

THE AMERICAN LEGION 

Hardin Post 113  
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General Membership Meeting February 2, 2023

**Commander Brian Knoch:** Opened meeting at 7:00 p.m. with appropriate ceremonies.

- Quorum found by the Sergeant of Arms.
- New members in attendance were Kevin Emery and David Miller.
- Guest in attendance were Bill Gies, KY 4<sup>th</sup> District Commander and Bette Gies, Post 42 Auxiliary President and KY Auxiliary 4<sup>th</sup> District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice.

**Commander Brian Knoch:** Made motion to have minutes approved as written.

- Larry Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion voted on and passed by voice count.

**Commander Brian Knoch:** Explained that February is four chaplain month and turned the presentation over to Post Chaplain James Borg.

**Chaplain James Borg:** Presented a video of the four chaplains and the courageous acts that they performed, when their ship the SS Dorchester sank on February 3, 1943. He also explained that tomorrow will be the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the SS Dorchester.

**Commander Brian Knoch:** New Business

- Robert Schaefer the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice resigned at the last Eboard meeting.
- Robbie Robinson is running for Post Commander next election. He was voted in by the Eboard to fill the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice position until the next election in May.
- New gaming machines in lounge and members area with a new 3 year contract. Benefits include the Post getting a better split 65/35 plus provided with monetary fund donations.
- Randy Harris is in Florida for 2 months so Drew Chitty is the Adjutant while he is away.
- Drew Chitty was not present at the meeting tonight due to being sick.
- April 20<sup>th</sup> is the Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran era date. 3 years ago the post had this event and around 600 – 700 people attended with a free diner.
- Had a meeting today for the Welcome Home event, however only Commander and Brandon Curry was present. The next meeting is scheduled Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. The meeting will be held in the main hall and is needed in order to work out the logistic details. Please attend and need lots of help for this event.
- Commander, out of town from February 25<sup>th</sup> till March 11<sup>th</sup> visiting in Phoenix, AZ.
- Commander would like to have another Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran meeting scheduled March 14<sup>th</sup> 5pm.
- Commander will contact Hardin County School Superintendent to have students make cards for Vietnam Veterans. He will also send out letters to surrounding dignitaries including Fort Knox to provide a Welcome Home Committee and get community involvement for this endeavor. No politics will be allowed for this event.

- Constitution and Bylaws Committee discussed changes needed to be updated to the Constitution, Bylaws and House Rules. Constitution and House Rules will remain the same other than updating dates and signatures. Bylaws are changed with a couple of wordings, and others which will be presented and discussed at the next general meeting.
- The changes to the Bylaws will be discussed 2 times and voted on the third time.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Post Manager Steve Stewart:**

- Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> Mardi Gras Gala event sponsored by Legion Riders with funds going to two great charities. Please attend this event if possible, see Tom Folsom, as he is one of the POC's, if you have any questions about the event.
- 2 Texas Holdem Tournaments remaining, 1 to be held Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February in the game room and the last one on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February to be held in main hall. It's a great way for us (Legion) to receive monies and for Legion Riders to have monies to distribute to the programs they support.
- Auxiliary Unit 113 on February 11<sup>th</sup> is hosting a Valentine's Dance.
- Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> Super Bowl Party and Sons of American Legion will have their annual chili cookoff POC is Steve Curry.
- Garyoke on Friday February 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- NASCAR Potluck Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- List for chili cookoff competition will be provided, please put your name on it and what type of chili including heat or no heat.
- 8 Saturdays over the next 2 months, 7 of those 8 have an event in them, please see if there is something that you can participate in.
- The 5 new video machines are not slot machines, they are technically video electronic pull tab machines. There are some issues, but those issues will get worked out.
- March Madness: Might adjust opening hours but will not adjust closing hours.
- Closing rules, last call given, no drinks served after last call. Do not ask the bartenders to deviate from these rules.

