

AMERICAN LEGION HARDIN POST 113
1251 Ring Road
Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701
Minutes Executive Committee Meeting March 28, 2023

Executive Board Meeting March 28, 2023

Commander Brian Knoch:

- Opened meeting at 6:00pm with appropriate ceremonies. Quorum was not found through board members present:

Robbie Robinson 1st Vice Commander, **Absent**

Gary Brewer 2nd Vice Commander, present

Randy Harris Adjutant, **Absent**

Joe Garrett Finance Officer, present

James Borg Chaplain, present

Samantha Daniels Publicity Officer, **Absent**

Tom Dube' Service Officer, **Absent**

Drew Chitty Sergeant-at-Arms, present

Commander Brian Knoch:

- Stated that organizations such as Boy Scouts, DAV and VFW have been notified about the Vietnam Veteran Appreciation Dinner and asked if those organizations could supply volunteers. Radio and newspaper spots are to be advertised for this event at different times. Also mentioned that the volunteer sheet is posted by the game room.
- Finance Officer has a vacancy on list for upcoming election. All candidates applying for officers need to provide a DD-214 to have on file.
- If certain members keep complaining to legion staff or Eboard officers, inform those individuals to address their complaint back to Commander.

Commander Knoch: Committee Reports

Post Manager Steve Stewart:

- Handed out April & May calendar of events to board members with emphasize on April 20.
- Explained to board members that the electronic gaming machines at this post are legal by charitable gaming and the state. These machines are not the ones in the grey area being discussed and reported in the news. If discussion about the gaming machines comes up, please politely inform the members that these machines are legal.
- Issue of volunteers working at post or as bartenders is not illegal. If individual has an issue, please see Post Manager.
- Hardin County Women Veterans Appreciation Day sponsored by Robley Rex was well received and had a good turnout. Robley Rex very interested in having the event again at the post next year.
- Bob Smith and his crew cleaned/changed the lights in the building. Steve Curry, John Saunders Steve Stewart and Gary Brewer helped support and assisted their efforts on accomplishing this event.
- Josh and Jackie are doing "area beautification" painting manager office and the kitchen.

Chaplin James Borg:

- Reported that 3 Honor Guard events was performed this month. One being Ronnie Elder's funeral.
- Mr. Embry has been calling people on the prayer list for Chaplain Borg.
- Mr. Adwell had a liver transplant and doing well.
- Ceremony at the Vietnam Wall to commemorate the 50th year, when the last U.S. troops left Vietnam.

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1st Vice Commander Robbie Robinson: Not Present

2nd Vice Commander Gary Brewer:

- Informed board members that a Membership Appreciation Dance is scheduled May 27. Members admission cost is \$5 and non-members/guest \$10. The band is Little David and Bad Country. A meal is planned with an entrée and 2-3 sides for \$12.
- The lights at flagpole is not working. Solution is to either assign a person to raise and lower flag daily or take the flag down until lights are repaired.
- **Commander Knoch:** Stated to take flag down until lights are repaired.
- **Chaplain Borg:** Asked if members want to purchase a meal and not attend the dance can they pay for the meal only? **Post Manager Stewart:** Suggested that the member can order the meal from the lounge and get the meal to go or eat it in the lounge.

Finance Officer Joe Garrett:

- Stated one more bingo session for the month is not included with this balance. Balance in checking and saving accounts equal \$88,317.00. This balance doesn't include the \$88,000 in CDs. P&L statement so far for the month has a profit of \$723.00. Still has the bingo session to be added to this month's P&L statement.

Adjutant Drew Chitty:

- Stated that membership goal is 1,209 and currently membership is 1,083 which equals 89.5%.
- **Commander Knoch:** Suggested adjutant check with department to verify membership goal. Commander stated that membership goal has probably increased from 1,209 to 1,239.

Veteran Service Officer Tom Dube': Not Present

- **Joe Garrett:** Stated that Tom gave him a Service Officer Eboard report. Year-to-date Tom has seen and assisted 96 veterans. YTD 190 veteran claims have been submitted by Tom.
- Tom has completed the following Service Officer training programs. Post Service Officer online course and Dept Service Office online training course.
- Waiting on Commonwealth Attorney's Office to pick up donated filing cabinets.
- Has received updates to Veteran Service Officer manual at zero cost.
- Proposing to switch offices with Adjutant to provide more room when assisting veterans.

Sgt At Arms Drew Chitty:

- Nothing to report

Auxiliary President Linda Brewer:

- April 8 breakfast with Easter Bunny and craft table provided for children. Commander Knoch will be taking pictures for this event.
- Drawing for quilt raffle will be after the breakfast.

SAL Commander JD Roberts: Not Present

- **Gary Brewer:** Stated that the Jimmy Buffett Night was a successful event. Member Participation turnout for the event was good. 50/50 drawing produced \$334.00 and split \$167.00 with Barbara Stalbuam the winner.
- Next SAL Jimmy Buffett Night is May 20th.
- Proposed to clean tables and chairs sometime in April.
- **Commander Knoch:** suggested to check tables and see if damaged tables need to be replaced.

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ALR Director Erin Fulkerson:

- ALR members will assist directing traffic and parking on April 20.
- ALR would like to have a Queen of Hearts drawing if logistics can be resolved.
- ALR is having a community yard sale Saturday May 13.
- ALR is selling raffle tickets for a M1 Garand rifle to be given away June 22, 2023.
- ALR has a new website alrky113.org. Events for Legion families can post their events on that calendar and website as well.
- Jeanine Morrison and Tom Folsom attended legion college and informed board that a chairperson is required when electronic machines are in use.
- **Commander Knoch:** Stated that this policy is already in place when the machines are on.

Post Manager Stewart:

- Reminded commander and board members there is a meeting tomorrow at 2pm.
- **Commander Knoch:** Stated that the meeting is to determine if Post could be open on Monday, now that the covid pandemic is over.

Commander Knoch:

- Asked all non-voting members to please leave the room.
- Closed general Eboard meeting and Eboard went to closed session meeting.

Commander Knoch:

- 7:50pm closed Eboard meeting with appropriate ceremonies.

Attested by

Gary Brewer 2nd Vice Commander

