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American Legion Post 2007



November 25, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 1900 hours by the Commander.

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers and Executive Committee members were present with the absence of Executive Committee Member Robert Thomas.

Sgt at Arms, Kenny Green introduced guests Jim Nickles, Jim Wolf, CJ Ocasio Post 292 and Jeff Evilsizer Post 292.

The Commander invited Jim Wolf to speak on his experience with the Honor Flight. Jim stated he went on 10 September, and it was well worth the trip. You no longer need to be a war vet, you only need a DD214. The program will only go when they have a full flight. He stated he has information and forms if anyone was interested. They go twice a year. This is a well-deserved experience for Vietnam vets that received nothing when they returned.

The Commander stated minutes were sent out to all members with an email on record. No corrections were noted. Steve Duff motioned to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Mary Monett. Membership approved and accepted the minutes.

The **Membership Report** was given showing the Post with 113 of 158 paid members for 71.52%.

Finance Report – The Finance Officer reported we had a checking account balance of \$7,318.70 available with and an additional \$3,723.23 in savings. A breakdown of funds held for the various programs was also provided. A motion was given by Todd Herzog to accept the report subject to audit. Seconded by Joe Ocasio. Membership approved.

Poppies – No Report other than the Commander said he would wait until after the first of the year to schedule three dates.

Veteran Affairs – There will be a 7 p.m. meeting on the 26th at the VAC at 19 Public Square in Belleville. The Commander stated they were getting more organized. He encouraged members to use their services and encourage others. The VAC provides veterans help with rent, utilities, food etc. in addition to disability submissions.

Community Patriotic Observances – Post members participated in the Wolf Branch School Veterans Day Ceremony on November 8th. Thanks to the Rifle Team and Steve Duff for their work and participation. The

Commander called out Wolf Branch student, Harper for playing Taps. Maby Post members attended the Belleville Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th. Steve Duff suggested that we can possibly use an 8th grader in future programs using the bugle.

Honor Guard – No Report

Americanism – No Report

Boy Scouts – No Report

Constitution and By Laws – No Report

Gifts to the Yanks/Visiting Vets – Robin Latdrick was able to obtain sweatshirts in branch colors with emblems for each vet. Christmas Cards are available to sign. The committee plans on stuffing the bags on the 4th and will set up a date to visit the homes to deliver the gifts. If anyone is interested in buying a sweatshirt, information cards are available. The business was very helpful. The Commander stated a past District Commander would take a trailer to pick up gifts from Department once they come in and then make arrangements for units to pick their orders up.

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 – Bob Enman is slowing down.

Unfinished Business

1. Eagle Scout Project – still waiting on word from Gabe.
2. Flags Project – they are currently stored in the Commanders' garage until arrangements can be made to store them at the Rotary.
3. Preamble Banner – The Commander stated in was ordered, but the proce went up \$10 plus shipping to \$98.99.
4. Purchase of Certificate of Deposit – Steve Duff is still looking into this.
5. AAG990-IL Form – Steve Duff needs to submit a letter to the state and the fine should go away.
6. Legion Plus App – It was determined the app was only good for Apple platforms. Hopefully in the future an Android version would be released. (closed)

Correspondence

1. Nothing of note.

New Business

1. Due to the Christmas holiday falling two days after our normally scheduled meeting date, a motion was made by Steve Duff to change the date to December 16th. Seconded by Kori Bookman. Membership approved.

Memorial to Departed Members – No known departed members.

For the Good of the Legion

1. Steve Duff challenged members to take flyers and pass them out to another veteran and encourage them to join the Legion.
2. The Commander stated that we would meet at Messinger Cemetery on December 5th to clean up prior to the December 7th Ceremony. We will need a volunteer to take the Post flag and hold it at the ceremony. Bill Enyard will be the guest speaker. The Commander also called out Gerry Sauerwein and Barb Page for taking care of Rose's grave this past year.
3. Todd Herzog volunteered to contact members to pay their dues.

50/50 results for half of the \$46 collected went to Steve Duff. The Pot of Gold name was pulled with Gerald Mitchell listed. He was not present so the \$84 rolled over to the 16th.

Next Meeting to be held on December 16th at 7PM with Executive Committee Meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 1952 hours