#### **Post Chaplain James Borg:**

- Honor Guard conducted 4 events at veteran funerals with Military Honors.
- January 17<sup>th</sup> Joseph McIntosh had ceremony at the Ky Veteran's Cemetery with around 40 to 50 people show up and supported this veteran funeral procedure. He had no family in area; however, he was supported by veteran community, which is family.
- Visited Ronnie Elders in the hospital & Ronnie said he will be there for 2 more weeks.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Robbie Robinson:** Nothing to Report

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Gary Brewer:**

- Reported that the toilet was fixed in the hall bathroom.
- March 11<sup>th</sup> AUX breakfast 8 – 11am
- March 11<sup>th</sup> DJ dance from 6 – 11pm Family Friendly Dance Cost \$5 members \$10 guest  
No charge for children
- March 18<sup>th</sup> American Legion Birthday will provide more info about this event.
- Ask members to support and attend post events when possible.

**Adjutant Randy Harris & Drew Chitty:** Not Present

**Commander Brian Knoch:** Reported on their behalf:

- Membership: equals 1,003 members now at 82% of goal, good job and keep up the recruiting of new members.

**Service Officer Tom Dube':**

- Reported fiscal year to date more than 90 plus veterans and families, 100 plus claims in the works. Some things are still taking longer, and some go quickly. Please come and see me or give me a call.

**Finance Office Joe Garrett:**

- Reported that the finance sheets are posted on the board. Total income = \$68,499.64 against expense of \$58,384.67 which means net income of \$10,114.97. Balance sheet of cash money available = \$80,661.00 and have 80,592 in CD's that we don't want to touch.
- **Bingo Volunteers** and **Legion Riders** were given a big **THANK YOU** as Bingo brought in much needed income of \$13,000. Legion Riders also brought in \$2,100 from a Texas Holdem Tournament.
- Also Recognized were Josh and Jackie Wise for the Legion meal this evening and the great food they always prepare.

**Publicity Officer Samantha Daniels:** Not Present

**Commander Brian Knoch:** Reported on her behalf:

- That Samantha was sick; however, she will have the Bugler (Newsletter) ready shortly.

**Commander Brian Knoch:** Nominating Committee members not present.

Sign up list for upcoming Legion Officer elections in May 2023.

- Robbie Robinson: Post Commander
- Jeanine Morrison: 1st Vice Commander
- Drew Chitty: Adjutant
- James Borg: Chaplain
- Randy Cote: Sergeant-At-Arms

**Auxiliary Hardin Unit 113 President Linda Brewer:**

- AUX Breakfast February 11<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 11am.
- Valentines Dance February 11<sup>th</sup> doors open at 6pm featuring Majik Jack Band. Cost of admission to the dance is \$10. Kitchen will be open to purchase food. Tickets are available for purchase in advance. Will have a couple of door prices.
- Angie Saunders is starting a Juniors program and asking for parents, grandparents and members to support this program. I believe she was asking to bring out children from kindergarten to 17 years of age. Please bring the children to attend the juniors' program at the monthly breakfast.

**SAL Squadron Commander JD Roberts:**

- Mentioned a couple of events; Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> Chili Cookoff and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Jimmy Buffett Night.

**American Legion Riders Tom Folsom:**

- Nothing to report except what has already been mentioned.

**Commander Brian Knoch:**

- Auxiliary Unit 113 will be conducting an American Red Cross blood drive on Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2pm – 6pm here at the Post. Polly Smith is POC for the blood drive and has flyers in lounge area. Commander Brian posted the event on American Legion Facebook page. Polly also has posted it on Facebook.
- The next Executive Board meeting will be Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Next General Membership meeting will be Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.
- 4<sup>th</sup> District Commander Bill Gies thanked members for letting him attend tonight's meeting. Presented Commander Brian Knoch with the Early Bird Citation that was given out at the Winter Conference. Also reminded Commander Knoch about the Legion College on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. It will be in Frankfort and the contact person is Mike Moses. See Commander Knoch for Mike Moses contact information. Attendees to the college will turn in their vouchers to be reimbursed for hotel room and meals. Check with Commander Knoch if you need any additional information about the legion College.

**Commander Brian Knoch:** Anything else good for the Legion?

- Nothing was reported for the good of legion.
- Commander closed the meeting at 7:45pm with appropriate ceremonies.

Attested By

Gary Brewer 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander.

