

**Meeting Date:** 2018.09.15 September meeting.

**American Legion Brown-Guest Post 30** met at the *Paris Elk's Lodge* at 10am.

Those present included the post officers: Commander Don Karasek, Vice Commander / Adjutant Mike Hanlon, Service Office Amy Burton, Judge Advocate Keith Brown; members: James Council, Attrell Harvey, Lonnie Johnson, H.E. (Bud) Mackey, Jr., Charles R Miles, Gary Wooten, Willie Wooten; also present were District 1 Commander Andy Lowen, District 1 Vice Commander Tim Slinkard; and 3 guests.

The commander called the meeting to order; Acting Chaplain Mike Hanlon made the invocation, the members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the American Legion Preamble.

Keith Brown read the August 18<sup>th</sup> minutes. Mike Hanlon made a correction (the cemetery should be Meadowbrook, not Evergreen). Keith Brown moved the minutes be approved as amended. Amy Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Don Karasek read the Financial report. Bud Mackey moved the financial report be accepted. Amy Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote. Keith Brown made a \$20 cash donation and donated \$25.01 in printing costs.

The post welcomed Lonnie Johnson, Charles Miles, Gary Wooten, Willie Wooten as new members.

Unfinished business:

- Bud Mackey circulated a signup sheet for manning the post's booth at the Red River Valley Fair. Bud showed the sign (for the booth) he made. Amy will announce winners on the Post's face book page. Drawings will be held at 2000 hours each night.  
Event URL: [https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/8e1a7d\\_6031ea8c17cd49bf9e33ab420bf645a8.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/8e1a7d_6031ea8c17cd49bf9e33ab420bf645a8.pdf)
- The post discussed other cemeteries with veteran graves that are often unflagged during memorial days.
- District Commander Andy Lowen installed the post officers.
- Amy Burton reported she'd talked with Robert Lyke, who though a member is unable to attend. Amy reported Mr Lyke requested the post mail him copies of the minutes. Keith asked if Mr Lyke has access to the internet, Amy replied yes, and that Mr Lyke is a retired IBM executive.
- Amy Burton reported the University of Texas / Dallas Brain Health Center might be able to schedule a trip / presentation to Paris in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2019. Details of location and date need to be worked out.
- Don Karasek displayed the 1931 era scrapbooks for Brown-Guest Post 30 and its Post Auxiliary. The scrapbooks were loaned to the current post.

New business included:

- Amy Burton moved the post select a research committee of at least three individuals to review investment options for the post's funds. Bud Mackey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passed by voice vote. Committee members are: Don, Bud, and Amy.
- Bud Mackey moved the financial report be submitted in writing so it can be attached to the minutes. Amy Burton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passed by voice vote.
- Keith Brown moved all reports be submitted in writing so they can be attached to the minutes. Amy Burton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passed by voice vote.
- James Council & Willie Wooten volunteered as Post Trustees to oversee the post's finances. (corrected names)
- The post discussed schedules and availability of personnel (Don Karasek, Bud Mackey, and Amy Burton, Lonnie Johnson, Willie Wooten) needed to (a) transfer of bank signature authorities and (b) conduct a post financial audit.
- Commander Don Karasek announced the Post won a 100% Award (for membership) for 2018. The award included an American Legion Post Certificate, a Post Commander and Post Adjutant 100% membership pin and a White 100% Goal Post Streamer.

See Department Awards Program: <https://txlegion.org/department-awards/>

- Service Officer Amy Burton:
  - Announced the state of Texas has a list of free smartphone apps for veterans, some are general apps from US Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), other VA apps are for use with therapy, and others are free (not VA) mental health apps for anyone.  
See: [https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/disabilities/Vets\\_SmartphoneApps.pdf](https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/disabilities/Vets_SmartphoneApps.pdf)
  - Provided a poster for the **American Society for Suicide Prevention** which is hosting an **Out Of The Darkness Community Walk** (a fund raiser for suicide prevention). Registration is at 0800, walk starts at 0830 on Saturday 6 October at the **Legacy Ridge Country Club in Bonham, TX**.  
See: <https://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.event&eventID=5710>
  - Announced Longview's area of responsibility is vet housing and Bonham's area of responsibility is healthcare. (rephrased announcement)
- District Commander Andy Lowen:
  - Congratulated the post on its 2018 membership, but also stated the post was behind schedule on 2019 renewals and memberships.

- Reviewed the CPR (Consolidated Post Report) and the types of (post and individual) activities that qualify as volunteer hours.

See: <https://www.legion.org/publications/161252/consolidated-post-report>

- Announced District Convention at Post 243 (Mt Vernon) is on Saturday 6 October 2018. Pre-registration cost is \$20, registration at the door \$30, cost includes dinner. Location: 1557 CR SE 4265, Mount Vernon, Texas 75457. T:903.588.2723.

Event URL: <http://www.txlegiondist1.org/History.html>

- Announced (free) 7 November 2018 Vets Faire at Mt. Pleasant Titus Civic Center. 0900-1300 hours. 40 vendors. 1800 N. Jefferson, Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75455. T:903-575-4190.

Location URL: <http://www.mpcity.net/index.aspx?NID=122>

Event URL: <http://www.txlegiondist1.org/documents/VeteranBenefitSeminar-MtPleasant-2018.pdf>

- Announced (free) 6-8 hour class Adjutant training on Saturday 1 December 2018 at Sulfur Springs.

Location URL: <https://www.facebook.com/American-Legion-Post-66-Sulphur-Springs-TX-215464815329961/>

Event URL: <http://www.txlegiondist1.org/documents/Post%20Adjutant%20Training%20Flyer-2018.pdf>

For “the good of the Legion” included:

- Amy Burton volunteered 10 hours.
- Bud Mackey volunteered 8 hours.
- Don Karasek volunteered 2 hours.
- Keith Brown volunteered 4 hours.

Acting Chaplain Mike Hanlon made the benediction.

Commander Karasek adjourned the meeting.