



THE AMERICAN LEGION

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General Meeting

Commander Robbie Robinson: Called for the start of the Sep. 7th, General meeting at 1900 with the appropriate opening ceremonies.

Chaplin James Borg: Offered opening Prayer.

- **Commander Robbie Robinson** made a motion to accept the minutes from last General meeting. Motion was seconded and all approved. Welcomed new member to the American Legion. Introduced the Area B commander Joe Garrett. Commander gave the finance report which is posted in the hall for all to read.
- **Area B Commander Joe Garrett** Just got back from national convention. Rich Gano who is the Auxiliary volunteer of the year. Brandon Curry NEC of Sons. Donna Thurman was voted in as the National Historian of the Auxiliary. We have a new National Commander Daniel Seehafer. Mr. Garret played a video of his acceptance speech.
- **Post Assistant Manager Steve Stewart** PFC Brooks of Rockville KY, who was killed during WWII in Italy will be returning home and a celebration of life will take place here at 2:00pm. Brooks was killed August 1st 1943 while leading an advance against Germany forces. The patriot guard will be escorting the family and his remains. Services will be conducted at Memorial Gardens at 1:00pm. We will insure the family knows he is welcome home.
- **Post Manager Tanya Garcia** We will be doing a pot luck for the celebration of life so if anyone wants to bring food we thank you. We have live music in the lounge every Friday. This Saturday we have a dance in the hall, and September 30th we have Oktoberfest we got the fryers fixed thanks to Jeanine and Larry. We hired Tonya in the kitchen she is great. Going to let her get her feet more wet before she starts frying fish. So figure about November we will start fish up again. Please remember we are doing our Monday night porch party we need volunteers. Oktoberfest will be \$5.00 at the door we will have food, German beer please come out and a good time. We

have our Steak night November 11th tickets are on sale at the bar. If your not volunteering in the kitchen please do not go in there.

- **Chaplin Stephen Sheets** Not Present
- **First Vice Jeanine Morrison** For our 2024 membership we have 773 members we are at 64% which is really good. Total for active members for 2023 and 2024 is 1,275 members.
- **Second Vice Larry Johnson** trying to get bands booked for New Years Eve. November 11th will be our steak night here. If you see something broken let me know. Plan of moving the POW/MIA flag to the left front of the building. Larry stated that the previous board voted on and approved the moving of the POW/MIA Flag to its new location.
- **Adjutant Drew Chitty** We are teaming up with Volunteers of America, we will be having a membership drive Wednesday, October 4th from 10:00am – 2:00pm at the Pritchard Community Center here in E-Town. It will be geared to helping Homeless and at-risk veterans they will receive referrals for health care, housing solutions. Employment, substance use treatment, mental health counselling and other essential services. If you know of any veterans that might be in need of any of these services please tell them about it. Thank you. If anyone would like to volunteer and help out with recruiting please see me after the meeting. We have the new post commanders training class coming up. It will be held on September 23rd 2023. The class will be held at the Richmond, KY at Post 12. If anyone is interested or needs an application please see after the meeting. I would suggest emailing Mike Mosses as it is getting kid of close. December 1st thru the 3rd they will be having the Department American Legion college class. Classes will be held at the Best Western Parkside Inn Hotel. Anyone wishing to attend please see me after the meeting for an application. Breakfast and lunch will be provided dinner will be on you. Hotel will be reimbursed. Next off we have the Homeless Veterans reintegration program through USA Cares. If you know any veterans that are homeless or need help finding employment please give them one of these flyers. Please, please help your fellow veterans out who are in need. Last off I have been working on this for the last two months and I finally got it approved. October 9th The Heartland Miniature Golf will be offering \$10. Off the general admission to Veterans and their families. For Veterans Appreciation day. Please go out take advantage of this. Bring the kids and grandkids for a night out of fun. It will be nice just to get us out of the house and do something with the family.
- **Finance Officer Julia Sheets** Not present
- **Service Officer Tom Dube** year to date Serviced 115 plus veterans, filed 197 plus claims average claim is taking about 4 months to process some things are going faster than others some things are being pushed back. Any time I file something for you and you hear something from the VA make sure you contact me. If you don't hear from them within a month let me know so I can start tracking it. Get your claims in.
- **Sargent at Arms Mike Kabel**
- **Publicity Officer Gary Brewer** Got the news letters in the lounge and posted on the website.

- **Rick Crouch** . Brought up that they are doing things without asking the membership how they feel about it. Like about moving the flag has it been brought up to the membership? I doubt it I don't remember hearing anything about it. We need to start remembering membership that is why people keep getting upset
- **John Crow** Apologized for losing his temper 4 weeks ago.
- **Second Vice Larry Johnson** Stated that the previous board voted on and approved the moving of the POW/MIA Flag to its new location. We didn't do it because of the summer months. But it has been approved by the previous e-board. The reason we are moving it is because you cannot see it so we are going to move it closer so that it can be seen. Some people don't even know its there.
- **Post Assistant Manager Steve Stewart** A little clarity on that it did come to this board. One of the short falls we have for a pretty steady period is we do not read our minutes. We say you have an opportunity to look at it on the web page it's addressed at our general meeting and its addressed at our executive meeting. One of the this we are not doing in either are reading the minutes or showing you a copy of the minutes. By us not doing those minutes like we use to do they are lost. I recommend that the minutes start being read or at the minimum is start having them available for anyone to read.

A motion was made to bring the minutes back to the meeting it was seconded all approved it.

Chaplin James Borg: Offered closing Prayer.

Commander Robbie Robinson: Closed the meeting with the proper ceremonies.

Attest: Drew Chitty Post Adjutant

Clarence Robinson Post Commander