

American Legion Post 2007

24 June 2019 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 1901 hrs by the Commander.

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers present with the exception of the Sr. Vice and Jr. Vice.

Guests in attendance – Don Scheyer, 22nd District Commander.

The Adjutant read the minutes. Motions to accept with corrections by John Thomas and seconded by Andrew Dunham. Membership accepted the minutes.

The Executive Meeting minutes were read with motions to accept by Bob Burack and seconded by Doug Reed. Minutes were approved by membership.

Installation of Officers – Don Scheyer, incoming 22nd District Commander, proceeded to officially install the officers elected during the previous month's meeting. Jim Page was installed as Commander, Doug Jameson was installed as Sr. Vice and Robert Thomas was installed as Jr. Vice.

Don Scheyer congratulated the inductees and proceed to say a few words to the membership.

- He highlighted on improving membership this year.
- He also mentioned that scholarships were attached to various youth programs.
- He would be working with Dutch on Gifts to Yanks.
- He was putting together a team to work on getting the numbers for membership up before April.

The Membership Report was unavailable due to Membership Chair being absent. It was noted that there were three transfers into the post in the last month.

Finance Report – John Thomas stated the check to the Jefferson Baracks Christmas Fund was returned due to the POC it was mailed to was no longer associated with the fund. The Commander would check to see if the new POC could be found. John Thomas then gave the report with motions to accept subject to audit by Gene Weil and seconded by Roger Homeier. Membership approved.

Poppies – The next poppy date is August 24th at the O'Fallon WalMart.

Veteran Affairs – Doug Jameson reported that he had the minutes of the previous Veterans Commission meeting with the draft assistance form to be adopted at the next meeting. He also noted that the Vet Center has moved to a new location in Swansea. Doug related that the County budget to veterans by \$7,500.

Community Patriotic Observances – Les O’Neal will be looking for more information on the flag program.

Americanism – The Commander spoke on Menard’s enthusiasm for veterans. He presented two new flags to the managers of the local store to replace worn ones that were on display. Menards publishes the names of Menard associates/members that are veterans in an annual magazine.

Boy Scouts – no report

Constitution and By Laws – Robert Thomas stated we were waiting on the official approval of the post name change so it can be added to the By Laws.

Gifts to Yanks – Les O’Neal will be looking for volunteers to visit the local retirement homes.

Children and Youth – no report.

Oratorical – Les O’Neal will take on the chair for the program.

Boys State – our post was able to send one boy to Boys State this year. We are hoping the youth would visit the post and speak on his experience.

No other reports given for the additional program areas.

Sick Call – None.

Unfinished Business – Memorial Day parade had several members participate. We had two riders on the trailer and two walkers who passed out bookmarks to kids along the way. Bob Burack was very enthusiastic about the ceremony at the end of the parade with the exception of the faulty sound system.

New Business – Post office box rental payment is due. The question is whether we want to pay annually or semi-annually. Roger Homeier motioned for annually. It was seconded by Gene Weil. Membership approved unanimously.

There were no known departed members.

For the Good of the Legion – Bill Juergens is looking for volunteers to post and retire the colors at the Bomb Group banquet to be held at the Fairview Heights Four Points Sheraton on August 31st. This was Charlie Woodford’s unit in WWII.

Next Meeting to be held on 22 July with Executive Meeting at 1830.

50/50 won by Gene Weil who donated the \$13 back to the post.

Meeting adjourned at 1957 hrs.