2 Dec 2011 as a Mental Health Technician.

Her first duty station was the 325th MDOS on Tyndall AFB Panama City Florida where she spent 6 years of her enlistment as a multi clinic mental health/alcohol counselor technician. During her stay at Tyndall AFB she was able to deploy to Landstuhl Germany Jan 2014-May 2014 to work on the inpatient unit and patient transport. Upon return she had tried to retrain twice into AF EOD or Special Missions Aviation however was unsuccessful. She was also assigned twice to PCS to Korea in 2015 and 2016 however was unable to go due to certification error.

However, despite a few setbacks she was able to advance in other areas of her life such as, going to school, making SSgt, reenlisting, and PCSing to her current station Geilenkirchen NATO ABS. SSgt Valencia now is in pursuit of Army Warrant Officer Training (Aviator specifically) and/or trying for another retrain and completing both her CCAF and Associates in Aeronautical Engineering in year 2018.

Hobbies include riding her motorcycle, wood working, and crafting.

Together, we make a difference
The American Legion provides life-changing assistance and guidance for veterans, military personnel, their families and communities.
JOIN US
The 75th anniversary of the crash of the B-17 "Pickelpuss" bomber was commemorated this Friday evening in Montzen, along the RN3. With the presence of the US ambassador and flying over a US plane. Six soldiers died in the plane crash on August 17, 1943.

It was Mathilde and Marcel Schmetz, from the Remember Museum of Thimister-Clermont, who organized the ceremony with the commune of Plombières. Marcel Schmetz who, as a child, witnessed the crash of the flying fortress on August 17, 1943. Six men were dead and four had survived.

"Pickelpuss" is the nickname given by the pilot, Captain Robert Knox, to his wife ... and to his plane. He rests at the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and the Schmetz have adopted his grave.

For this ceremony, in addition to the local authorities, there was Ronald Gidwitz, the new American ambassador to Belgium.

A US Boeing B-707 tanker also flew over the scene of the ceremony, which was attended by US soldiers based in Germany who fired salvos.
Dear Dad: 1 Feb 1991

Well, last night ended our 10th combat mission. Our stats are like this: since 2 Jan 91 our crew has 204.3 hours with 135.9 combat in 10 missions. Total in theater time is 181.7 hours in 13 missions. We do not start dropping hours in the 30 day window until tomorrow which will only be 5.5 hours. Even up to the 9th of Feb, we would only drop 22.6 hours while we gain 15.0 hours every day to other day. Did you catch that? I think that with the exception of one other airframe, being the RC-135, AWACS has logged more hours than anyone over here. Last night, the end of January, we (AWACS) logged 166 missions, average 15.0 hours in one month. That’s 2490 hours. I don’t think anybody is putting in that many holes in the sky. We got home at 0430 [4:30am] on 1 Feb 91 from our last night’s mission. Now we have a showtime of 2115 [9:15pm] 1 Feb 91. That’s cramming!

Dad, we lost an AC-130 gunship yesterday morning with a crew of 14. That’s bad. Intelligence briefed us that they were so busy shooting, they didn’t realize it was dawn. They were finally spotted and shot down.

Our crew penetrated the Iraqi air space again last night, but only around 15-30 miles. We were planning on around 50 or more miles inside the border until we heard that a KC-135 tanker was receiving AAA fire. The reason we want to fly that far north of the border is so we can see beyond Baghdad up into some of his northern air bases which are still pretty much intact. Also, to stop the Iraqi’s from flying more a/c into Iran. We put up a couple of CAPs to the northeast of Baghdad to intercept them. We have to be pretty far up north in the central orbit to maintain Radar/IFF and communications with our fighters. Get this - WE figured this out. Our usual orbit is 30,000 feet. This leaves us with a small blind spot right under us for around a 30-50 mile donut. If we increase our own altitude to 37,000 feet, we can see much farther as well as have better communications with those far away north CAPs. However, it also increases the blind circle under us to around 100 miles. Not good. So, we had another AWACS lookout for us while we were watching much further north. Whatabout that, sportsfans?

Well, not much more to report at this time. If there’s anything interesting in tonight’s mission, I’ll jot it down for you.”

Love, Desert Dennis
Come out and Join the Margraten Legionnaires Bowling Team!

We’re always looking for more people to take part in the fun. The new season will be starting next month in September. Exact timing will be posted on the Post NL01 Facebook page.

If interested, please contact Team Captain Dave Ehnis at davidehnis01@yahoo.com
The American Legion's official training program for officers, members, Legion College applicants and those who simply want to expand their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization is now available online.

The American Legion Extension Institute has been rewritten, updated, streamlined and enhanced with videos, digital photos, clickable links, a historical timeline and additional features. The program should take less than two hours to complete. It is divided into six sections, with a quiz at the end of each one, followed by a final exam.

The course is free for members. The training took me a little over 2 hours to complete, but there is no time limit on the course. You can return to where you left off anytime you wish for as many times as you want. Once complete you will get a printable Certificate of Completion and the opportunity to order the redesigned lapel/cap pin pictured above.

