



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



**July 22, 2024**

Meeting was called to order at 1914 hours by the Commander.

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers and Executive Committee member Kori Bookman present with the excused absence of Executive member Andrew Dunham and the absence of Executive Committee Member Robert Thomas.

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

The Commander stated minutes were sent out to officers and Executive Committee members. No corrections were noted and a motion to accept the minutes was given by Rich Gaebel and seconded by Robin Latdrick. Membership approved.

The **Membership Report** was given showing the Post with 40 of 162 paid members for the start of the new Legion year. Once Bill Martin gets the list together, it will be sent to the Executive Committee to start advocating to pay dues. We need 10 new members to get us to 168.

**Finance Report** – The Finance Officer reported we had a checking account balance of \$7,816.10 available with a #35 check outstanding. There is an additional \$3,723.11 in savings. A breakdown of funds held for the various programs was also provided. A motion was given by Rich Gaebel to accept the report subject to audit. Seconded by Kori Bookman. Membership approved.

**Poppies** – No Report

**Veteran Affairs** – There will be a meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the VAC instead of July 30<sup>th</sup>. Several of the Executive Board will not be in attendance due to the VFW National Convention. A new Superintendent will take over on 12 August. John Lawson has agreed to lead the VAC and will be approved at the meeting.

**Community Patriotic Observances** – We need to have the Honor Guard ready for the POW/MIA ceremony at Walnut Hill Cemetery on 20 September. This will be in support of Legion Post 1937. Get with Rich Gaebel if you wish to help with the Honor Guard that day.

**Honor Guard** – No Report

**Americanism** – No Report

**Boy Scouts** – The troops had a number of scouts doing a 50 mile canoe trip on the Current River in Missouri while another group were attending Northern Tier High Adventure.

**Constitution and By Laws** – No Report

**Gifts to the Yanks/Visiting Vets** – We lost one veteran from one of the homes but gained 2 more at Mercy. There are now 13 veterans between the two homes.

**Children and Youth** – No report

**Oratorical** – No report

**Boys State** – The Commander reported that the Boys State Committee gave a report at the convention. A total of 213 boys were in attendance this year. They need at least 400 to break even. They asked all Posts to work on getting more boys into the program. Boys that have completed their Junior year in High School are eligible. The Commander explained the idea behind the program and the benefits gained. He asked if anyone has a boy or girl, we would like to sponsor them. The Legion has had a hard time getting into area schools due to the COVID fiasco.

**Rehabilitation** – No Report

**Employment** - No Report

**Post Service Officer Report** – No Report

**Other Committees** – No Report

**Sick Call** – No Report.

### **Unfinished Business**

1. Messenger Cemetery Tables – The tables have fallen over due to not having a solid platform to set on. Gabe Lang is considering an Eagle project to fix this issue. The Historical Society has agreed that we could move forward with this project. Barb Page has also had an Eagle Scout candidate contact her for a possible project.
2. Flags for Messenger Cemetery – This would be a purchase of materials so flags could be placed along the ditch line. Steve Duff needs to provide an estimate.

### **Correspondence**

1. A Thank You letter was received from Gabe Lang.
2. The Scott AFB POW/MIA Committee requested a donation.
3. Post 1141 from New Haven, IL recently had a fire and are asking for donations to get back on their feet. Their building insurance lapsed so they have no funds to rebuild. Robin suggested that our Visiting Vets program donate money and/or gifts for their Gifts for the Yanks program. The Commander will ask their Commander about it plus if they have a plan going forward.

### **New Business**

1. Do we want the Color Guard to participate in the POW/MIA ceremony on Sept 20<sup>th</sup> at Walnut Hill? Already discussed during Community Patriotic Events.

2. Do we want to do a small flag retirement ceremony at the next Messinger Cemetery clean-up?  
Executive Committee recommended not to have one.
3. Special Election to replace the 3-year Executive Committee member Doug Jameson – proposals were made nominating Mary Monet and Jim Wilson. Motion to close nominations and open elections given by Rich Gaebel and seconded by Steve Duff. Members voted Mary Monet in as the new committee member.

**Memorial to Departed Members** – No known departed members.

**For the Good of the Legion**

1. Rich Gaebel stated he had put together a patriotic presentation.
2. The Commander stated the need to work on attendance. He will try to send an email out with minutes and Commander's Comments to all members with a registered email address.
3. The Commander expressed his thanks for the resolution for him to be nominated for Division Commander, for which he was elected to the office.
4. There will be a fundraiser at the Shiloh Texas Roadhouse on Thursday starting at 4 p.m. to raise money for the state level Gifts for the Yanks program. 10% of the sales will be donated.

50/50 results for half of the \$34 collected went to Steve Duff who donated it back to the General Fund.

Next Meeting to be held on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7PM with Executive Committee Meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2006 hours