

AMERICAN LEGION HARDIN POST 113
1251 Ring Road
Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701
Minutes Executive Committee Meeting
June 27, 2023

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Commander Clarence Robinson opened the meeting at 6:00 pm with appropriate ceremonies. Previous months minutes were approved.

Committee Reports

Chaplain Steven Sheets: Offered opening prayer. Please pray for those in need within our Legion families. Please contact Post 113 Chaplain Steven Sheets for prayer needs and blessings.

1st Vice Jeanine Morrison: We have 1,147 members for membership year 2023. Early Bird Membership is available for the July breakfast with a \$10.00 discount which will also be offered in August. This information is to be placed on the website and the July newsletter (for legionnaires only). Hardin Post 113 received a plaque and awards at the Department of Kentucky annual convention earlier this month for Early Bird and Award for Merit.

2nd Vice Larry Johnson: Please let him know if any repairs or improvements are identified for the building or area. Requests date be identified for the Vietnam Veteran Dinner to start the planning. Is planning to request Cindy Stonebraker to be Guest Speaker for the event. Her father was a MIA of Vietnam. She has made trips to Cambodia in search of MIAs and her father. Larry will cook for the 4th of July celebration being conducted on Saturday 1 July 12:00 – 6:00. Tentative plans are for a cake walk conducted by the Auxiliary, cornhole by the SAL, and children's events by the Junior Director.

Adjutant Drew Chitty: Addressed need for a welcoming committee to greet new members. The Adjutant made a motion to start the welcoming committee and the motion was seconded by 1st Vice Morrison. The motion was passed. The committee will develop a greeting packet/brochure for members to use when giving tours of the Post Home, facts about the post to include some history, programs, and up-coming events. The brochure will explain what the Legion and Post is about, what we offer members, the benefit of being a member, and when we have our meetings.

The Adjutant discussed the Gold Brigade Program to enhance the membership program and participation by other members.

He discussed a program to recruit members currently members of Post 200.

We need to track the volunteer hours of our members.

We will have a membership drive at the Post Commissary on July 22 from 9:00 – 3:00.

The Adjutant is on vacation 12 – 18 July.

Finance Officer Mike Kimble: Reported the P&L for June. Will report on trends in the future.

Service Officer Tom Dube’: Tom is on vacation and not present.

Publicity Officer Gary Brewer: The newsletter The Bugler is available online and some copies are mailed out. Gary is sponsoring an Early Bird dance on July 15th. It is a DJ dance, dance is free for 2024 paid members, and will have cover charge for others. Please have a family representative at the dance that can do membership or identify current 2024 paid members.

Sergeant at Arms Mike Kabel: Assistant Sergeant at Arms is Julia Sheets. Thanked Publicity Officer Gary Brewer for the good-looking newsletter. Mike pointed out our Constitution and By-laws need to be reviewed and updated. Requested the officers receive the new Officers’ Guide. Was informed it is available online at legion.org.

Chaplain Steven Sheets: Stated he new at the position. Please let him know if you know of anyone who is in distress and needs his attention. The chaplain is a member of the Honor Guard and participated in a funeral today at KVCC with five members of the Honor Guard.

Auxiliary President, Jerilyn Kabel: The Western Dance (Poppy Dance) did well. It was well attended, the kitchen and bar did well. The Auxiliary purchased 4 additional racks for the new ovens. The Auxiliary will conduct the cake walk and kid games.

SAL Commander Brandon Curry: The SAL has a Jimmy Buffett event on 19 Aug. The National Convention is 25 – 31 August in Charlotte NC. The SAL had the Monday porch party on 17 June, and it was well attended.

ALR Director Erin Fulkerson: We are continuing the planning for the War on Terror Dinner. It is scheduled for 19 October. We will have registration on our webpage in August. There are two dinners that night so we can project the number of attendees and have enough meals and space available. The ALR is still planning to move the Memorial Garden and POW/MIA flag down to the building area, but it may not happen until this fall due to weather considerations. We are looking at potentially having a murder mystery night for a fund raiser. More to follow.

Assistant Post Manager Stephen Stewart: Provided a Manger’s Notes calendar of events. Addressed items we have requested bids for possible replacement or repairs. We have numerous pieces of equipment which are 16-17 years old. We are identifying what potential costs may be incurred if needing to be replaced. Areas are the parking lot, phoner system, security system to include cameras, floors stripping and waxing, and the roof.

We have music in the lounge every Friday in the month of July.

The new ovens are in place now thanks to the efforts of the Manager Tanya Garcia. She was able to get the old ovens replaced and save the Post several thousands of dollars.

We will email (to those members with email address) the calendar and explain it is always subject to change.

Requested members of the board to not go behind the bar or into the kitchen area when we are operational.

Be aware that when you discuss the legion business in the lounge you will be overheard and frequently misquoted.

Management will not conduct our business on Facebook or through multiple texts – we are available for phone calls or office calls.

Good of the Legion:

Next General Membership meeting is scheduled July 6, 2023, 7pm.

Commander Clarence Robinson told the board there is a Fourth of July Freedom Fest at Fort Knox Brooks Field with fireworks. He is also looking over the house committee rules.

The meeting was adjourned in due ceremony.

Attest: **Drew Chitty**
 Adjutant

Clarence Robinson
Commander