

Charles A. Woodford American Legion Post 2007



February 24, 2025, Minutes

Prior to the opening of the meeting, a Four Chaplains Ceremony was held. Chaplain Latdrick presided.

Meeting was called to order at 1912 hrs. by the SrV Commander, Andrew Dunham.

Roll of Post officers was called the Adjutant (Dave Devine, excused), and two Executive Committee members (Kori Bookman and Robert Thomas, are excused). Quorum present.

22nd District SrV, Don Scheyer in attendance.

January meeting minutes were sent via email, minor corrections (typos) were forwarded to the Adjutant for correction. No additional corrections noted, Minutes stand as corrected.

The Membership Report was given showing the post currently has 141 paid members for the current year. We require a total of 158 to reach our goal. Post is at 89.24%

Committee Reports

The Finance Officer report. Steve Duff gave report. Motion to accept report subject to audit by Todd Herzog, seconded by Jim Nickles. Motion passed. Attached Report.

Poppies - No news.

Veteran Affairs - Next VAC February 25, 2025, at 7PM, 19 Public Square

Community Patriotic Observances – Upcoming events: March 29 National Vietnam Veteran's Day, April 9 National POW Recognition Day, May 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day, and May 26 Memorial Day. As information concerning Memorial Day or other events, we will get information out.

Honor Guard - No Report

Americanism - No Report

Boy Scouts – Eagle Scout Project Updates: Benches (No Report), Drop Boxes (No Report), Concrete Pads (No Report). The Commander met with a Scout about an Eagle project. He will let me know his intentions.

Constitution and By Laws – Need to get a copy of the By Laws for the review and changes. Todd Herzog will help with update.

Gifts to the Yanks and Visiting Vets – There are 14 or 15 vets in care at our three facilities. Staff at facilities appreciate the effort for the veterans. There were a few questions concerning what and when activities were scheduled. The Committee answered.

Children and Youth - No Report

Oratorical - No Report

Boys State (Vacant) – Promote the program. This program is for boys who have completed their junior year. The Post sponsors one boy for this program in Carl Bale's name. This year the cost is \$400. Discussion follows concerning getting into the schools.

Rehabilitation (Vacant) - No Report

Employment (Vacant) - No Report

Education (Vacant) - No Report

Post Service Officer - No Report. This service will may go away, per conversation

National Security - No Report

Other Committees

- 1. Annual Dinner -
- 2. Buddy Checks -

Sick Call – Kori Bookman (flu), Robert Thomas (Hospital and rehab), David Devine (Not feeling well)

Unfinished Business

- Membership Recruiting Cards Todd Herzog, 200 cards, take them and pass them out as recruitment tool. (Closed)
- 2. 5th Division Per Capita Commander will pay \$31.60 for the Post. (Closed)
- 3. Flag Storage at Messinger Cemetery Discussion follows, Duff and Herzog to follow up to see if we can store in the schoolhouse. (Open)
- 4. Update on AG 990-IL No response from the State. (Open)
- 5. Eagle Statues Todd Herzog with meet with the Commander at the VFW Post on Feb 26. Discussion about plan. (Open)

Correspondence – One piece of mail from the bank promoting something we don't need. We also received a letter from Dept. of IL, we have a \$30 credit.

New Business -

- 1. We need a Chair for our Annual Dinner. Barb Page has agreed to Chair. Event will be April 28. Working estimate \$400.
- 2. Need a Chair for Flag Day. Bill Martin will Chair. Flag Day, June 14, Flag Retirements, invite Scouts.
- 3. Post Office Box The box expired. We have not received a bill. Bill Martin fixed issue and paid bill. We reimbursed Bill.
- 4. Membership Boxes Prototype shown, Post agrees these boxes are a good idea. The Post would like to know where these boxes would be placed.

5. Fundraiser - March 5, McAlister's, 5-8PM

Memorial to Departed Members - None noted

For the Good of the Legion -

- 1. Comments from SrV Scheyer.
- 2. Legislative contingent from National in DC the next couple of weeks
- 3. Steve Duff informed about an incident at Kirkland which left one person dead
- 4. Todd reminded us that we will be doing Buddy Checks

50/50 Results - Won by Todd Herzog, \$18, donated his portion to postage.

Pot of Gold - \$125 was won by Robin Latdrick, she donated the money to Visiting Vets. The Pot Next month will be \$68 (\$50 start up and \$18 from 50/50)

Next Meeting to be held on March 24, 2025, at 7PM with Executive Meeting at 1830 hrs.

Meeting adjourned at 2040 hrs.

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