



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hardin Post 113
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General Membership Meeting March 6, 2025

Guests and Dignitaries: Dept of Ky Senior Vice Cmdr. Joe Garrett
Dept of Ky Media and Comm. Dir. Gary Brewer
Dept of Ky Surgeon General: Tom Dube'
District Chaplin: Homer Whine
NEC Chairman: Bill Moore

Post Commander Gano: Opened the general membership meeting at 1900 hrs. with appropriate meeting ceremonies.

Chaplain Steven Sheets: Presented the opening prayer.

Cmdr. Gano: Asked for committee reports.

Adjutant Drew Chitty: Not Present

1st Vice Cmdr. Brewer: Read general membership minutes from previous February 2025 meeting.

Cmdr. Gano: Requested for a motion to accept the February General membership minutes as read.
A motion was made to accept the minutes as read.

Randy Cote: 2nd the Motion, no discussion followed

Cmdr. Gano: Called for a yay or nay vote. Yay won by voice count and the motion was passed to accept the minutes as read.

1st Vice Cmdr. Brewer: Reported membership at 90% of the goal for the year as of 2/22/2025.
Membership Goal for 2025 is 1,352 members and currently we have a count of 1,219 members.

2nd Vice Cmdr. Randy Cote: Nothing to report.

Finance Officer Julia Sheets: Reported and explained the P & L report to members.

Total income was for the month was still in the black. Total expenditures equaled less than the total income which resulted in a net income in the black as well. We missed a couple of bingo sessions due to weather. We had other surprise expenses remodeling the kitchen; however, February was still a good month. The electricity last month was lower again by \$400.00. Monitoring the electricity is paying off in savings each month.

Cmdr. Gano: Requested for a motion to approve the February finance minutes.
A motion was made to accept the minutes as read.

Trish Richardson: Made a motion to approve the minutes

2nd Vice Cmdr. Randy Cote: 2nd the motion and no discussion followed.

Cmdr. Gano: Called for a vote on the motion to accept finance minutes. A yay or nay vote was conducted and the Yay won by voice count and the motion was passed to accept the minutes as read.

Post Chaplain Stephen Sheets: Reported that Eddie Gilmore is not doing good. Family reported that he is in a private room and mostly sleeping. The doctors are just trying to make him comfortable and don't expect him to get any better. Hospice has been called and helping to take care of him. If you can pray for Eddie and his family.

Post VSO Tom Dube': Reported his numbers for February of 187 veteran contacts. Made assistance visits to Lebanon, Leitchfield, Auburn and Russellville.

Had a veterans wife send a thank you card and a generous donation for service officer's support. We need volunteers on Wednesdays and the Vietnam Veterans Dinner is on March 27th.

Publicity Officer Ruben Garcia: Not present.

SAL Cmdr. Brandon Curry: Not present.

1st Vice Cmdr. Brewer: Spokesperson for SAL Cmdr. Wanted to thank everyone who came out to the Valentines steak night dinner. Also, a reminder that the SAL is having their Jimmy Buffett Night on Saturday, March 29th.

ALR Director Erin Fulkerson: Not Present

Trish Richardson: Spokesperson for ALR director. The ALR is doing great things this year and is having the final Texas Hold'em tournament this year on Saturday March 15th. Please come out and support the tournament as a volunteer or as a client.

Post Manager Tanya Garcia: Thanked everyone who came out to help with the remodeling of the kitchen. Tia Chi classes are on the 2nd Monday of the month and starts at 1pm. It's a free class and helps people with their balance. The sheriff's department is holding an Advocate class as we observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) with the Community Awareness & Resource Fair! March 11th to help victims on behalf of crimes or a loss of a loved one from crime.

Scheduled to have flag retirement ceremony on March 11th at 10am.

Veterans Women group will be holding their meeting March 15th starting at 9am.

Steak night every Monday evening at a cost of \$15.00. Also, Mandy Wright is our new assistant manager.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Cmdr. Gano: Explained that the kitchen was gutted for remodeling and painting. The inmates from the detention center helped with the cleaning and painting of the kitchen. Along with the volunteers from the legion family. Thanks to all who participated on this endeavor.

Jecvo meeting was held 5th March in Frankfort, KY. The only bill that might pass this year is one about National Guard members to be buried in a veteran state cemetery.

Brothers After War movie was well attended and was successful at the showing here in Elizabethtown. Issue with the roof leaking is being fixed from Assurance Roofing. They are putting in all new screws with seals on the edges of the building. They will check for mold and if any found will take care of that also. Vietnam Veterans Dinner will be on Thursday the 27th stating at 5:30pm.

NEC Chaiman Bill Moore: Requested post 113 support and vote for 2 more years as NEC Chairman. Request 25 volunteers for the National Convention which is going to held in Kentucky in 2026.

Cmdr. Gano: Has a resolution for American Legion Post 113 to support Joe Garrett for Commander Department of Kentucky. Motion by John Sauders to approve the resolution for Joe Garrett to be the Department of Kentucky commander. Motion was 2nd by Randy Cote and Cmdr. Gano called for a vote to approve the motion that was made. Yay won by voice count and the motion was passed to accept the resolution as read.

Sgt-At-Arms Mike Kabel: Remember to sign up for a position for elected officers if interested. Conference will be in Bowling green March 11th-12th. The National Vice Cmdr. will be at the conference.

Cmdr. Gano: Are any new members attend this meeting. There was 2 new members in attendance. Next General Membership meeting will be on April 3rd.

Chaplain Steven Sheets: Presented the benediction prayer.

Cmdr. Gano: Closed the meeting with the appropriate ceremony at 2000 hrs.

Attested By:

1st Vice Cmdr. Gary Brewer

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Post Commander Rich Gano