



**Charles A. Woodford**  
**American Legion Post 2007**



**December 16, 2024**

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 absence of Executive Committee Member Robert Thomas and the excused absence of the Senior Vice and Junior Vice.

Sgt at Arms, Kenny Green introduced guests Kevin Allre, Delaware Maddox and CJ Ocasio Post 292.

The Adjutant stated that minutes were not available.

The **Membership Report** was given showing the Post with 117 of 158 paid members for 74.05%.

**Finance Report** – The Finance Officer reported we had a checking account balance of \$7,071.78 available with and an additional \$723.26 in savings. We also have \$3,000 in a short-term Certificate of Deposit. A breakdown of funds held for the various programs was also provided. A motion was given by Todd Herzog to accept the report subject to audit. Seconded by Joe Ocasio. Membership approved.

**Poppies** – No Report

**Veteran Affairs** – The next meeting will be held January 28th at 7 p.m. at the VAC at 19 Public Square in Belleville. There will be no meeting this month due to Christmas. Jim Page and Kori Bookman need to be reappointed as Post representatives.

**Community Patriotic Observances** – No Report

**Honor Guard** – No Report

**Americanism** – No Report

**Boy Scouts** – No Report

**Constitution and By Laws** – No Report

**Gifts to the Yanks/Visiting Vets** – Robin Latdrick stated two new veterans in the homes. One veteran was lost, and their shirt was delivered to the daughter. We have 16 vets now residing in the homes. The bags will be delivered on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Children and Youth** – No report

**Oratorical** – Will be held in Centralia on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. The Commander will be going as a judge.

**Boys State** – No Report

**Rehabilitation** – No Report

**Employment** – No Report

**Post Service Officer Report** – No Report

**Other Committees** – No Report

**Sick Call** – None reported

### **Unfinished Business**

1. Eagle Scout Project – no update from Gabe.
2. Flags Project – still no resolution on storage. The flags were used on December 7<sup>th</sup> and looked great.
3. Preamble Banner – banner was shipped on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Tracking shows it in Indianapolis.
4. Purchase of Certificate of Deposit – Steve Duff did purchase a \$3,000 short-term CD.
5. AAG990-IL Form – The Commander was able to obtain records from Commerce Bank for the old account. Jim and Steve used the information to update the current records for the AG990-IL

### **Correspondence**

1. Nothing of note.

### **New Business**

1. The Commander proposed adding a new non-voting member to the Executive Committee. He stated that Todd Herzog has made several suggestions to improve our footprint on our media platforms (Facebook and website).
2. Todd Herzog motion for the expenditure of funds to purchase a marker and name tag labels for the purpose of members getting to know each other by name. This was seconded by Joe Ocasio for up to \$15. Membership approved.
3. Todd Herzog motioned to notify the appropriate office/staff member at the AL Department of IL that our post is not listed in the Post Directory, and this needed to be corrected. Seconded by Jim Nickles. The Commander stated this needed to be tables until January.
4. Todd Herzog motioned that the appropriate office/staff member at the AL Department of IL that the AL National webpage 'Find a Service Officer Directory' does not show an accredited American Legion Service Officer within 20 miles of our zip code when selecting Illinois Department. Seconded by Rich Gaebel. Motion was disapproved due to three individuals already are in the process of being accredited for our county.
5. Todd Herzog motioned that the Post design an information card that was compact in size (standard business card) with post information for members to pass out to help in recruiting new members. Seconded by Steve Duff. Membership approved.
6. All other motions by Todd were tabled until the January meeting.

**Memorial to Departed Members** – The Commander was notified that Raymond Herr had passed on May 17th. He was a Korean War vet and a 45-year member of the Legion.

**For the Good of the Legion**

1. Steve Duff asked for a prayer concerning the recent school shooting victims in Madison, Wisconsin and to be mindful of others.
2. Rich Gaebel stated he was disappointed in seeing the Eagle statues he obtained still stored in the VFW and not being used. Robin was asked to check with the homes to see if they would accept them for the veterans. Todd Herzog recommended using the Eagles during Americanism month.

50/50 results for half of the \$56 collected went to Jim Nickles who donated back to the Visiting Vet program. The Pot of Gold name was pulled with Patrick Hume listed. He was not present so the \$84 rolled over to the next meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> with \$103 in the pot.

Next Meeting to be held on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7PM with Executive Committee Meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2009 hours