



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hardin Post 113

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General Meeting

Commander Robbie Robinson: Called for the start of the March 5, 2024, General meeting at 1900 with the appropriate opening ceremonies.

Chaplin Steven Sheets: Offered opening Prayer.

- **Commander Robbie Robinson** introduced our guess. Area B Commander Joe Garrett, District 4 VSO Al Marinsky, SAL Commander Brandon Curry and Homer Wine District 4 Chaplin.
- **Darel From the Car Shows** We do a fun raiser every year to help over 460 children. Present Tanya Garcia with a award for all her help during the event.
- **Area B Commander Joe Garrett** presented a video Slide of the recent troops 95th infantry who were being deployed to Kwait. It was great even the VFW was there. As you will see in the Video, we had lots of goodies to send them off with.
- **Commander Robbie Robinson** Reading of the Minutes by Adjutant Drew Chitty

A motion was made to accept last month's minutes. Motion was seconded, The general population all approved the motion.

- **Commander Robie Robinson** Let go to Old Business. Bingo needs Volunteers and Chairperson are needed. Honor Guard members are needed. Vietnam Veterans dinner is coming up on the 28th of March. Vietnam Veteran can bring one guess. The Dues will be raised by \$5.00 by National and \$3.00 by Department for a total of \$48.00. We will be offering the early bird special from July 1 to Aug. 31, membership will be \$38.00.
- **Commander Robbie Robinson** New Business National Commander will visit the Post on the 21st of May 2024 at 1300hr. Need all the SAL, Riders, Board members including Legion Board members. Be present at that time frame.
- **Post Manager Tanya Garcia** The 9th we have little David in the Hall. We have a beauty pagan on the 16th starting at 0600hrs until 1200hrs. It was very successful last year. At 1700 we have kids

movie night. It's free for the kids too attend, we'll have kids meals, corn dogs, chicken nuggets etc. Also on the 16th we are having a St. Patrick's Day party in the lounge. On the 23rd there's a surprise party in the game room. There's dancing on the 23rd. We will have the National Wildlife Turkey Federation here on the 30th. Spoke about why the tables were off the wood floor, because of being damaged. We had someone try to break in the building on the 29th of February. They broke off one of the boards on the fence in the smoking area. And tried to pry open the door. So we are taking bids on a new security system. You all saw the new popcorn machine. The old one was falling apart. It had a magnet sticker holding on one of the doors. It cost only \$200.00, we really needed to get it. We also got a new dart board; it's costing us nothing. Its official Sam is the new assistant manager. She'll be working the night shift, and I will be working the days. Steve is just floating around in here now.

- **Chaplin Stephen Sheets** if there is anyone sick, please let me know we will add them to the Prayer list on the white board in the lounge. Don't forget check on your neighbors make sure they're alright.
- **First Vice Jeanine Morrison** our membership is at 1,253. Drew has really been working hard at the door and getting more memberships.
- **Second Vice Larry Johnson** Nothing to report.
- **Adjutant Drew Chitty** I have a few awards I want to give out to the following people. Randy Cote, Stephen Sheets, Mike Kabel, Gary Brewer, Don Adams, Rick Crouch, and Nevin Salada. They are awarded this dog tag for recruiting 2 or more members for the year 2024. Even though you have to be a Legionnaire to receive this award. I have a special award for Roger Weiss, Tanya Garcia, Sammantha Daniels. These individuals have gotten 3 or more so I would like to present them with this certificate of appreciation. I have a few more awards to give out to the following people. Sherman Black, Johnny Evans, John Leslie, Roy Irwin, Jerry McGrew, Thomas McGrew and Gerald Fish. All these gentlemen have showed their dedication and Loyalty to The American Legion and Post 113. Each one has been a member for 50 years or more!
- **Finance Officer Julia Sheets** Last month our total income was \$104,973.59, our total expenses were \$80,286.28 which left us a net income of \$24,687.31. Each year with the game and the contract they give us a bonus. Which was \$12,500 for each machine. We took a PPP loan out during covid, it's a low interest loan. We owe \$4,811.00 to pay that off. We have the money, lets pay it off.

