

## THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hardin Post 113 1251 Ring Road, P.O. Box 147 Elizabethtown, Kentucky, 42702

Executive Board Meeting December 18, 2024

**Post Commander Gano:** Called for opening the Exec Board meeting at 1800 hrs. with the appropriate opening ceremonies.

Post Adjutant Drew Chitty: Not Present Sgt-At-At-Arms Mike Kabel: Not Present

**1st Vice Cmdr. Brewer:** Reported new and renewed membership is currently at 1,020 members and we are at 75% of the yearly membership goal set by department.

Reported an update from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee: Make recommendations to the House Committee. Recommendation concerning 3 issues with other organizations using the Post Facilities if other than normal rental of hall.

If it is a business to have a Business License, Liability Insurance and CPR Certification as a requirement.

Reported from the Membership Committee: Have a <u>Free Membership Appreciation Dance</u> on January 25<sup>th</sup> by DJ Gary. <u>The Open House</u> for membership recruiting to be held on February 8<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the ALA breakfast.

**Post VSO Tom Dube':** Reported he had 78 veterans contacts with assistance and 576 for the year. The claims center that was set up in Richmond had a small turnout, however it was a good advertisement for their post. That area has a big DAV presence. Harry Hartman has his accreditation paperwork submitted to VA and is waiting for it to come back. Tom is working on getting area A some accreditation VSOs and will be doing zoom meetings.

**Post Chaplain Stephen Sheets:** Reported that Bobby G passed away and the Post Honor Guard will be doing the Honors at the cemetery. There will be a wake at the post after the funeral.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr. Randy Cote: Reported doing routine maintenance around the building. The door on the bingo side has been fixed by Benje at a moderate cost.

**Finance Officer Julia Sheets:** Reported the Profit-Loss earnings statement and balance sheet totals so far for December. The largest expenditure was on the air conditioner unit #3, that needed replaced in the kitchen area. We still have not received a payment from Swope for their Christmas party. Between checking and saving accounts with the CD' right now, finance is in line with the budget.

**Publicity Officer Ruben Garcia:** Newsletter articles be reported to him by 22-23 of each month. This is a short month because of the holidays.

**Post Manager Tanya Garcia:** Reported new lines for the coke machine in the snack bar on the hall side has been replaced. So, this month had 11 parties completed and still have 4 parties to go in December. I still have a few tickets to sell for the New Years Party. I have booked 2 bands, one on the 29<sup>th</sup> March and the other one on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Have dart boards that start in January. G2 Gaming would like to bring a few VFW staff members and employees to the post, to get trained using the POS system. Polly asked if they could use the game room for the Golden Years Exercise Program.

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**Post Manager Tanya Garcia:** She would like to have all families of the legion submit a calendar of their events to get booked on the post calendar.

**ALA President Jan Fulkerson:** Breakfast with Santa will be on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Ellen and Jennifer are serving the Mimosas and Bloody Mary drinks for the ALA breakfast. Glen is playing Santa Claus and Commander is the Grinch. Crafts for children will be set up in the hall and run by Linda Cook. As of now there will not be a ALA Valentine Dance due to scheduling conflicts.

**ALR Director Erin Fulkerson:** Asked about the Texas Hold'em Tournaments for 2025. ALR would like to have 2 games by the ALR and the 2 games. The dates for the first 2 are February 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The last 2 games are held on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Request from another post to know how to submit for ALR OH nomination.

**Commander Gano:** Informed the board that he and Steve delivered the clothing for 5 veterans at the Rex Robley VA Hospital in Louisville. The VA representatives were very grateful for the items delivered to the veterans. Workers' comp and employer liability went up to and has been paid. Gano made the decision to go with Elite HACV after he received the bid to install the new air condition unit. The new unit should be installed by Friday.

**Commander Gano:** Gave his appreciation to everyone who volunteered at the Swope Party. Adding the beer station made everything run smoother to help lines be shorter. On May 17<sup>th</sup> the CVMA would like to hold their romp here at our post. They would like to rent out the whole post. The facility would need to have enough room to support 300 motorcycles. This event will come to the board for a vote, as we need to discuss this in more detail.

**Commander Gano:** Had a meeting with the bingo crew as they had several issues of concern. We had a couple of meetings and came up with a plan for bingo. To have a progressive coverall that starts out at 48 numbers for \$1000.00. If a bingo is not reached in the 48 numbers, a consolation price of \$500.00 will be awarded. He also mentioned that the legion gave out gift bags to players on 2 different nights. The gifts were much appreciated by the bingo players. Also starting the door prize program back up to help bring in more players. 4 door prizes at \$10.00 a piece a game. To be paid out between the second and third games in the second session. This new program will go into effect January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

**Commander Gano:** Discussed the new law dealing with medical marijuana and firearms that goes into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Senior Vice Commander Joe Garrett is going to get with some state legislators to discuss what actions the legion posts in the state should take regarding this issue.

**Commander Gano:** Closed the Executive Board meeting at 1900 hrs. with the appropriate closing ceremonies.

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1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr. Gary Brewer Post Commander Rich Gano