



THE AMERICAN LEGION

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General Meeting

Commander Robbie Robinson: Called for the start of the Oct. 5th General meeting at 1900 with the appropriate opening ceremonies.

Chaplin Steven Sheets: Offered opening Prayer.

- **Commander Robbie Robinson** announced we are in need of bingo volunteers and chair person. We also always need honor guards as well. Then announced our guest speaker for tonight. Tom Folsom where he is going to go over be the one.
- **Tom Folsom** so Brandon Curry and I decided to start Be the One here. They spoke with all the other families and this is the last one. The whole thing behind "Be the One" is knowing how to detect when someone may need help, a few questions to ask them and where to send them. The main purpose of this is to reduce the rate of Veteran suicide. The number of veterans who die everyday from suicide is 17 to 22. Some of the warning signs to look for are: isolation, giving away belongings, risky behavior, and doing drugs or alcohol more often. Tom went over some of things we should and should not do. He then played a video on "Be the One".
- **Adjutant Drew Chitty** read the minutes from the September General Meeting. Also announced there are copies of the general meeting minutes in the back for anyone that wants them.
- **Sal Commander Brandon Curry** Made a motion to accept the minutes from last meeting with the changes that need to be made. Motion was seconded. All agreed. Motion was passed.
- **Commander Robbie Robinson** Went over donations to be made. Totaling \$7,600.
- **Larry Johnson** Made a motion to accept the donations as read. Drew Chitty seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion was passed.
- **Commander Robbie Robinson** Announced the dues have been raised by national. They voted to raise their dues by \$5.00. The department has not raised their dues at this time. But they have a convention this month so we'll see what happens at the convention. The family of PFC Brooks wanted to thank all the volunteers. Thank you for that, everything was exceptional.

- **Post Manager Tanya Garcia** Live music every Friday in the month of October. On the 14th after the breakfast the Auxiliary is having a craft bazaar, we'll have a car show and other events for the month of October. Oktober fest went really well. We had the guy give us estimates for the parking lot. Saturday dinners we are not going to do them unless there is a band playing. We did open back on trial the kitchen being open on Wednesday's. Queen of hearts is back on and we will be drawing a winner every Saturday and 9:00pm. We are upgrading the phones and internet so if you have any problems on your phone using the WIFI you may have to re-enter the password.
- **Post Assistant Manager Steve Steward.** Not Present
- **Chaplin Stephen Sheets** Mike Kabel wife is in the Hospital she was admitted today. She needs our prayers. If anyone else knows of anyone who needs to be on the prayer list please let me know.
- **First Vice Jeanine Morrison** Total membership if at 1,291, our paid memberships for 2024 is 825 and we are 69% for the year.
- **Second Vice Larry** Fixing toilets and killing weeds. Trying to get another band planned for January, and February other than that if you see anything wrong let me know.
- **Adjutant Drew Chitty** Had a recruiting at the community center for the Volunteers of America. Unfortunately we didn't have much of a turnout there.
- **Finance Officer Julia Sheets** Went over income verses expenses. All numbers will be posted in the hallway.
- **Service Officer Tom Dube** Believe the VA hired more employees seems like things are going a lot quicker. Also seems like they hired more people to answer the phones as they are being answered more quickly. Year to date serviced 175 veterans. Over 300 claims were filed.
- **Sargent at Arms Mike Kabel** when you sign in your guest you are responsible for them. If you leave they must leave also. They cannot stay if you leave you are responsible for them. If you sign someone in three or four times and they are eligible to join then you need to coach them in to joining.
- **Publicity Officer Gary Brewer** The Volunteers of America had a nice setup at the community center. Lots of booths to help veterans with homelessness, employment, suicide prevention and drug abuse. They were setup where they were going to have lunch for them and breakfast, donuts etc. but the people that needed to be there needed to be rounded up and driven there. The newsletter is online. And would like to thank Tom and Brandon for being involved and organizing the Be the One.
- **Auxiliary President Jerilynn Kabel** not present.
- **Auxiliary rep Diane Kennedy** I like to thank the legion for their donation to the Radcliff VA Center. I been taking a more active roll their and they have a need for it, they also have a need for volunteers there. The Auxiliary is having a raffle with prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100 and the winners will drawn after our Breakfast with Santa they are a dollar a piece. Proceeds will go have