I found this training to be a great jumping off point for any new legionnaire. Anyone who participates in Awareness Drives should have this information in their toolbag!

As an Historian I of course found the History & Organization module to be the most interesting and fun but the section on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation was very eye-opening.

This Basic Training package is an outstanding gateway of knowledge into the nation’s largest veterans service organization and an opportunity not to be missed.

After taking the course it opens your eyes to what we really can accomplish and do, I never really knew how much the Legion was involved in. Should have joined years ago! ~ Post NL01 Sgt-at-Arms Mark Chernek
Words from Service Officer Ron

We consider ourselves quite lucky to have Ron Macauley as our SO. As you read in our last newsletter, Ron’s civilian job carries many of the responsibilities and tasks asked of a Legion Post Service Officer. Part of Ron’s job entails keeping veterans’ informed of their benefits and any change in policy that could effect those benefits. ~ Commander Ray

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Make a One-On-One Appointment!

DATE: 19 & 20 September 2018
TIME: 9 am-4 pm
PLACE: JFC Brunssum Library Conference Room

The Veteran’s Administration (VA) will have a representative at the JFC Brunssum library on 19 & 20 Sep 2018 from 9 am - 4 pm to meet with anyone who would like a one-on-one appointment. If you have any questions about your *Veteran's benefits, now or in the future, this is the person to speak with.

*To those who are looking for answers specifically on disability and compensation there will also be a VA representative present who specializes in this area.

To schedule an appointment, please call DSN: 314-606-244-3848 or CIV 045-526-3848 -or- E-mail: ronald.macauley.civ@mail.mil

WASHINGTON – Veterans can submit online applications for new identification cards through the Department of Veterans Affairs website after the system was taken down in December following rollout problems.

The purpose of the identification cards is to help veterans prove their military history without having to carry around their DD-214 certificates, which contain sensitive information. The new IDs do not replace VA medical cards or defense retiree cards,

RAD 20 October 2018 - TTBD
Margraten Post NL01 Monthly Meeting 10 August

Opening gavel- 15:07hrs
Chaplain’s prayer (Harvey)
POW/MIA table (Mark)
Pledge of Allegiance
American Legion Preamble
Gavel meeting officially open

Roll Call-
Post Executive Committee present minus, Adjutant Rick Ojeda- excused (filled by Comrade Andy)
Chaplain, vacant- filled by 2nd Vice Harvey
Members present 14- Quorum confirmed
Guests none, New Members- Don Greenwood

July meeting minutes- Dennis motions to accept minutes as published, pending amendments, Passed.

Reports-
2nd Vice Harvey- N/A
Finance Officer Dale- provided financial report (filed). Motion to accept report pending audit, Passed.
1st Vice Jim- 61% annual membership goals achieved. Members encouraged to complete renewals. End of Year 2018 ~56 members.
Department of France 2019 goal for our Post is 57. Currently, 35 members are active/paid/renewed for 2019. Realistic expectation/goal of ~70 members in 2019.

Service Officer Ron- Retiree Council Coordinator passed along thanks and gratitude for Post NL01’s efforts to provide BBQ for RAC annual meeting. VA Representative (Anthony) will have one-on-one appointments 19-20 Sep at the Brunssum Library. POC is Ron. Veterans and Retirees are invited to attend Geilenkirchen Airman & Family Readiness Center (GK AFRC), Transition Assistance Program (TAP) 17-21 Sep. The VA Rep will provide a VA benefits briefing on 21 Sep and there may be one-on-one. There are many other presentations’ information available such as, resume writing, local job opportunities, financial classes, etc. POC is the GK AFRC at +49 (0)2451633791. On 18 Aug at the Schinnen Community Activities Center (CAC) there will be the Schinnen EXPO. Post NL01 will do the BBQ (burgers and dawgs) and an Awareness Table. Lastly, Ron has heard many successful stories from Post members, Veterans and Retirees concerning their VA exams and disability rating considerations. If you have not yet scheduled an appointment or submitted “Intent to File” VA claims, you are strongly urged to do so. Many Post members have stories and experiences to share.
Sgt at Arms Mark- Honor Guard is continuing to develop. If interested, contact Mark. Everyone already signed up is encouraged to order your uniforms.

(Flag and Emblem)
Historian Dennis- Provided an update on recent travels to Post’s in England, Ireland and Belgium. Encouraged NL01 members to support and mentor struggling Posts. Proposal, a visit to EG02 Lakenheath for Nov(?), more info to follow. Dennis was “turned-around” by his visit with BE02 and Commander Joseph Schram. He had a very successful discussion with Joe, Laura Buckner and a core of (15) members. It was an impressive visit and would like to see NL01 re-establish a healthy co-working, geographically co-located (Tri-border) team with BE02.

