



Charles A. Woodford
American Legion Post 2007



May 19, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 1903 hours by the Commander.

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers and Executive Committee members were present with the excused absence the Senior Vice and Treasurer and Executive Committee Members Robert Thomas and Todd Herzog and the absence of Executive Committee Member Kori Bookman.

The Sgt at Arms stated there were no guests in attendance. The Commander introduced first time visitor, Anthony Lucas.

The Adjutant read the April meeting minutes. 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 151 of 158 paid members for 95.57%. The Commander did Emphasize we were close to 100% and hoped we might reach our goal.

Finance Report – The Finance Officer was not present; however, he did provide the information to the commander ahead of the meeting. There is currently \$6,504.70 available in checking with an additional \$723.31 in savings. The CD of \$3,000 has \$43.31 interest earned so far. A motion was given by Jim Nickles to accept the report subject to audit. Seconded by Jerry Sauerwein. Membership approved.

Poppies – The Commander stated we were supposed to sell poppies last Saturday, however due to a scheduling conflict at Lowes, we chose to postpone it to a later date. The other current dates are August 9th and October 18th at the Belleville Lowes. He will also check to see if Menards can give us a date between January and March 2026.

Veteran Affairs – The Commander stated he and Kori Bookman will attend the next meeting will be held May 27th at 7 p.m. at the VAC at 19 Public Square in Belleville.

Community Patriotic Observances – We still do not have a committee chair for this. The Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 26th at 1000. We will be sharing a trailer with the VFW. Riders wishing to participate need to bring their own chair and be in place no later than 0930 at N. 3rd and West A St. The ceremony at Walnut Hill Cemetery will start at 1100. It is hosted by the Belleville VFW. The Past National Commander of the VFW will be the guest speaker.

Honor Guard – No Report

Americanism – No Report

Boy Scouts – Dave Devine stated our sponsored troops will be having their Court of Honor tomorrow night, the 20th. The Commander said he hoped to attend.

Constitution and By Laws – No Report.

Gifts to the Yanks/Visiting Vets – No Report. The Commander stated the 5th Division Chair has put out collection boxes at numerous locations for the program. The program is struggling

Children and Youth – No Report

Oratorical – No Report

Boys State – The Commander reported that we possibly had two names; Zachary Koontz and Trevor James Muskopf. Trevor's mother stated he definitively wanted to go. He hasn't heard back from Zachary. The Commander stated that we needed to vote on the funds to send at least one boy at \$400. Mary Monett motioned that we cover the cost. This was seconded by Tim Ogier. Membership approved.

Rehabilitation – No Report

Employment – No Report

Post Service Officer Report – No Report

Other Committees

1. Flag Retirement – Scheduled for June 14th at Messinger Cemetery. Bill Martin will chair the event organization. Barb asked about inviting scouts. The Commander said he will see **if** they are available as they may be out at camp that week. Bill will bring a grill to provide refreshments.

Sick Call – Robin Latdrick went to the hospital, but it isn't serious. Andrew Dunham had cataract surgery done, but his eye has been leaking.

Unfinished Business

1. Flag Storage at Messenger Cemetery – Todd and Steve will repair and replace the door to the schoolhouse. Once done they will work on the flooring inside. After these are completed, we should be able to store the flags inside.
2. Membership Boxes – Joe Ocasio reported that all boxes were completed and deployed.
3. Possible Fundraiser – Barb Page volunteered to set up a date in July at the Shiloh McAlister's.
4. Open Nominations – Barb Page motioned to suspend the meeting for the purpose of elections. Seconded by Mary Monett. Membership approved.
 - Previous nomination for Commander was for Jim Page. Call for additional nominations resulted in no additional names. Nominations closed.
 - Previous nomination for Senior Vice Commander was for Andrew Dunham. Call for additional nominations resulted in no names. Nominations closed.
 - Previous nomination for Junior Vice Commander was for Bill Martin. Call for additional nominations resulted in no additional names. Nominations closed.
 - Previous nomination for Treasurer was for Steve Duff. Call for additional nominations resulted in no additional names. Nominations closed.

- Previous nomination for the 3-year Executive Board Member was for Todd Herzog pending his acceptance. Todd was not in attendance and had not made known his decision prior to the meeting. Call for additional nominations resulted in no additional names. Nominations tabled until next meeting pending Todd's response.
- Being only one name per position, the Commander called for the Adjutant to cast on vote for the nominated officers for Post 2007. The Adjutant did cast his vote. Tim Ogier motioned that the vote be accepted. Seconded by Jim Nickles. Membership approved.
- Mary Monett motioned to resume the regular meeting. Seconded by Robert Fluck. Membership approved.

Correspondence – The Adjutant stated the only things received were three replies to the Buddy Check questionnaire and two banking statements.

New Business

1. The 22nd District and the 5th Division conventions would be held soon. The Commander stated he would be there to represent our post.
2. Jerry Sauerwein planted a few plants and mulched around Roses grave. The roses he planted last year are doing well.

Memorial to Departed Members – No known Legion passings.

For the Good of the Legion

1. Kenney Green stated he had a few more Texas Roadhouse certificates that were good until the end of the month.
2. Texas Roadhouse will be hosting a fundraiser for the VFW on Wednesday, the 21st between 4 and 10 p.m. Those wishing to participate need to mention the Dine to Donate in order for the VFW to receive credit.
3. The Commander stated that Steve Duff will be presenting Academic Award medals and certificates at Wolf Branch School.

50/50 results for a third of the \$36 collected went to Bill Martin won and donated \$12 back to the Gifts to the Yanks. The Pot of Gold name was pulled with Ken Herzog's name. He was not present, so the pot was rolled over to the next meeting on the 23rd with \$116 in the pot for next month.

Next Meeting to be held on June 23rd at 7PM with Executive Committee Meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 1943 hours