



Charles A. Woodford
American Legion Post 2007



February 26, 2024

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

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers and Executive Committee members present except for the excused absence of the Sr. Vice, Executive Committee Member Kori Bookman and Sargent at Arms Gary Stacy and the unexcused absence of Executive Committee Member Robert Thomas.

No guests in attendance.

Previous month's minutes were not read due to the cancelled January meeting. The December minutes were not available.

The **Membership Report** was given with 147 out of 162 paid members for the new membership which puts us at 90.74%.

Finance Report – The Finance Officer provided balances for the checking and savings accounts, \$7,209.44 and \$3,722.96 respectively. Chip Barbour motioned to accept subject to audit and seconded by Bill Martin. Membership approved.

Poppies – The next Poppy Day is scheduled for 9 March 2024 at the Greenmount Common Lowes from 0900 to 1500.

Veteran Affairs – The Commander noted that both our primary and secondary representatives to the St Clair Veterans' Assistance Commission volunteered to be reappointed. The next VAC meeting is 27 Feb at 1900 held at 19 Public Square. A Veteran's Fair is being planned for 7 May at the old Belleville West High School on West main St. There will be an Honor Bis trip to the Vietnam Wall in Perryville. We have three seats for Vietnam Veterans. The planners prefer vets that served in country, but the Commander feels that any Vietnam Era Vet should be able to attend. He needs the names prior to the VAC meeting on 27 February. Show time for the bus is 0730 at 19 Public Square with an 0800 departure.

Community Patriotic Observances – We need to be thinking about the Memorial Day parade and ceremony. The Commander hopes to have a walking unit of vets and/or a towed trailer. Steve Duff volunteered his trailer but someone will need to pull it.

Honor Guard – No report

Americanism – No report

Boy Scouts – No report

Constitution and By Laws – We may need to make changes. We need a small committee to review them before they are sent to Department for review and approval.

Gifts to the Yanks – Robin reported that we have 3 new vets and 1 that went home. Carol, Mary, Robin and Barb decorated the homes for Valentines Day. The Commander thanked the committee for its hard work.

Children and Youth – No Report.

Oratorical – Cancelled due to non-participation.

Boys State – We will continue to sponsor one boy in memory of Past Commander Carl Bales.

Rehabilitation – No Report

Employment - No Report

Post Service Officer Report – No Report

Other Committees – No Report

Sick Call – Robert Thomas was in the hospital and has been released on 22 February. Guy Cooley, our newest member had some procedures done in the hospital and is home now and doing fine. Barb Page is recovering from retina surgery.

Unfinished Business – None

Correspondence – Received a \$25 check from Carole Middendorf, niece of Post 2007 Legionnaire Adolph Choura in memory of him to be used in support of veterans.

New Business –

1. Annual Dinner – Do we plan on having one this year? If so, we need someone to chair it.
2. Reimbursement to Barb Page for \$94.81 from the Visiting Vets fund for Valentines Day decorations and supplied. Motioned to accept by Jerry Sauerwein and seconded by Mary Monet. Membership approved.
3. Reimbursement to Bill Martin for the \$219 payment of Post Office Box rental. Motioned to accept by Chip Barbour and seconded by Robin Latdrick. Membership approved.
4. Reimbursement to the Commander for \$70 for payment of two memberships at the Membership Caravan. Motion to accept by Jerry Sauerwein and seconded by Robin Latdrick.
5. Reimburse Mary Monet \$62.08 for Visiting Vets supplies. Motion to accept by Steve Duff and seconded by Chip Barbour.
6. Reimbursement of \$10 for Membership. Motion to accept by Chip Barbour and seconded by Steve Duff.
7. The Commander has paid the per capita for the 22nd District and the 5th Division. He is not seeking reimbursement.

Memorial to Departed Members – The Commander informed membership of the passing of three Legionnaires – Adolph Choura who was a transfer from Post 53 and though he couldn't attend meetings, he

was thrilled to keep up with events through a copy of the Commander's Comments sent to him each month. Robert McGlynn passed in November and was a 78-year member of the Legion. Carl Stratton was a Charter Member of Post 2007. Carl passed while visiting family in Kentucky and will be buried in Ft. Butler, IL. The Commander also spoke on the anniversary of the Four Chaplains and encouraged members to read up on the events if they did not know them.

For the Good of the Legion

1. The Blood Drive held with the Belleville VFW netted 10 units of blood.
2. Next month we will ask for nominations for Post officers. Elections to be held in April.

Next Meeting to be held on March 25th, 2024 at 7PM with Executive Committee Meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 1958 hours

50/50 Results – won by Kenney Green, who donated his \$12.50 winnings back to the Gifts to the Yanks/Visiting Vets fund.