

Meeting Date: 2018.11.17 November 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 Mike Hanlon, Adjutant Bud Mackey, Service Office Amy Burton, Judge Advocate Keith Brown; members: Annette Perry, Attrell Harvey, Billy Talbot, Charles R Miles, Chuck Walser, James Council; and 1 guest. Andy Lowen, Commander of District 1, also attended.

The Post Commander, Don Karasek, called the meeting to order, submitted his resignation, and left. The Vice Commander acted as the Interim Commander for the remainder of the meeting.

The Chaplain, Mike Hanlon, made the invocation, the members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the American Legion Preamble.

The Adjutant read the October 18th minutes. Members made textual corrections. Amy Burton moved the minutes be approved as amended, Keith Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The Vice Commander submitted a written report to the Adjutant.

The Finance Officer, Bud Mackey, read the financial report (attached to the official record). Keith Brown moved the financial report be accepted. James Council seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The Service Officer submitted a written report regarding the Tricare Dental Plan.

The Adjutant informed the membership that Red Lane (a veteran, and well known local resident, but not a Post 30 member) was in the Tyler VA Hospital.

The post welcomed new members: David Booker (US Army), Lisa Dawes (USAF).

The Adjutant moved the post accept the new members. Keith Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Unfinished business:

- The Adjutant stated new member kits were ordered and had arrived.
- The Post 30 Cemetery Committee will meet with members of the other Lamar County Veteran Organization Cemetery Committees at the Reno Fire Department (after Thanksgiving, at a date and time to be announced later)
- The Judge Advocate submitted the **Audit Committee Report** to the Adjutant.
- The Adjutant submitted the **Executive Committee Report**.

- The District Commander stated he will send the Adjutant the appropriate form for documenting the number, serial numbers, and condition of each rifle provided by the US Army and stored at the Paris PD armory.

New business included:

- The Service Officer made the motion: **“Post 30 will volunteer, as a group, to stock the Downtown Food Pantry on one (1) Tuesday in the January-to-March quarter of 2019”**. Keith Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
- Keith Brown made the motion: **“Post 30 will reimburse Bud Mackey the \$50.12 he spent buying office supplies for the post.”** James Council seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
- The membership considered opening a revolving account with Paris Office Equipment. Bud Mackey stated they required a monthly minimum purchase of \$500 to open such an account.
- The District 1 Commander announced:
 - Regional Adjutant Training will be held at the Sulphur Springs VFW Post 8560 on 1 December 2018 from 0800-1600. There is no charge for the training.
 - The District 1 Convention will be held on 9 March 2018 at Post 161 in Maud, Texas.
 - The Division 1 Convention will on Saturday 27 April 2019. The event will be sponsored by Dallas Post 453 at the MCM Elegante Hotel.
 - (For details on the District and Division Conventions see the District 1 website: <http://www.txlegiondist1.org/Calendar.html>)
 - In District 1 (of 19 posts) Maud Post 161 was number 1 for membership and Post 30 was number 2.
 - The Adjutant should download and submit the “TEXAS LONE STAR RECRUITER PIN” Certification Form so members can be properly acknowledged for their recruitment efforts.
 - The availability of 1st Division, 1st District American Legion t-shirts (\$10 each).
- The Adjutant asked Keith Brown to read a list of **Proposed Standard Operating Procedures**. A discussion ensued. Amy Burton moved, **“Post 30 Lay upon the Table the issue of SOPs.”** Attrell Harvey seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
- Amy Burton moved, **“Post 30 create a Post Membership Committee.”** Bud Mackey seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote. The Interim Commander appointed James Council and Charles Miles as members of that Committee.
- Bud Mackey asked:

- The Interim Commander to appoint Ora Miles as the Assistant Adjutant and Annette Perry as the Assistant Finance Officer.
- The membership accept his resignation as Sergeant at Arms; he stated Willy Wooten had agreed to serve if elected. The membership approved Willy Wooten as Sergeant at Arms.
- Mike Hanlon to resign as Chaplain, and stated that Billy Shepherd, a pastor, had agreed to serve if elected. Mike resigned. The membership approved Billy Shepherd as Chaplain.
- Keith Brown moved: ***“Post 30 will hold a Christmas dinner for post members and 1 guest per member in December. The cost to be paid by post funds.”*** Amy Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote. Bud Mackey moved that: ***“The Christmas dinner will be held at the Paris Elks Lodge on December 10th at 1900 hours.”*** Amy Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote. Keith Brown moved: ***“Post 30 accept the District Commander’s recommendation that the dinner be open to neighboring posts including Deport, Clarksville, and Cooper; and the cost of each such guest will be the responsibility of that individual; and that all who plan to attend will RSVP to the Post Adjutant, not later than midnight 3 December.”*** Amy Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

For “the good of the Legion” included:

- Amy Burton volunteered 36 hours.
- Bud Mackey volunteered 6 hours.
- Charles Miles volunteered 12 hours.
- James Council volunteered 6 hours.
- Keith Brown volunteered 55.5 hours; donated \$20 in cash, and \$37.41 in printing costs.
- Mike Hanlon volunteered 3 hours.

Andy Lowen gave the benediction.

Interim Commander Hanlon adjourned the meeting.

Signed: _____ (Interim Commander)

Signed: _____ (Adjutant)

Dated: _____