



THE AMERICAN LEGION

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General Meeting Minutes

Commander Robbie Robinson: Called for the start of the November 2nd General meeting at 1900 with the appropriate opening ceremonies. Then welcomed new member Morris Leasor.

Chaplin Steven Sheets: Offered opening Prayer.

- **Post Adjutant Drew Chitty** Read the minutes from the October 5th 2023 minutes. Then made a motion to accept the October minutes. Larry Johnson 2nd the Motion.
- **John Saunders** called for a discussion on the minutes. Stated that the minutes was lacking substance. As a person who just reads the minutes, I have no idea how much money we donated. Who we donated it to and for finance just to simply say we covered the finance report with no meat. What we covered whether we are short money, what are our trends.
- **Post Adjutant Drew Chitty** When I took this position, I was told that we do not need to publicize to the general public since these minutes gets posted on the public web site that John Q Citizen does not need to know our financial information.
- **Commander Robbie Robinson** A motion was made and seconded for accepting the minutes, All in Favor 33 members All opposed 1 member. Motion passed.
- **Commander Robbie Robinson Old Business:** We need Bingo volunteers and Bingo chair person, we also need Honor Guards.
New Business: Reading of Resolution for Joe Garrett. He is running for the Department of Kentucky Senior Vice Commander. (See attached Resolution in the back of the minutes). John Saunders made a motion to accept the Resolution for Joe Garett, Jeanine Morrison seconded the motion All in Favor 34 members All opposed 0 members. Motion passed.
- **Joe Garrett** Only thing missing from that sheet that he read. During that 26 years of Military, two tours was in Vietnam, and I retired a year after I got back from Desert Storm. Now that you know who I am. I want to talk about this Post, Area B has 56 Post in over 49 Counties. So every Sunday I'm going somewhere. I have got to tell you by any measure by any metric this is the Best Post in the State. I am very procural when it comes to this Post, I will not let anyone talk bad about this Post. By any measurement, by any metric we're the very best. I believe that now, especially now

that I'm bouncing around so many places, and seeing the problems that other Post have. We have a recipe here. Recipe of success and I'll tell you what the main ingredient for that recipe is. The very main ingredient that makes it all work is volunteers. We got people that will step up in this Post. We have volunteers waxing the floors. Like these tables, they all got steam cleaned the other day. Volunteers. We got at least twelve volunteers on Friday and Sunday for Bingo. Anytime we have a special event people step up, and that is the one ingredient to the recipe that makes us who we are at this Post. I usually tell folks I'm retired now, and I only have three functions left. Grandbabies, Golf and the American Legion. In that order. I spend a lot of time here and guess what I don't drink. Misty will tell you I get two diet cokes, she takes my keys and calls me an uber. But honestly, I do what I do for three reasons. Number one, it keeps me off the couch. Number two, it allows me to serve veterans the only way I know how. Number three, it lets me be a part of something much bigger than myself.

- **Post Commander Robbie Robinson** Introduced Ms. Romona and Ms. D at the WellCare table we also have Michael Hornback with Athena. Medicare is open season right now so you can speak with them after the meeting. Pointed out on the screen the changes I recommended to the By-Laws. Section one for the Post Commander he/she and at the end of the sentence he/she even though I have forgotten to put she. So that's two changes. For the First Vice Commander he/she Second Vice Commander the same thing and the Adjutant the same thing and right in the middle of it he/she. Also we are going to remove ladies from the Auxiliary. Finance officer he/she also Finance assistant he/she. Section 9 duties of the Sargent at Arms he/she shall be present at all Post Functions. Sargent at Arms can elect an Assistant Sargent at arms to attend the functions that require him to be there. Section 13 duties of the historian he/she is added. Section 14 duties of the appointed Assistant Sargent at Arms he/she has been added. Also In the absence shall preform other duties as directed where his is will be the. These are the recommendations I have for the By-Laws.
- **John Saunders** I got two questions I guess. First on is who are the four committee members for these changes.
- **Commander Robbie Robinson** I don't know. We didn't have a committee to do it.
- **John Saunders** In accordance with our constitution and By-Laws it clearly says four members make up the constitution and By-Laws. Besides that, you left he in the first section is that ok?
- **Several members** stated he addressed that.
- **John Saunders** my bad, I must have my hearing aid turned down. Alright but anyway the committee is four people. Constitution and By-Laws is more than that single piece of what you're looking at. There are several pages. And there's a committee that should be put together to look at the entire document and not just hen peck this and that.
- **First Vice Jeanine Morrison** I think we do have a committee. Larry's on one of them, I think. Aren't you on that committee?
- **Second Vice Larry Johnson** I'm on the house committee.

