



Charles A. Woodford
American Legion Post 2007



August 28, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 1908 hours by the Senior Vice Commander.

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers and Executive Committee members present with the excused absence of the Commander and Executive Committee Members Kori Bookman and Robert Thomas.

The Sgt at Arms introduced Chris Bersett of Quilts of Valor.

The Commander Pro Temp turned the floor over to Ms. Bersett for her presentation of the Quilts of Valor program. She provided the history and purpose of the organization and stated that they presented 10 quilts per year to nominated veterans. Only one quilt per veteran can be awarded. She said they still needed 4 names for this year and asked for names membership felt worthy of this honor. The Adjutant has the contact information and will compile a list if anyone is nominated.

Previous month's minutes will be published to the Post Facebook group and emailed to members.

The **Membership Report** was given with 90 paid members for the new membership year. New member Lachelle Stevenson was introduced.

Finance Report – The Post's accounts have been consolidated at Regions bank. The Finance Officer reported there was \$7,091.98 in checking and \$3,722.78 in savings for a total of \$10,814.66. A breakdown of individual program funds still needs to be verified, however the Visiting Veterans program did show a balance of \$144. Robin Latdrick motioned to accept subject to audit and was seconded by Chip Barber. Membership approved.

Poppies – Currently we have one date set for 14 October at the Lowes across from SWIC.

Veteran Affairs – Doug Jameson stated the next meeting is 29 August at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. Our primary and alternate representatives are either sick or out of town.

Community Patriotic Observances – Steve Duff will need to confirm the date for the Veterans Day ceremony at Wolf Branch School. Swansea does not have a Veterans Day ceremony so we will attend the Belleville ceremony. Cambridge House requested a flag folding ceremony on 11 September at 1400. Rich Gaebel will take the lead with two other Honor Guard members.

Honor Guard – We will be doing a Color Guard event on 14 October for the Plumbers and Pipefitters anniversary dinner. We still need information for this event.

Americanism – We will be working with VFW Post 1739 on a Blood Drive. We will be trying to schedule for 3-5 February 2024. We need a chair for this event to get it scheduled.

Boy Scouts – Still no news on either Eagle scout project. Doug Jameson stated that the VFW would be sponsoring a Cub Scout Recruitment drive at Huff Park on 16 September from 0900 to 1200. He asked for volunteers to help out.

Constitution and By Laws – No Report

Gifts to the Yanks – We will be scheduling our visits between 11 and 15 December.

Children and Youth – No Report. Need to start program at the end of August.

Oratorical – No Report.

Boys State – No Report

Rehabilitation – No Report

Employment - No Report

Post Service Officer Report – No Report

Other Committees – No Report

Sick Call – Kori Bookman was recovering from a procedure and Robert Thomas was dealing with issues that put him in the hospital for several days.

Unfinished Business –

1. Pass the Hat – Robin requested that we postpone the passing of the hat for donations to the Visiting Veterans program until further discussion could be made on how often it should be done. She felt every meeting was excessive.
2. Facebook page – comment was made on if anything can be done concerning the amount of spam on the Post Facebook page. The Adjutant will look into it.

Correspondence – We received both a request for donation and help for the Scott AFB POW/MIA ceremony on 16 September at VFW Post 805. We were also invited to attend the ceremony.

New Business – None

Memorial to Departed Members – No news of any members passing.

For the Good of the Legion

1. The Commander and his Senior Commander, Barb are attending the National Convention in Charlotte, NC.
2. Rich Gaebel asked if the flag collection barrel in the Swansea Improvement Center has a placard on it providing the Post meeting day and time and if it didn't, could one be placed on it.
3. It was requested that a list of duties for the standing committees be provided. The Adjutant will look into the manuals and provide the list.

50/50 Results – won by Doug Jameson, who donated her \$15.50 winnings back to the Wreaths for Messinger Cemetery program.

Next Meeting to be held on Sept 25th at 7PM with Executive Committee Meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 1957 hours