



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

**Hardin Post 113**

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## **General Meeting**

**Commander Robbie Robinson:** Called for the start of the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, General meeting at 1900 with the appropriate opening ceremonies.

**Chaplin Steven Sheets:** Offered opening Prayer.

- **New Members were introduced to everyone.**
- **Commander Robbie Robinson** Reading of the minutes.

**A motion was made to accept last month's minutes. Motion was seconded. Vote was 68 members said I. One member said nay. Motion passed.**

**A motion was made to suspend the regular meeting and go on to the Election of the Officers. Motion was seconded. The vote was 69 members said I. Zero members nay. Motion passed.**

- **First Vice Jeanine** The following members won the election by motion being made for Adjutant Posting one vote since no one else applied for the position. Tom Dube – Service Officer, Steve Sheets – Chaplin, Mike Kabel – SGT At Arms, No Candidate - Publicity Officer, Julia Sheets – Finance Officer, Drew Chitty – Adjutant, Randy Cote – Second Vice, Gary Brewer – First Vice. The Following individuals made their campaign speech for Commander. Clarence “Robbie” Robinson, Rich Gano, and Mike “Doc” Kimble. Members were asked to fill out their ballots and pass them to the end of the table for the Nominating Committee.
- **Commander Robbie Robinson** Old Business – Motion on the donations budget was tabled last month.
- **Finance Officer Julia Sheets** we have taken it down to the second quarter only.
- **Past Commander John Saunders** so what we are talking about is that the motion from last month was withdrawn.

- **Commander Robbie Robinson** Correct. Now we are going onto New Business – We have a Memorial Day celebration going on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 at 1100 hrs. July 1<sup>st</sup> until August 31<sup>st</sup> we have the Early Bird Special going on. Membership will be only \$38.00 a year after the 31<sup>st</sup> of August it will be \$48.00 a year. The National Commander will visit our Post 113 on May 21<sup>st</sup>. I would like to see all E-Board Committee there as well as the heads of all the Families.
- **Post Manager Tanya Garcia** Parking lot has been completed. He sealed and coated it. He will be coming back to restripe it because he is not happy the way it turned out. The security system is not up to par with the insurance company. So, we are upgrading the security system. The security system will cost \$18,000.00 because they must replace the coax cable throughout the building and replace it with RJ45. We are getting 40 new cameras installed. Not to spy on our members but for our members' protection. We got four bids, one for \$48,000.00, one was 32,000.00 one was \$28,000.00 and the other was \$19,000.00 but because we are tax exempt it brought it down to \$18,000. The inmates ran over the line on the AC and the other side fried the motherboard, so we are waiting for the parts to fix it. The Red Cross is meeting here every Friday until they can find a permanent location. May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, we are having a steak night. tickets are for sale at \$20.00 each. Only 60 seats available. We are changing the hours of the lounge starting the 6<sup>th</sup> of May. Monday thru Thursday 1600 hrs. till 2300 hrs. Friday and Saturday 1600 hrs. till 0000 hrs. nobody hardly comes here until about 1600 hrs. on Saturday so it's a waste to pay the bartenders to just stand around. Sunday will not be changing from 1300 hrs. to 1900 hrs. Sam is the New Assistant Manager. So, if you have any problems please reach out to Sam or myself. If your going to use the game room or the conference room please let us know. I have had a lot of pop-up meetings when I already had the room rented out or something. Home Depot is going to give us \$15,000.00 in landscaping. So, we're just waiting for them to reach out to us.
- **Past Commander Steve Stewart** A motion was made a few months ago to read the minutes, but it has not been read and a motion to accept it was made. If we're talking about the minutes. The executive Board minutes do not need to be approved by the General Membership, only the General Membership Minutes should be read at the General meeting and approved by the general membership. So, if you want to know what was discussed at the executive meeting you need to read the minutes. You can find them online or posted in the hallway. This is your way to see what the board is planning on spending money on. There is a process in which is any monies are to be spent. Should go to the finance committee for approval, then to the Executive Board to be voted on and approved. Next it goes to you at the general population meeting for you to vote on and to approve. You are the ones to say how we spend our money. You can raise your hand and say how or did you express a way to spend our money.
- **Rick Crouch** I'm the one that requested the Adjutant to read the minutes because I do not go online to view the newsletter or read them out there in the hallway. Like we were talking about spending money that I asked to be tabled. The reason I asked for it to be tabled is because we were spending money ahead of ourselves. Why were we giving large amounts to the same groups instead of giving smaller amounts to multiple groups?
- **Chaplin Stephen Sheets** Don't have much have one member where his wife had to go back to the hospital because of her blood pressure. She out in rehab going to bring her a card tomorrow If anybody else knows of anyone please see me.

- **First Vice Jeanine Morrison** We are currently at 1,287 members. Which brings up to 108%.
- **Second Vice Larry Johnson** I've had a few people say they would like to do something to the front of the building. Went down to Home Depot trying to come in and replace the bushes and stuff. I got some pictures of some eagles to put out front. The base is \$90.00., the larger statue is \$640.00 plus delivery of about \$350.00. The smaller statue is an eagle with its wings spread out over a pair of boots, riffle, and a helmet. About three feet tall. It stands about 3 feet tall. Planning on putting one on each side of the front doors. The cost of that one is \$150.00 plus the \$90.00.
- **Member** is it possible to ask the community to help pay for it? It would be an opportunity for the community if they would like to sponsor this. There are a lot of businesses out there that would love to sponsor this. We just have to ask a business would you like to sponsor us getting this eagle? We don't know unless we ask.
- **Past Commander John Saunders** what is this going to do for us? I mean other than sitting out there looking pretty we could use the money on other things. We have the Bathroom needs painted, holes that need to be patched, the kitchen half painted. We could use this money more on the maintenance of the building.