OLD BUSINESS-
B-17 “Picklepuss” 75th Commemoration, 17 Aug, 18:00. Post NL01 will attend and lay floral tribute. Andy, Dennis and possibly Jim Scott will attend.
Andy is driving and has two more seats available, if you would like to join.
-Schinnen EXPO, 18 Aug, 11:00-1500, BBQ and Awareness Table. Many members have signed up and we encourage all others to attend. Don’t forget your cap! POC Ron.
-Euregio BBQ Haaren, 19 Aug, 12:00-14:00, world class KCBS BBQ competition with free tastings. No entry fee. POC Commander Ray.
-Bagger for a day, 7 Oct, 10:00-1800, POC Ray.
-Retiree Appreciation Day, 19 Oct, POC Ron.
-Department Executive Committee (DEC) meeting, 26-27 Oct, Van der Valk Hotel, Heerlen, live auction, gift baskets, 50/50, reduced registration for members at Conference Room, Possible photo sales, Music4Vets 21:00-00:00, POC Ray.
-Hürtgen Forest trip and tour, 4 Nov, POC Ron.
-Remembrance Ceremony, 11 Nov, Oud Beijerland, NL, POC Jim.
-Post NL01 Flag is being researched, POC Harvey.
-Faces of Margraten; updates presented by Dave (Michigan), Dale (Pennsylvania), Chuck (Wyoming). James Scott suggested a standardized form letter for members to use when contacting State agencies. Approved. Send copies, drafts and info to Commander Ray for composing the Post NL01 copy.
-Legion Bowling, Sep 2018- May 2019, Schinnen Bowling Center, more info to come, POC Dave
-New Superintendent has arrived at Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial, Margraten. Post representatives should schedule a visit to meet/greet. POC Ray. (Email sent)

NEW BUSINESS- Motions
1. Dale- establish Membership Recruiter of the Year annual award. Winner receives following year annual dues paid. Jim 2nd, all yay’s, zero nay’s. Passed.
2. Mark- Letter of Appreciation to be written by Commander Ray for Dale Hemphill’s “Spirit of America” flag donation. Dennis 2nd, all yay’s, zero nay’s. Passed.
3. Dennis- Post NL01 to donate $200 for 2018 AF Ball, 15 Sep. Harvey 2nd. During discussion, Ron motion to amend amount to $100, Jim Scott 2nd, Dennis amended motion to $100. Voted 13 yay’s, 1 abstain. Passed.
4. Andy- Post NL01 to lay floral tribute at KC-135 crashsite, Geilenkirchen Airbase, 13 Jan 2019. Harvey 2nd, all yay’s, zero nay’s. Passed.
5. Dennis- Post NL01 to coordinate with BE02 for Oratorical Contest. Motion rescinded after discussion.
Good of the Legion-
- Commander Ray presented Comrade Dennis with National Commander’s “Family first” pin for recruiting three new members to the Legion.
- Sgt at Arms Mark discussed proper protocol for saluting the American Flag upon exiting and entering the room while a meeting is in session.
- Jim Scott reminded all members of proper protocol/decorum during discussions to allow one person to speak and respond. As in school, raise your hand to be recognized. Talking when others are talking, or having side discussions is distracting and disrespectful to the speaker/those trying to listen.
- Harvey expressed his pride and gratitude for all Post members. Their participation, support and encouragement have led to many successful events and he’s happy to see the growth of the Post.
- Commander Ray thanked Comrade Andy for the Retiree BBQ execution and other member’s for their support. Ray continued with many call-outs to members and thanks around the room for recent activities, membership and fundraising.

Conclusion-
Chaplain’s closing prayer
Recover POW/MIA flag
Gavel adjourned, 16:37hrs

Retiree/American Legion BBQ

Margraten Post NL01 had a wonderful time at the Retiree BBQ/Monthly Membership Meeting! Thanks to all those who came out and participated!
Hosted by American Legion Margraten Post NL 01
26-27 October · Located at the Van Der Valk Hotel in Heerlen, NL
Terworm 10, 6411 RV Heerlen, Netherlands Tel: +31 455601800
https://www.hotelheerlen.nl/en/ Reference #: HEE-GF26725

26 Oct Friday · Hotel guest check-in (Breakfast included) € 107,00 for Junior Twin
Social · Ice breaker, durming dinner at the hotels Live · Cooking Buffet (incl. drinks) € 35,00

27 Oct Saturday · Hotel guest check-in · Pre-registration 10:00-11:00 @ Chillout Zone
11:00 · 11:45 · IA Meeting · Designed Room (Lunch Buffet starts at 12:00)
1200 · 13:00 · Registration @ the Chillout Zone € 15,00 p.p. (Pays for the Conference Room)
12:30 · 13:00 · Past Commanders Meeting @ Lunch Buffet main table. € 19,50
13:00 · 1800 · DEC · Plenary Conference Room
18:00 · 20:00 · Dinner · Live · Cooking Buffet (incl. drinks) € 35,00
20:00 · 21:00 · Auction and Photos @ the Terrace bar area
21:00 · 24:00 · Live Music (Music 4 Vets) @ the Terrace Bar

28 Oct Sunday · Hotel guest check-out. (Breakfast included)

Items for Auction: TBD