Motion was made to pay off the loan, the motion was seconded. The General population all agreed to pay off the loan.

- **Finance Officer Julia Sheets** We have a couple of organizations we would like to bring in front of you for approval for giving donations to. One of them is POW/MIA Honor Committee has asked for a donation for flags. The E-Board would like to donate \$500.00. the second one is a program CPAAA through the FOP 40 Lodge in E-Town is starting a Elizabethtown, Teen police academy Program. For the teens in the area through the schools. They are asking for donations to help get this started. The CPAAA program is a 501 c non- profit. The E-Board has agreed on \$500.00.

Motion was made to give the donations to both the POW/MIA and the CPAAA by the EPD. Motion was seconded. All members of the general population approved.

- **Service Officer Tom Dube** they opened three more categories for the PACT ACT. All military members that were exposed to toxins, they were assigned certain parts of Asia or south Africa. Veterans who were deployed in support of certain operations after 911. So, if you serve in Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, you can enroll in Health Care without applying for Benefits. I encourage everyone to enroll in Health Care. You do not have to give up any of the personal doctors you currently have. There are some advantages to enrolling in health care. I can speak to you on a one-on-one basis. It's a simple operation, just come and see me. They are planning to open a clinic here in E-Town. It probably open until they finish the new clinic in Louisville.
- **Sargent at Arms Mike Kabel** nothing at this time
- **Publicity Officer Gary Brewer** I have the forms for the Commanders Course which will be taking place on June 1st, 2024, here at Post 113. By our very own Area B Commander Joe Garrett. Also on the same form is the app for Legion College. The college will be held in Frankfort KY. I will be posting the new constitution and By-Laws to the web site. Guitars for Vets program is still going on here every Saturday at 1200hrs. it's a ten-week program. You get a guitar to practice with and when you graduate you get a brand-new guitar and a bunch of guitar accessories. We have the 4th District meeting this Sunday in Campbellsville KY. March 28th from 1730hrs till 2000hrs. We will be having a Vietnam Dinner. The dinner will be Meatloaf Mashed potatoes and beans.
- **Auxiliary** this Saturday is breakfast with the Easter Bunny. We will be taking pictures for free.
- **John Saunders** Comcast will be coming to visit the Post sometime next month. They donate \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00 a year for our programs. If one of the families or the post is doing something special let me know. I feel it's bad practice to have a likeminded business to meet in this facility on a regular basis. For them to tap into our membership for their membership to grow and we are the ones paying the insurance if they get hurt it's on us. So, I'm going to make a motion for organizations like Elk, Moose, those types of organizations. With the exception of the Vietnam Veterans.

Made a motion to not have like minded organizations in our facility on a regular basis. Motion was seconded. All but one of the general population approved the motion.

Motion was made to allow the Vietnam Veterans to use the facility, Motion was seconded. All general population approved the motion.

- **SAL Commander Brandon Curry** last month was a very good month thanks to everybody who came out to support Jimmy Buffet Night. For cheeseburger in paradise night. so, we had a good night that night. Also want to thank Polly and the Auxiliary. It was a joint effort for the Blood Drive we had last month in February. We had a good success, and we look forward to doing more joint operations in the future. Don't forget we got spring coming up in April. So please come out to support that. Because I am going to be running NEC again. Elections will be held in June.

Don't forget to come out and support our porch parties on Monday.

- **Riders Director** The only thing the riders got going on is a pistol raffle going on. Tickets are \$10.00 each. The proceeds will be going to help the War on Terror Dinner hopefully this fall.
- **Member** Does that motion mean that them organizations cannot use our facility unless they pay or not at all?
- **Commander Robie Robinson** it is not at all on a regular basis but if they choose to rent the hall for a district meeting once a year they can. Or if they need to use the facility.
- **Commander Robbie Robinson** next General Meeting will be April 4th, 2024. Next E-Board meeting will be March 26st,

Commander Closed the meeting at 1942hrs with the salute to the Flag and Chaplin closed with a Prayer.

Attest: Drew Chitty Post Adjutant

Clarence "Robbie" Robinson Post Commander