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American Legion Post 2007



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Meeting was called to order at 1906 hours by the Commander.

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers and Executive Committee members were present with the absence of Executive Committee Member Robert Thomas.

Sgt at Arms, Kenny Green stated there were no guests present or special guest presentations.

The Adjutant stated minutes were sent out to all members with an email on record. No corrections were noted with the exception of correcting Monet to Monett. The Commander stated that as there were no objections, the minutes were accepted as is with the one noted correction.

The **Membership Report** was given showing the Post with 81 of 158 paid members for 51.27%.

Finance Report – The Finance Officer reported we had a checking account balance of \$6,678.10 available with and an additional \$3,723.14 in savings. A breakdown of funds held for the various programs was also provided. A motion was given by Chip Barbour to accept the report subject to audit. Seconded by Andrew Dunham. Membership approved.

Poppies – No Report

Veteran Affairs – There will be a 7 p.m. meeting on the 27th of the VAC at 19 Public Square in Belleville. The new superintendent will be present to discuss changes in policies. The website will also be given to commissioners to update.

Community Patriotic Observances – September 11th at 10 a.m. a Presentation of the Colors will be done at Programs and Services for Older Persons in Belleville. On September 20th, the POW/MIA Ceremony at Walnut Hill Cemetery will be held at 10 a.m. Post 1937 has not given any response on the ceremony yet.

Honor Guard – We received a request from Lakeside Cemetery in Fairview Heights for the possibility of an Honors Team to use for veteran burial services. The Commander said he would talk to them to see what it is they need specifically.

Americanism – No Report

Boy Scouts – No Report

Constitution and By Laws – No Report

Gifts to the Yanks/Visiting Vets – We received the Gifts to the Yanks catalogue for this year's gifts. The program is still in need of money.

Children and Youth – No report

Oratorical – No report

Boys State – The Commander is going to invite Gabe to our next meeting.

Rehabilitation – No Report

Employment - No Report

Post Service Officer Report – Members can call the VAC for an appointment on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at the Vet Center in Swansea.

Other Committees – No Report

Sick Call – Don Wallace has COVID.

Unfinished Business

1. POW/MIA Ceremony – We have supported Post 1937 in the past with our attendance and Color Guard. We are still waiting on information from Post 1937.
2. Eagle Scout Project – The Commander met with Gabe Lang at Messinger Cemetery. Gabe will be constructing four concrete pads for the tables. Currently there are only two tables. He will be providing more information on the project once he compiles his plans.
3. Flags for Messinger Cemetery – The Executive Committee discussed the number of flags needed and determined that 25 should be sufficient. Steve Duff will ask the Flagman about obtaining the flags. The estimated cost would be about \$25 per flag and PVC pipe for a total of \$750.
4. Attendance – The Commander sent out an email containing highlights and the Commander's Comments after last meeting. He received a few responses. He will send out another email sometime within the new two weeks.
5. Eagle Plaque – Steve Duff stated the Eagle plaque presented to Wolf Branch School has been mounted in a conspicuous place.

Correspondence

1. A packet from Department containing the Gifts to the Yanks paperwork and various other program brochures.

New Business

1. We need three members to fold the flag at the September 11 Patriots Day Presentation at PSOP. Rich Gaebel, Andrew Dunham and Robin Latdrick volunteered.

Memorial to Departed Members – No known departed members.

For the Good of the Legion

1. Rich Gaebel asked that the speakers and microphone be brought back and used at meetings due to hearing issues. He also asked about reinstating the playing of Taps at the end of meetings again.
2. Wing Fest will be held on the Dillard's side of the Mall Labor Day weekend.
3. Wednesday night Texas Roadhouse will be holding a fundraiser from 4 – 10 p.m. for the VFW.
Remember to drop your receipt in the box and they will receive a percentage of the sale.

50/50 results for half of the \$38 collected went to Jim Page who donated the \$19 back to the Boys State fund.

Next Meeting to be held on September 23rd at 7PM with Executive Committee Meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 1947 hours