



Charles A. Woodford
American Legion Post 2007



27 September 2021 Minutes

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

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers present.

The Sergeant of Arms introduced guest Tim Ogier.

The Commander asked Tim Ogier, an Outreach Specialist for the Vet Center, to give a presentation on what the Vet Center is. Tim proceeded to inform the members that the Vet Center, located in Swansea, provides free and confidential counselling to combat veterans. The Vet Center is backed by the VA and has 300 centers around the country. The counsellors do not share information from counselling sessions with the VA.

August meeting minutes were read with motion to accept by Doug Jameson and seconded by Steve Duff. Minutes approved by membership.

The Membership Report was given showing the post currently has only 94 paid members for the current year.

There Finance Officer provided a breakdown of the post's accounts with \$6,401.94 in the General Fund, \$35 set aside for the Haven, \$18 for Gifts for the Yanks and \$109 for the Honor Guard. Doug Jameson motioned to accept the finance report subject to audit. Seconded by Steve Duff. Membership approved.

Poppies – Poppy Day scheduled for 30 October, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Greenmount Commons Lowe's.

Veteran Affairs – The SCCVAC will be meeting on 28 September at 7 p.m.

Community Patriotic Observances – Belleville still has not responded concerning the Veteran's Day celebration.

Honor Guard – Rich Gaebel spoke on doing a flag folding ceremony for the Swansea Police Dept. for a flag that was flown on a combat aircraft in honor of the police department. We can possibly have the Chief of the Swansea PD come to the October.

Americanism – No report.

Boy Scouts – The Commander is the District and Division Boy Scout rep. He will be attending a 9 October meeting in Bloomington.

Constitution and By Laws – No report.

Gifts to the Yanks – Al Mahan is the new District and Division Chair for the program. He will be attending meetings. He is already collecting money for the program, but it will be used for next year's program. A discussion was made on if Poppy money can be used for the Gifts to the Yanks program as well as the Fisher House. The subject was tabled until the October meeting.

No reports for any other program area.

Sick Call – It was mentioned Tim Sheeler was under the weather.

Unfinished Business –

Flag Boxes – One barrel is ready and will be taken to Metro Eas Sign for wrapping. The barrel will be used at Lowes about 10 – 14 days prior to the Poppy Day on 30 October.

McAlister's Fundraiser – a check for \$145.30 was received and deposited. Due to a corporate decision to stop all fund-raising opportunities because of short staffing, we will need to wait until the end of the year before we will know if we can schedule any future events.

Sign on Swansea Improvement Center – We need for Metro East Sign to visit the site to determine how to move forward on this.

Post Birthday Event – Doug Jameson will chair the planning committee.

Veteran's Day Event – still waiting on word from Belleville.

Pearl Harbor Day Event at Messinger Cemetery – The SCCHS will host as usual, so we will need to work with them.

Vaccination Event – a total of 6 shots were given at the event held on 8 September.

Membership Night – will be held on 28 September from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Jennifer offered to work.

Wolf Branch Veteran's Day Celebration is scheduled for 10 November at 9 a.m. at the Wolf Branch school.

New Business –

- Post Insurance is due on 1 November. The cost is \$500, though the actual cost should only be \$300. \$500 is the minimum limit the insurance company has for our type of insurance. Steve Duff motioned the post make the payment. Doug Jameson seconded it. Membership approved.
- Rich Gabel requested time to do a flag folding demonstration, which was granted.
- Robin apologized for a misunderstanding an unnamed member had with her method of praying and offered to step down as Chaplain.
- Doug Jameson asked about doing a post polo shirt. The Commander stated that the logo used must be approved by National. Members decided on a polo without pocket in Navy blue.

Memorial to Departed Members – No members were reported as departing.

For the Good of the Legion –

- Steve Duff gave a public service announcement on mask wear and vaccinations.
- Robert Thomas reminded members to get their flu shot as well.
- A motion was made by Rich Gabel for a vote of confidence on whether to retain Robin as Chaplain. It was seconded by the Adjutant. A unanimous vote was made to retain her as Chaplain.

- The Commander mentioned that the Haven is looking for a caretaker, so if anyone knew of someone who would be interested, please pass on the information.

50/50 Results – Won by Jennifer, which she donated back to the Gifts for the Yanks program.

Next Meeting to be held on 25 October with Executive Meeting at 1830 hrs.

Meeting adjourned at 2031 hrs.