



Charles A. Woodford
American Legion Post 2007



24 October 2022 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 1910 hrs. by the Commander.

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers present with the exception of the excused absence of Executive Committee Member Kori Bookman.

No guests in attendance.

September meeting minutes were read. There were two corrections to be made. A motion to accept by Doug Jameson and seconded by Steve Duff. Minutes approved by membership with one correction.

The Membership Report was given with 107 out of 150 paid members as of this evening for 2023 which is around 71.34%.

There Finance Officer reported the Post currently has \$12,345.41 in total between all accounts. Steve Duff motioned to accept the finance report subject to audit. Seconded by Doug Reid. Membership approved.

Poppies – The Commander sent a letter to the owner of Menards and received permission to hold Poppy sales at the Shiloh locations. We are scheduled for Saturday November 5th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Veteran Affairs – The next meeting of the St. Clair VAC will be October 25th at 7 p.m. There will be no banquet are advertised. The meeting will be to elect officers.

Community Patriotic Observances – On November 10th, a ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial at Wolf Branch school. On November 11th a ceremony will be held at the Belleville Public Square at 11 a.m., Colors to be in place by 10:45. On December 7th the annual ceremony will be held at Messinger Cemetery. Unfortunately, the rifles will **not** be back and ready to be used for the ceremony. After discussion with the SCCHS, the Post will be allowed to take the lead on the ceremony.

Honor Guard – Rich Gaebel asked Doug Jameson to be co-caption of the team enabling him to fill in for times that Rich cannot make it. The rifles were not safe prior to going to the gunsmith. They are not operational, however need a thorough cleaning. We also need to obtain slings and blanks for them.

Americanism – No report

Boy Scouts – The council agreed to the immediate change of sponsorship once the Commander's application was processed. That has been accomplished so we are now the official sponsor of Boy and Girl Troops 53 in

Belleville. The Commander heard from Preston from Troop 19 asking for a donation for his project, which is to build benches at the Messinger Fire Pit. Robin suggested \$100. Doug seconded the motion. Membership approved.

Constitution and By Laws – No report

Gifts to the Yanks – Jennifer stated that we have 17 veterans between both locations we are supporting. She will be putting the request online tomorrow to the Program to obtain gifts. She also pointed out cards for signature on the tables. These cards will be for veterans on Thanksgiving, birthdays and Veteran's Day. Cambridge wanted ideas for Veteran's Day. Jennifer is looking for ideas on things we can do for them. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Rich Gaebel to establish a fund for a Veterans Visitation Program. He suggested a donation of \$300 to it. Jerry Sauerwein seconded it. Membership approved. The Commander stated that poppy money could be used to support the program.

Children and Youth – No report

Oratorical – Program information was just released in the Department website.

No reports for any other program area.

Sick Call – The Commander talked to Les O'Neal's wife, Allison. The house is up for sale and she is moving into Shiloh Assisted Living facility. Les is still confused, but he doing well. She is also doing much better. Steve Duff stated it was very important to keep an eye on the care giver due to the amount of stress they deal with.

Unfinished Business –

Horseshoe Pit – Tabled until Spring.

Sign on Swansea Improvement Center – we now have the sign and just need to install it.

Ceremonial Rifles – still being worked. They will not be ready for firing at the Wolf Branch ceremony. After they are ready, we will need to coordinate with the Swansea Police Department and Honor Guard members to fire and train.

New Business –

- Checks were cut for Post Insurance (\$500), the Flagman flag replacement (\$300), Ty Palmer's Eagle Scout project (\$100) and the Building Sign (\$250).
- Ceremonial wreath was purchased and would be used at the Veteran's Day ceremony at Wolf Branch school.

Memorial to Departed Members – No known departed members.

For the Good of the Legion –

- Steve Duff spoke on the tragedy at the St Louis school and asked for a moment of silence for those lost.
- Doug Jameson announced that SIUE was holding a Veteran's Dental Day for free dental work. Call for an appointment at 618 474-7200.
- Don Wallis thanked the Color Guard for their performance at the All-Star Game.
- Steve Duff asked about the Korean War Ceremony on Scott AFB. The Commander will ask Tom McCaw about it.
- Doug Jameson asked about the Post Dinner preparation set for April.

50/50 Results – Won by Victor who collected \$31. He donated it back to the Veteran Visitation Program.

Next Meeting to be held on 28 November with Executive Meeting at 1830 hrs.

Meeting adjourned at 2048 hrs.