- **First Vice Jeanine Morrison** we do have a committee for that. I'm not sure who's on it. Ok so that is Clarence Robinson, Larry Johnson, Julia Sheets and Gary Brewer.
- **Commander Robbie Robinson** so basically do I have to do a motion for this?
- **John Saunders** if your changing the constitution and By-Laws you have to have three readings.
- **Commander Robbie Robinson** three reading ok this is first. So that is all I have to do with it is read it.
- **John Saunders** yes.
- **Commander Robbie Robinson** is there no other discussion? Ok we have a flyer going around suicide prevention. Be the One suicide prevention Seminar, December 5th, 2023 and we have a couple of Veteran days specials. Schools are asking all veterans to drive through, and they will be handing out flags on November 9th, at North Hardin, and GC next there's a salute to veterans, we also have a veteran's breakfast on the 11th, here at the legion. We have another one here, it's a local girl scout troop requesting that veterans come out to their breakfast at 710 College Street Road. On November 11th, 2023, at 8am to 10:30am. The Veterans Day ceremony is still on the 11th some of us will be there at 9:30 10:00. Our key speaker is from Fort Knox, her name is Col. Peggy R McManus and the Elizabethtown Mayor.
- **Post Manager Tanya Garcia** we still have live music every Friday, this Saturday they're doing Garyaoke, and Jimmy Buffett. Sunday we're having Nascar, Free T.V. Giveaway. Veterans Day we're going to have bean soup, Virginia Hobbes is going to help with this, and Steve is going to be on a cruise for 10 days. On the 18th we are having a dance here, and on the 28th we are going to start decorating for Christmas. There will be H.I.V. testing here on the 6th if anyone wants to come. The internet has been updated. The password is still the same. You may have to log back on to get into it. As Joe said, we had the floors waxed and the tables done. Thanksgiving Day we're planning on being open. Tonya the cook and myself and our families will be here. We are going to cook for Veterans who don't have somewhere to go. The bar will be open if you just want to get away from your family.
- **Several Members** Laughed.
- **Post manager Tanya Garcia** if you come in here with your families it's going to be \$10.00 to eat if you come in here by yourself because you have no where to go it will be free. We're planning New Years Eve. It's going to be \$45.00 a ticket. They are selling them at the bar. We spent a lot of money on plumbing, so if you see those Bingo ladies, please tell them to stop flushing pull tab down the toilet, because we spent a \$1,000.00 this month pulling pull tabs out of the sewer system. I don't know what we can do. If anyone has a suggestion, I'm taking it.
- **Many Members** talking to each other in the background. To hard to make out what's being said.
- **Chaplin Stephen Sheets** we started getting into the cold weather months. So if you see a neighbor doesn't have to be a Veteran. You might want to check on your neighbors, remember if their elderly, they may not be able to afford their heat because they are paying for their medicine. Also check on everybody. If you know anybody that needs to be checked on, or needs to be called, please give me a call.

