



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

**Hardin Post 113**

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## **General Meeting**

**Commander Robbie Robinson:** Called for the start of the February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, General meeting at 1900 with the appropriate opening ceremonies.

**Chaplin Steven Sheets:** Offered opening Prayer.

- **Commander Robbie Robinson** Introduced Area B commander Jo Garrett, NEC Sal Brandon Curry, 4<sup>th</sup> district Chaplin Homer Wine, Mayor Gregory, DAV Commander Bob Casher and Auxiliary Jane Casher.
- **Mayor Gregory of Elizabethtown** spoke about the growth of Elizabethtown. Blue oval is expected to have over 5,000 jobs openings by 2027. Pant one which is called Kentucky one will be operational by the second quarter of 2025. Kentucky two has been delayed but they still say they will reach their goal by 2027. The two plants in Glendale have caused us to grow as well. We will also be opening two new plants. That makes the items needed to make the batteries. Which are being built as we speak. They plan to open when the first battery plant opens. This will bring 200 to 250 jobs to E-Town. Spoke about things needed to be done for the Growth of KY. We have 156 recovery residents in the City of E-Town. Two things Kentucky is known for is our Sports bar and our Vietnam Wall. We are really proud of the American Legion Park. We were and 4<sup>th</sup> class city but now we are known as a home rural City. We are working really hard to get a Veterans clinic in the City of E-Town.
- **DAV Commander Bob Casher** Spoke about PTSD. He bought the right to a movie, a true Documentary "Here is Better". About four Veterans. It documented inpatient, outpatient and at home dealing with their PTSD. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of March we will be showing this movie free of charge at the Pritchard Community Center. There will be consolors from the VA who will talk about the effects of PTSD. He showed a short video about victims of PTSD.
- **Chaplin Stephen Sheets** Talked about and showed a video of the Four Chaplains who died in WWII on February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1943. A torpedo hit the right side of the ship. The chaplains tried to give directions to try to save as many soldiers as they could. The four Chaplains took off their life

preservers and gave them to four soldiers they didn't even know. So they could possibly survive. The chaplains joined arms and began singing hymns as the ship went down.

- **Chaplin Stephen Sheets** Today there are several memorials around the United States honoring these for men.
- **NEC SAL Brandon Curry** made a motion to accept the last month's minutes. Motion was seconded all 40 members said yay 0 members said nay.
- **Commander Clarence Robinson** stated we still need volunteers for Bingo and for Honor Guard. National increased their dues by \$5.00 and Department increased their dues by \$3.00 bring the new membership up to \$38.00 a year starting July 1, 2024, for early bird and August 1<sup>st</sup> it will be \$48.00 a year.
- **Past Commander Steve Steward** went over the changes to the Constitution and By-Laws for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, in the General meeting. We are at the end of the process for the changes to be made.
- **Publicity Officer Gary Brewer** is the Chairperson for the Constitution and By-Laws and recommends these Changes be accepted. Motion was made to accept them and was seconded. All 40 members said "I" 0 members opposed.
- **Post Manager Steve Steward** We have Texas Hold'em on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, The Riders, the 17<sup>th</sup> The Legion and the 24<sup>th</sup> The Riders. And on those days Gary will be offering Karaoke. Valentines Dance on February 10<sup>th</sup>, tickets are on sale at the bar. The Chili Cookoff is on February 11<sup>th</sup>. The SAL every year for the Superbowl has a chili contest. We will be having a Superbowl party at the Superbowl its gonna be Potluck. Jimmy Buffett on Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup> SAL. Daytona 500 Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup> its Potluck. We will have a Blood Drive on February 22<sup>nd</sup> Red Cross will be running it. Please come out and support that program. Blue Oval rented this place on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January. Rick and Virginia. They have donated their proceeds about \$2,200.00 towards game room improvement. We have a shuffleboard coming in to the game room. We also have touch tunes the Jukebox company will supply us with 2 Dart Boards. That will go into the game room. We will get 50% of the proceeds.
- **Chaplin Steve Sheets** there's a board out there with names on it. They are out there for Prayers. If there is anyone else out there let me know and I will write them on the board.
- **First Vice Jeanine Morrison** not present.
- **Second Vice Larry Johnson** has nothing to report.
- **Adjutant Drew Chitty** Issued awards to the following people for having two or more New Members they recruited to the American Legion Post 113. Tom Dube, Ronald Rowland, Mark Kenedy, Larry Johnson, and Julia Sheets. Announced as soon as these two transmittals get posted, we have made our goal over 100% for the 2024 year. We have recruited 1,208 members.
- **Finance Officer Julia Sheets** Sowed a slide show. We made a Budget starting from November of last year and we used them numbers as our starting point. To get what we would need for the next year. We increased a little because of inflation. Each month we will keep track of what everybody is spending. As you get closer to your limit you will be told put it back of find out

where to get it from. Because we cannot go over the budget. This month was better than last month. Total income of \$114,008.29 and a total expenditure of \$105,307.92 which left us a total profit of \$8,700.37. We have some thank you letters from feeding America for the \$500.00 donation we gave them and Warm Blessings for the \$1,000 donation we gave them. We also got a donation of \$500.00 from Lifeline Health for Be The One.

- **Service Officer Tom Dube** Department made a major announcement at the January Conference. There's been a change in the Law on the way claims can be handled now. Now you must be an accredited service officer to help a veteran fill out and file their claims. This is affecting ALL the Veterans service offices.
- **Publicity Officer Gary Brewer** I have the Newsletter printed out for this month. Also, it is posted on the web site. We also brought in \$150.00 for allowing advertisements to be posted in the newsletter for a fee. That will help pay for stamps and for getting the newsletter out. Hopefully we will get some more advertisers to help cut our costs.
- **Sargent at Arms Mike Kabel** Nothing at this time.

**Attest: Drew Chitty Post Adjutant**

**Clarence "Robbie" Robinson Post Commander**