



Charles A. Woodford
American Legion Post 2007



April 28, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 1903 hours by the Commander.

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers and Executive Committee members were present with the excused absence Executive Committee Members Robert Thomas and Mary Monett.

The Sgt at Arms introduces guests Al Mahan, 22nd District Commander and Don Scheyer, 22nd District Senior Vice Commander.

The Commander asked if there were any changes to the previous meeting minutes. No changes were noted, so minutes stand as written.

The **Membership Report** was given showing the Post with 147 of 158 paid members for 93.04%. The Commander stated that National has a little less and are usually behind.

Finance Report – The Finance Officer reported we had a checking account balance of \$7,123.16 available with and an additional \$723.30 in savings. We also have \$3,000 in a short-term Certificate of Deposit with \$43.31 interest earned. A breakdown of funds held for the various programs was also provided. A motion was given by Jim Nickles to accept the report subject to audit. Seconded by Todd Herzog. Membership approved.

Poppies – The Commander stated we had three dates approved with the first date on 17th May at the Belleville Lowes across from SWIC.

Veteran Affairs – The Commander and Kori Bookman will attend the next meeting will be held April 26th at 7 p.m. at the VAC at 19 Public Square in Belleville.

Community Patriotic Observances – The Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 26th at 1000 with the Walnut Hill Cemetery ceremony to be held at 1100. The Commander has obtained a trailer for the parade if members wished to participate in the parade.

Honor Guard – Rich Gaeble will be loaning the trumpet to the VFW.

Americanism – No Report

Boy Scouts – The benches at Messinger Cemetery have been completed. Three flag boxes have also been completed.

Constitution and By Laws – No Report.

Gifts to the Yanks/Visiting Vets – No Report.

Children and Youth – No Report

Oratorical – No Report

Boys State – We have the name for one boy, Zachary, who has been informed we will be supporting him. The Commander asked if we could get more names

Rehabilitation – No Report

Employment – No Report

Post Service Officer Report – No Report

Other Committees

1. Annual Dinner – The Commander thanked Barb Page for all her work putting together the dinner.
2. Buddy Checks – Todd Herzog reported that all Buddy Checks have been completed and he's received some feedback. Some of the members are living in care facilities. Barb is handling one request for transportation.

Sick Call – Robert Thomas is still recovering.

Unfinished Business

1. Flag Storage at Messenger Cemetery –
2. Membership Boxes – Joe Ocasio reported that four boxes completed and only need to be decorated. Todd Herzog asked if we can increase the number to eight boxes. He motioned for the increase to eight. Seconded by Andrew Dunham. Membership approved. Todd mentioned we needed more brochures and applications.
3. Eagle Statues – Todd Herzog stated he has a pedestal he can turn into a stand for a statue. Robin stated the retirement home is currently rehabilitating their lobby area, so we will have to wait until it is complete, and they can tell us how they wish to display the statue.

Correspondence – Nothing received

New Business

1. The Commander opened the floor for nominations.
 - Commander – Todd Herzog nominated Jim Page for commander. Jim accepted.
 - Senior Vice Commander – Bill Martin nominated Andrew Dunham. Andrew accepted. Todd Herzog nominated Bill Martin. Bill declined.
 - Junior Vice Commander – Todd Herzog nominated Bill Martin. Bill accepted. Todd Herzog then nominated Barb Page. Barb declined.
 - Finance Officer – Rich Gaebel nominated Steve Duff. Steve accepted.
 - Three Year Executive Member – Bill Martin nominated Todd Herzog. Todd deferred his decision until next month's meeting.

Nominations were closed until next month.

Memorial to Departed Members – No known Legion passings.

For the Good of the Legion

1. Don Scheyer spoke on a suicide awareness program. Barb Page motioned that the Post donate \$50 to the program. This was seconded by Joe Ocasio. Membership approved.
2. Rich Gaebel asked about the Eagle statues. The Commander stated we had three left, two of those were earmarked for the two living facilities our Visiting Vets committee support.
3. AL Mahan thanked the Post for the invitation to the dinner. He also informed membership of the upcoming District officer elections on May 25th. He asked members to participate and thank them for their support. He also thanked members for supporting the Vietnam Veterans ceremony.

The Commander then called the Buddy Check team forward and then presented Certificates of Thanks to each member. He then recognized Robin Latdrick for her role as Post Chaplain.

50/50 results for a third of the \$63 collected went to Andrew Dunham who donated back to the Honor Guard. The Pot of Gold name was pulled with Jennifer's name. She was not present so the pot was rolled over to the next meeting on the 19th with \$104 in the pot for next month.

The Guessing Game prizes were won by Gary Stacey and Senoria Brown.

Next Meeting to be held on May 19th at 7PM with Executive Committee Meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is being held a week early due to Memorial Day.

Todd Herzog asked about the Commander's Comments being mailed since he had funds provided for mailing. It was agreed that he could mail the comments as well as being posted on the Facebook page and web page.

Meeting adjourned at 1952 hours