- **First Vice Jeanine Morrison** right now we have 1,305 members. 873 members for the next year, 2024. We are at 72% and I am going to be having a membership meeting next Tuesday the 6th at 6:00pm for those on that committee or whoever would like to join us and help. With any idea's and just volunteering to get new members. It will be in the conference room.
- **Tom Folsom** what day is it?
- **First Vice Jeanine Morrison** Tuesday the 6th
- **Tom Folsom** at 6:00pm
- **First Vice Jeanine Morrison** Yes
- **Tom Folsom** Thank you
- **Second Vice Larry Johnson** as Tanya mentioned we have maintenance difficulties. We got freezer gone out, we got plumbing issues. Everything gotten back online and we're rolling. We did power wash all the tables and everything. Some of them are getting kind of worn. Looks like someone played tic tac toe on one of them. Don't sit on the table, don't bang into them please, they'll break. They have been here several years we like to keep them several more years. They are still in good shape but physically, they're starting to get the show tale signs of wear and tear. As far as events we are looking at Vietnam Dinner on April 18th. I like to get Three members one from each family on a committee to help me get all that set up. If you would like to help please come see me. We'll get that ready and start rolling with it.
- **First Vice Jeanine Morrison** I have a correction, the meeting is Tuesday the 7th, at 6:00pm. Tuesday at 7:00pm 1900 hrs.
- **Adjutant Drew Chitty** I have nothing at this time.
- **Service Officer Tom Dube** I have just two things I want to talk to you about tonight. One is it has to do with next Tuesday. What's that thing they do election day. Remember to vote early vote often. Then in the afternoon around 2:00pm I'm looking for some volunteers to cover with me to Robin Brook. We got I think it's eight veterans over there and I think it's like twenty widows. we are trying to get involved with them. How many people know Jake Owens? Alright well I'll be working with him for awhile over there. He's the one that wants us to come over there to help the rest of them. Working on claims and stuff. So, if anyone is interested in that please come and see me. How many people heard of the Million Veteran Program? That started probably about 7 years ago I think with the VA. It's a research project and they're closing in now. I joined this back then, I thought this is a pretty cool thing. I couldn't believe it though its taken this long to get to a million. They only need about twenty-five thousand more. They help do research with Veterans cause there's some common things and this is why the prosumers for Vietnam and Gulf War. But they're there's other common things that are showing up Veterans and they're trying to figure out why and how to better predict it and treat them. Things in the mental health field like PTSD, depression, anxiety, suicide and substance abuse and disorder. And cancers of all kinds.so if your interested in doing this, it doesn't really take much basically your thoughts in a questionnaire and they're just getting demographics on anonymous information. It doesn't tie you personally to anything. But its been a good program and they are making a lot of progress in some of these

things. Like right now they are working on heart disease, diabetes, Gulf War illness, kidney disease, hearing and vision disease. Osteoarthritis and Parkinson's.

- **Finance Officer Julia Sheets** first I want to say we got two thank you letters. One from Feeding America for the \$500.00 donation. And one from Helping Hands for the \$1,000.00 donation that we gave them. And now on to like management said we had a lot of expenses with repairs, and taxes that came out this month. Because you know we have to pay the taxes. Those things are expected because you know we got to pay the taxes we have to pay Uncle Sam. If we don't pay him things go south quick. So that's what happened this month.
- **John Saunders** which taxes?
- **Finance Officer Julia Sheets** it was gaming taxes. It was our gaming taxes that had to go out this month. Which was \$8,407.15.
- **Publicity Officer Gary Brewer** the only thing I have, is I have the newsletter posted on the website. I got the last E-Board minutes posted on the website. I got ones that ready to be mailed out in the morning. I got I think its like 41 newsletters being mailed out.
- **SAL Gary Brewer** Brandon couldn't be here tonight the SAL Commander. You all know we have jimmy Buffett coming up Saturday night. That's a big fund raiser for the Sons of the American Legion and we'll be doing a fifty, fifty for that night for the SAL
- **ALR Tom Folsom** commander we have nothing
- **Commander Robbie Robinson** next General meeting will be December 7th, next E-Board will be November 28th. Is there anything for the good of the American Legion?
- **Joe Garrett** we need to have second vice make up a sign inside of each stall. That says DO NOT THROW PULL TABS IN THE TOILET and FLUSH THEM. We get the second vice to do this.
- **First Vice Jeanine Morrison** Sounds like a good idea.
- **Several members** laughed
- **Commander Robbie Robinson** noted. Passed commander Steve.
- **Assistant Steve Stewart** in line with that John if we can get that handled in the minutes every two in a row we talk about handling the latrines.
- **Mark Kennedy** I made a public service announcement during Bingo to the ladies about doing that. And how much money we spent. And threaten to put a monitor in there. Didn't say if it would be a male or female monitor.
- **Most members** laughed at that.
- **Mark Kennedy** Second thing the burn pit is being redone as an eagle scout project. It's progressing nicely. Last time I was up there, there was a pile of bricks up there and I have no idea how they got there. Ok I got to rid of the other one so we can get the new ones in. hopefully by the beginning of next year he'll have his team in there. We will have our burn pit to retire flags.

- **Commander Robbie Robinson** is there any further business to come before the meeting? If not the Chaplin will lead us in Prayer.

Commander Robbie Robinson closed the meeting with the appropriate closing ceremonies at 7:41pm.

Attest: **Drew Chitty Post Adjutant** **Clarence Robinson Post Commander**