



Charles A. Woodford
American Legion Post 2007



November 27, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 1907 hours by the Commander.

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers and Executive Committee members present with the exception Sergeant at Arms Green and the excused absence of Executive Committee Member Robert Thomas.

22nd District Commander Al Mahan was introduced as our guest in attendance.

Previous month's minutes were read and accepted by membership.

The **Membership Report** was given with 114 out of 162 paid members for the new membership which puts us at 70.37%.

Finance Report –The Finance Officer reported there was \$6,916.02 in checking and \$3,722.87 in savings for a total of \$10,638.89. A breakdown of individual program funds were listed on the back of the report and is available to members. Rick Gaebel motioned to accept subject to audit and was seconded by Andrew Dunham. Membership approved.

Poppies – Our next Poppy Day is scheduled for 9 March 2024 at the Greenmount Common Lowes from 0900 to 1500.

Veteran Affairs –The next meeting is 28 November at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. The Commission held its last meeting and elected officers for the up coming year. Additionally, a budget was proposed and passed by the Commission. The President of the Commission will be Doug Jameson.

Community Patriotic Observances – The Post participated in the Wolf Branch ceremony on 9 November and the Belleville ceremony on 11 November. Thanks to all who were in attendance and those who participated. We will be working on the Pearl Harbor ceremony at Messinger Cemetery on 7 December. We need three people for the firing team and 2 for flag detail.

Honor Guard – Doug, Andrew and Robin volunteered for the rifle team. Steve Duff and Jim Wilson volunteered for the flag team.

Americanism – No report

Boy Scouts – Dave Devine stated the Scoutmaster invited Post members to attend the combined Eagle and Troop Courts of Honor on 28 November at the Union United Methodist Church's Krause Room at 7 p.m.

Constitution and By Laws – No Report

Gifts to the Yanks & Visiting Vets– The gifts are due into Bloomington on 6 December, though that date could move.

Children and Youth – No Report.

Oratorical – No Report.

Boys State – No Report.

Rehabilitation – No Report

Employment - No Report

Post Service Officer Report – No Report

Other Committees – No Report

Sick Call –Robert Thomas sent the Commander a text stating he was not feeling well.

Unfinished Business –

1. Post insurance has been paid. (Closed)
2. The fundraiser at Jow's Pizza failed due to non-participation and lack of event leadership. It was not advertised enough. We need to do better in getting the word out when we arrange something with a local business. (Closed)

Correspondence – A thank you note from the Flagman Mission Continues was received. There was also a fundraiser from Department asking all Posts to buy at least one date on the calendar and each day a participating Post number would be pulled and would receive the amount of money annotated on the calendar for that day.

New Business –

1. The Commander informed the Treasurer that we needed to submit a Form AG990-IL by year's end. A brief discussion ensued on if we have submitted one in previous years. The Treasurer will look into it and complete the form as required.
2. Rich Gaebel stated that the Honor Guard needs white gloves, preferably with a rubberized gripping surface in order to handle the weapons during cold weather. The Commander had a form available. We need to order them in time for the 7 December ceremony. A motion was made by Rich to purchase 6 pairs. Seconded by Doug Jameson with an amendment to purchase 2 medium and 4 large pairs. Membership approved.
3. It was proposed to have another fundraiser at McAlister's in January. Tabled for discussion during the December meeting.

Memorial to Departed Members – No news of any members passing.

For the Good of the Legion

1. The January Division and District Caucuses would be held in Aviston and Mascoutah respectively.
2. Division Commander Mahan spoke to members about a break-in at Marion Hospital. All fishing gear used for veterans was stolen. He will be setting up a fundraiser to replace the equipment and take it to

the Haven. He asked members to participate as much as possible and challenged the Post to be the first in the state to reach 100% next year.

3. The Commander stated we would hold our December meeting a week early due to the Christmas holiday.

Next Meeting to be held on Dec 18th at 7PM with Executive Committee Meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2002 hours

50/50 Results – won by Lashelle Stevens, who donated her \$24 winnings back to the Gifts to the Yanks program.