



Charles A. Woodford
American Legion Post 2007



26 October 2020 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 1905 hrs by the Commander.

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers present except the excused absence of Executive Committee member Jerry Sauerwein.

The Sgt at Arms stated there were no visitors in attendance.

September meeting minutes were read with motion to accept by Doug Jameson and seconded by Andrew Dunham. Minutes approved by membership.

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

The Membership Report was given showing 116 paid members for the current year. The Commander spoke on membership, discussing a possible membership drive with several volunteers to make calls. He also stated there were three ways to pay dues; at the meeting, mailing it in or paying online through National. The Commander then called off names of members still needing to pay dues and asked if anyone present recognized the names, to please make contact with them to remind them.

The Finance Officer gave his Report. Motions to accept subject to audit by Douglas Reid and seconded Bill Martin. Membership approved.

Poppies –The planned Poppy Day on November 7th was cancelled by Walmart. A discussion followed that we could possibly partner with the Fish Stand in back of the Swansea Improvement Center to try and sell poppies during their sales.

Veteran Affairs – No report.

Community Patriotic Observances – No report.

Honor Guard – Rich Gabel spoke on his Honor Guard uniforming experience. He also suggested the possible use of the uniforms when selling poppies. Rich also stated that there was a need for refresher training on facing movements and marching. Kenny Green volunteered to be the Post trumpeter. There is also the possibility of obtaining blank firing M-1 rifles. Rich also put out a call for more volunteers so we would have a larger pool of bodies to pull from for various events. We currently only have 5 members

Americanism – No report.

Boy Scouts – No report.

Constitution and By Laws – No report.

Gifts to the Yanks – Les reported on how much he was looking forward to the bad weather on the days the Post would present the gifts to the two local homes due to the restrictions on who can enter due to the COVID fiasco. There are currently 5 veterans at one home and ten at the other. We have 7 gifts left over from last year.

Les discussed how we could perform the gift giving, possibly using the Honor Guard. However we decide to do it, we will make it work. He mentioned we should use music as part of the program. Rich Gable volunteered to bring his PA system. There is a slight possibility that we could gather inside one of the facilities. It will depend on the current restrictions. Our gift order is already in and we're looking at early December to go to the homes.

Children and Youth – No report.

Oratorical – No report.

No reports for any other program area.

Sick Call – Vincent Bemowski was recovering from chemo and doing okay. Don Wisner is still recovering from a hip replacement in April. He's able to get around using a walker. Glenn Gindler, the 5th Division Sr. Vice has been in the hospital for about a month fighting double pneumonia. He is listed as critical, but stable with an improving oxygen rate.

Unfinished Business –

Messinger Cemetery

- We have a clean-up set for 31 October, 9 until noon.
- Davey Tree would be out on 6 November to work on the trees.

Flag Boxes – Kenny Green will be getting with a sheet metal company to see if they can do it. The Commander was able to purchase a container that can be used as a drop box. It will need to be repainted. We need permission from the Improvement Center to anchor the box to the building there.

The Commander paid the District per Capita bill while he was at the Revitalization event held 8-10 October and will seek reimbursement for \$15.20 he paid out of pocket.

New Business –

- The Commander was able to obtain a non-working trumpet from a local musician.
- Doug suggested that the Post provide lunches for the Davey Tree crew on 6 November and possibly get some publicity. The Commander mentioned that Davey Tree requested minimal people there due to the possibility of danger during tree cutting.
- Rich Gabel motioned to use the 50/50 funds up to \$35 to pay for the lunches. Les O'Neal seconded. Membership approved.

Memorial to a departed Member – no reports of members lost.

For the Good of the Legion

- The Commander stated he had his tablet for any member that wished to sign up for Legion insurance.

50/50 Results – won by Doug Jameson who donated the \$25.50 back to use in addition to the \$35 for the Davey Tree meals.

Next Meeting to be held on 23 November with Executive Meeting at 1830 hrs.

Meeting adjourned at 2014 hrs.