



Charles A. Woodford
American Legion Post 2007



March 24, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 1906 hours by the Commander.

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers and Executive Committee members were present with the excused absence of Senior Vice Andrew Dunham and Executive Committee Members Robert Thomas and Mary Monett.

No guests in attendance.

The Commander asked if there were any changes to the previous meeting minutes. No changes were noted, so minutes stand as written.

The **Membership Report** was given showing the Post with 144 of 158 paid members for 91.14%. The Commander stated that Department could not produce a report the previous week due to computer issues.

Finance Report – The Finance Officer reported we had a checking account balance of \$6,814.38 available with and an additional \$723.29 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 Rich Gaebel to accept the report subject to audit. Seconded by Chip Barbour. Membership approved.

Poppies – No confirmed dates yet.

Veteran Affairs – The next meeting will be held March 25th at 7 p.m. at the VAC at 19 Public Square in Belleville. No word has been received yet for the Belleville Memorial Day Parade. There will be a ceremony at Walnut Hill Cemetery after the parade. The Commander will be working with the Belleville VFW for this event. The Vet Center will sponsor an event March 26th at 11:00 a.m. at Mel Price Park in Swansea for National Vietnam Veteran's Day.

Community Patriotic Observances – No Report

Honor Guard – No Report

Americanism – No Report

Boy Scouts – Dave Devine had no report from our sponsored troops. The Commander stated that the concrete pads would not be done. We will work to find another scout to work this project. The Scout who planned on

installing benches finally notified the Commander he would be working on the project over the 29th and 30th weekend. There is another boy working on the fence repair project.

Constitution and By Laws – No Report.

Gifts to the Yanks/Visiting Vets – Robin Latdrick reported there was one vet in the hospital. There was also another vet that wanted to join the post. She provided him with an application.

Children and Youth – No Report

Oratorical – No Report

Boys State – The Commander reported that he was informed this past weekend that they 90 boys signed up. The break-even point is 250 boys. Belleville District will not allow the Legion into the high schools. Robin suggested going to the Millstadt Community Center and providing information.

Rehabilitation – No Report

Employment – No Report

Post Service Officer Report – No Report

Other Committees

1. Annual Dinner – Barb Page is the committee chair. April 14th is the RSVP deadline. Dinner is scheduled for the 28th. Doors will open at 5:30, dinner will start at 6:00 with a short meeting to follow at 7:00.
2. Buddy Checks – Todd Herzog called out Barb Page, Jim Nickles, and Bill Martin for volunteering and made 100% contact with all members. We were able to get 5 current email address from members. The Commander thanked Todd for taking on the challenge.

Sick Call – Robert Thomas is home from Rehab. Andrew Dunham said he was feeling under the weather.

Unfinished Business

1. Flag Storage at Messenger Cemetery – Steve Duff briefed membership on the status of the door. It needs rehabilitation to fix cracks and other issues. He would like to make a new plywood door that can be affixed to the door frame to secure the schoolhouse while the door is refurbished by Todd Herzog. The interior is a mess and needs to be cleaned up. The steps also need to be redone and the ground under them leveled.
2. Update on IL Form 990 – no word received on our submission. Closed
3. Eagle Statues – Todd Herzog stated he has a pedestal he can turn into a stand for a statue. Robin stated the retirement home is currently rehabilitating their lobby area, so we will have to wait until it is complete, and they can tell us how they wish to display the statue.
4. Membership Boxes – Joe Ocasio had no report yet.

Correspondence

1. Annual Post Data Report
2. Check from McAlister's from fundraiser for \$176

New Business

1. There was discussion on closing the Post Office box and using the Swansea Improvement Center's address for all mailings. Management had already agreed to allow mail to be delivered and posted to a collection box.
2. Barb Page will try to book a date in May for a fundraiser at McAlister's.
3. Todd recognized the crew that cleaned Messinger Cemetery.
4. Rich Gaebel asked about a fund raiser at Joe's Pizza.
5. Joe Ocasio asked about selling his art at an event and give a portion of the proceeds to the Legion.

Memorial to Departed Members – No known Legion passings. Steve Duff notified membership that Bill Klein of the Patriot Guard passed away at 92.

For the Good of the Legion

1. The Commander was invited to be at a Roundtable involving Veteran Organizations. He asked for questions or comments membership would like him to ask.
2. The Commander spoke on a mini museum in Bartelso next to Carl's Auto Body.

50/50 results for half of the \$45 collected went to Barb Page who donated back to the Visiting Vet program. The Pot of Gold name was pulled with Doug Reid listed. He was not present so the pot was rolled over to the next meeting on the 28th with \$83 in the pot.

Next Meeting to be held on April 28th. This will be our Annual Diner. Doors open at 5:30PM. There will be short business meeting after the dinner. We will not have an Executive Committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2016 hours