



Hardin Post 113
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General Membership Meeting March 2, 2023

2nd Vice Commander Gary Brewer: Opened meeting at 7:00 p.m. with appropriate ceremonies.

- Quorum confirmed by the Sergeant At Arms.
- New members in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Hammond.

2nd Vice Commander Gary Brewer: Made motion to have minutes approved as written.
2nd and passed by voice count.

2nd Vice Commander Gary Brewer: New Business.

- Need volunteers for Bingo and Honor Guard.
- Randy Morris addressed an issue where volunteers for bingo was turned away. Discussion followed and volunteers for bingo are to check with the Bingo Chairperson (POC).
- Commander would like to have another Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran meeting scheduled March 14th 5:30pm in main hall.
- Commander contacted Hardin County School Superintendent. He sent out letters to surrounding dignitaries and has contacted Heart of Ky Men's Chorus.
- Commander has posted a volunteer list at entrance to kitchen for Vietnam Dinner event.
- Reminder to put your name on Eboard list if running for an officer position.
- Next General membership meeting is April 3rd and next Eboard meeting is March 28th.

Committee Reports:

Post Manager Steve Stewart:

- Saturday March 11th is AUX Breakfast and Aux Juniors meeting.
- Thursday March 16th Ronnie Elder funeral and celebration of life. Ronnie was member of the post for over 53 years.
- Garyoke on 17th and 24th both dates are on a Friday.
- American Legion Birthday is Saturday 18th. 2nd vice commander will have details of event.
- March 25, 2023 from 11AM – 1PM, VA will have a Women Veterans town hall meeting. ALR will have safety briefing in game room. SAL will have Jimmy Buffett Night starting at 5:30 – 8:pm for cooking and Jimmy Buffett music until 11:00pm.

Nominating Committee Chairman John Saunders:

- Reminded members the nominating committee consist of John Saunders, Mark Kennedy, Brandon Curry and Mike Kimble. If running for an office position, please read and understand the job description. John read the names of personal that was signed up on the roster list for officer positions, which is in the lounge.

Continuation of Committee Reports

1st Vice Commander Robbie Robinson: Not Present

2nd Vice Commander Gary Brewer:

- Mentioned the American Legion 104th Birthday celebration with birthday cake cutting ceremony, entertainment Little David and Bad Country band, plate meal special or order from limited menu. Discussion about cost of meal \$15 or less to be determined later.

Adjutant Drew Chitty:

- Membership goal of 1,209, currently at 1,055 which is 87% of our goal.

Finance Office Joe Garrett:

- Finance report is posted on the wall in lounge area. Reported that legion had a very good month. Joe went into detail as to where and what changed with income from last month.
- Talked about upcoming expenses with air handlers, parking lot, possible roof issues as the building is 17 years old.

Veteran Service Office Tom Dube':

- Reported veterans served year to date is approximately 100 contacts with claims and representation of public assistance. Over 90 veterans' claims filed that are being worked. Over 150 claims have been processed, with 3 claims settled very quickly within 4 months. Some claims process quickly and others slow.
- Commonwealth Attorney office has donated filing cabinets, may only need 4 of them.

Sgt At Arms Drew Chitty:

- Reported that the flags all have the same pole and base.

Publicity Officer Samantha Daniels: Not present

Chaplain James Borg:

- Honor Guard is conducting the military honors for Ronnie Elder on March 16th at 1:30pm at KY Veterans Cemetery.
- Asked by the DAV Commander to mention, that they're having a Desert Storm – Iraq 20th year anniversary dinner on March 25th. It is for veterans that served in Iraq War and is sponsored by DAV, VFW and Combat Veteran Motorcycle Association.

American Legion Riders Tom Folsom:

- ALR is also conducting a raffle for a M1 Garand rifle to be given away June 22, 2023.
- ALR will be conducting a community yard sale on May 13th from 6am – 2pm. Cost is \$10 for one booth space or \$15 for two booth spaces. Need more information about the yard sale please contact POC of event Tom Folsom. Also check out the community yard sale flyer at the post and Facebook.

Continuation of Committee Reports

SAL Squadron 113 Commander JD Roberts:

- Reported that Jimmy Buffett Night will be on Saturday night March 25th. Kitchen will be open from 6:00pm – 7:30pm and menu is Cheeseburgers and French fries. There will be a 50/50 drawing. Music will be provided by Garyoke playing Jimmy Buffett music until 11:00pm.

2nd Vice Commander Gary Brewer:

- Followed up information that SAL has 4 Jimmy Buffett Nights per year, and it is a main fundraiser for their organization. So please come out and support this event.

American Legion Aux President Linda Brewer:

- Reported that their quilt raffle is continuing, and the drawing is April 8th after breakfast. See Diane Kennedy to purchase tickets for the quilt. Volunteers for breakfast are needed, if you can help please contact Diane Kennedy.

2nd Vice Commander Gary Brewer:

- CT reported that March 29th there will be a ceremony at the Wall at 11am, located at the Nature Park.
- Explained to General Membership that the Constitution, Bylaws and House Rules are to be updated every other year if any changes are needed. Also, that the changes if made must be read to the membership 3 times, then voted on.
- Discussion of updates to Post Constitution, Post Bylaws and Post House rules. Joe Garrett claimed that the employee should be able to come before the Eboard if fired. Employees should have an opportunity for duo process, same as a member being suspended.
- Trish Richmond asked who has the right to hire new employees? Discussion followed about management and employees.

Post Manager Steve Stewart:

- Explained to general membership the procedure he uses when an employee is released. He explained that employees should also have duo process when fired. Explained that if employee is released and is hired back that it should be with some understanding.

Rick Crouch:

- Made a motion to review opening Post back up on Monday, if it is feasible. Discussion followed and an amendment was made to original motion.
- Amended motion was made to have bylaws and house rules to be reviewed by committee. Discussion followed; Past Commander's suggested to have the committee bring Post bylaws changes after May elections.
- Motion 2nd by members and vote was taken by voice count. Vote passed with 1 no vote.

2nd Vice Commander Gary Brewer: Anything else good for the Legion?

Tom Folsom:

- Made a motion to rename the members lounge to the Ronnie Elder Lounge. Motion was 2nd and vote passed by voice count.

2nd Vice Commander: Closed the meeting at 8:05pm with appropriate ceremonies.

Attested By

Gary Brewer 2nd Vice Commander

