

Charles A. Woodford American Legion Post 2007

26 August 2019 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 1907 hrs by the Commander.

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers present.

On guest in attendance – Richard Gable.

Minutes of previous meeting unavailable to be read.

The Executive Meeting minutes were read with motions to accept by Eugene Weil and seconded by Robert Thomas. Minutes were approved by membership.

The Membership Report was given as 86 paid members. The Commander spoke on the reasons why it was important to have dues paid on time – 1.) It can jeopardize your continuous membership status and 2.) If you are not paid up for 2019 and you request assistance from the National Emergency Fund, you will be denied. Paid members are eligible for \$1,000 insurance through the Legion. The membership process is being streamlined.

Finance Report – John Thomas gave the report with motions to accept subject to audit by Jerry Sauerwein and seconded by Doug Jameson. Membership approved.

Poppies – The Poppy chair gave a report on the August 24th sale at WalMart. Donations totaling \$1,326.60 were received. Recommendations were made for the use of the funds of \$200 to the Honor Flight of Southern Illinois, \$300 to the Haven, \$200 to the Fisher House, \$300 to Gifts to the Yanks and \$100 to the USO. An additional \$153 would be used to purchase 1,000 poppies leaving \$73.60 for future needs. A motion was made to accept the recommendations by Eugene Weil and seconded by Bob Burack. Membership unanimously approved.

Veteran Affairs – Doug Jameson reported there was little to report other than they had a speaker from the Perryville Joseph Center.

Community Patriotic Observances – no report.

Americanism – no report.

Boy Scouts – no report

Constitution and By Laws – no report.

Gifts to Yanks – Les O'Neal has the program material and will be speaking to both resident homes earlier than last year.

Children and Youth – no report.

Oratorical – Les O’Neal stated there has not been a lot of interest lately. He would try to get teachers more involved and push the program in schools.

Boys State – we still would like to sponsor a boy to next year’s Boys Stat, scheduled for June 13-19, 2020, in Carl Bales’ name. We need \$350 to do this.

No other reports given for the additional program areas.

Sick Call – None.

Unfinished Business – we are still looking for fundraisers to help cover post expenses.

New Business – Bob Burack will look into updating the Post flag to recognize the name change from Swansea Post 2007 to Charles A. Woodford Post 2007.

Robin Latdrick spoke on a new martial arts business in O’Fallon run by a Marine vet that offers a program for seniors to can aid in stability and nutrition. He does give veteran discounts.

A question was raised concerning the Post insurance. The Commander would look into it.

There were no known departed members.

For the Good of the Legion – Jerry Sauerwein asked for volunteers to post and retire the colors at the Bomb Group banquet to be held at the Fairview Heights Four Points Sheraton on Saturday, August 31st. This was Charlie Woodford’s unit in WWII. Happy Hour started at 1700 and flag posting at 1800. Bill Jurgens, Jerry Sauerwein, Jim Page and Dave Devine volunteered.

Robert Thomas mentioned that the Vet Center had moved to Swansea. He also spoke on the Duquion vet service, which was very impressive and attended by the IL Governor and Lt. Governor.

The Commander encouraged members to take a copy of The Commander’s Comments. He also encouraged members to make posts to the Facebook group. He then spoke on the Legion Act and asked members to talk to other vets about joining. We need to get our numbers up to help make a difference at the national level.

Next Meeting to be held on 23 September with Executive Meeting at 1830.

50/50 won by Bob Enman who donated the \$14 back to the post.

Meeting adjourned at 1957 hrs.