**A motion was made to get the two smaller eagles and the stands. Motion was second. After a brief discussion the motion was tabled until we see what Home Depot is going to do with the front.**

- **Adjutant Drew Chitty** currently I have nothing.
- **Finance Officer Julia Sheets** Our total income for this month was \$115,647.65. Our total expenses for this month were \$108,729.36, giving us a net profit of \$7,356.43. showed some projected donations on the screen for the second quarter. Now this depends on whether we have the funds. It could go up or down depending on the funds we have available.
- **Member** So how do you come up with the list? Do they ask for money?
- **Finance Officer Julia Sheets** some of them do. They ask for money and some of them are our normal ones we donate to. I added a different one because people ask why we don't give to **Save the Children**, We are also giving to **Hearts of Kentucky Corus, HCEC T.V.** because they do Memorial Day Service with us And need the money. **Ladies Veterans Connect.** Hardin County has the largest number of female Veterans. **Wreaths Across America**, last year they didn't have enough money to put out all the wreaths needed. **Warm Blessings** help a lot of our Homeless Veterans with a daily meal. **Feed America, Hospice** helps with our Vets who will going on to the other side. **Active Day** is the one we just found out about. We have service members that go to active day. **Hardin County Special Olympics** has kids that the parents are service members. Along with **Project Learn, Crusade for Children** help everybody in Hardin County. We give about \$10,000.00 every month in donations.
- **Member** When I was finance officer, we submitted paperwork to have our property tax forgiven. One of the reasons we were turned down is because we didn't have enough donations. It's the collective donations of the families that become really important. I think now that we are

making donations that we order resubmit the papers. To get rid of \$12,000.00 of taxes. One of the things we should do with our budget is share that information on what's new and what's routine.

- **Trish** Why are we giving almost \$10,000.00 every quarter?
- **Finance Officer Julia Sheets** We have to give \$40% of our gaming income every quarter to donations.
- **Member** That is false information. It's not what you give its expenses. You must have no more than 60% that you can take in. Every quarter you don't have to give anything. You must show 40% expenses. And not taking in more than 60%.

**A motion was made to accept the donations budget. Motion was seconded. All members said I, 0 members said Nay. Motion passed.**

- **Service Officer Tom Dube** The only metric the CPR report required was the number of Veterans serviced which was 434 Veterans.
- **Past Commander Joe Garrett** There are two things that National Looks at, Membership is important, and another thing is the number of Post that turn in their Consolidated Post Reports. Why that is important, and I know Drew is already on it. Is because National Commander collects all that data, and he goes before congress every year. That helps us keep our tax-exempt status because of what we do here every year. In fact, Tom Dube I don't know of another position in that Post that adds more value to that Post and the Veterans around that post other than the Service Officer. He services over 40 veterans a month. Like I said I don't know of any other position other than a good service officer, Thank you Tom.
- **Publicity Officer Gary Brewer** Area B Commander Joe will be giving the commanders course right here at Harding 113. If interested I have the applications. Want to give thanks to Linda Cook for our first Military Child event. Another thing, Drew Chitty our Adjutant got an E-mail from National asking what we are doing differently this year to get so many members. One thing is Drew Chitty, he put a lot of time and effort to help our numbers grow. Another thing I would like to thank all you members for renewing your membership if it wasn't for you true would have never been able to do this. Last thing we need you to join a committee we have a lot of spots to fill.
- **Sargent At Arms Mike Kabel** we got 69 members out here to vote, that don't happen often. You need to come out more often. We need your voice, so the next General Meeting come on out.
- **SAL Commander Brandon Curry** First off, it's been a great privilege and honor to have been your SAL Commander this past year. I appreciate all the moral support you have given us this past year. Second thing is we have Jimmy Buffett night coming up May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Its always a good time, everyone has a good time on Jimmy Buffett night. Gary usually provides Karaoke that night, while playing Jimmy Buffett music. I want to thank this Post because this Post has helped this Squadron do something they never did before. That's being recognized by the National Commander at the National Convention this year in New Orleans. In order to qualify for that, we had to meet a certain criterion to be recognized as a National Squadron by the National

Commander. That is do something for Veterans Affairs Organization, Americanism, Children and Youth and for National Security. That is our four pillars. They call it the Four Pillar Challenge. Thank you for helping us achieve it.

- **First Vice Jeanine Morrison** so the Commander for this next term is Rich Gano.

**A motion was made to destroy the ballots. Motion was seconded. All say I, 0 said Nay.**

- **Commander Robbie Robinson** The next general Meeting is June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Next E-Board meeting is May 28<sup>th</sup>,
- **Homer** the Fourth District is having their district meeting this month on May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 1400 hrs. in Leitchfield. Elections will be held.
- **Brandon Curry** Just a reminder everyone our State Convention is next moth June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Elections will be held. So please come and attend.

**Commander Closed the meeting at 2002hrs with the salute to the Flag and Chaplin closed with a Prayer.**

**Attest: Drew Chitty Post Adjutant**

**Clarence "Robbie" Robinson Post Commander**