



AMERICAN LEGION BROWN-GUEST POST 30

Meeting Date: 20 Aug, 2019

American Legion Brown-Guest Post 30 met at the *Paris Elk's Lodge* at 1000 hrs.

Present – see attached list. 10 members, 1 guest and 4 American Legion District officers

SGT at Arms posted the Colors.

Chaplain made the opening prayer.

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commander lead members in POW/MIA ceremony.

All members recited the Preamble of the American Legion.

The Commander opened the Post to business.

Adjutant read the roll call of Officers.

Commander: Present

Vice Commander: present

Adjutant: present

Finance Officer: present

Sgt at Arms: excused

Chaplain: absent

Service Officer: excused

Hubmaster: present

Webmaster: present

Trustees: 1 present, Ronnie Morton and 1 absent, James Council

Judge Advocate: present

Historian: Present

Adjutant read the July minutes. July Minutes stand/approve as corrected.

Commander introduced guests, prospects and new members: Bobby Baker, 1st

District Adjutant, Lewis Elam, 5th District S.A.L. company, Chad Roden, 1st

District S.A.L. company, and Glenn Willis, 1st District Commander.

Report of Officers:

Vice Commander: (*Membership & Post activities, Americanism*) – none

Finance Officer: Finance report, see attached

Sgt at Arms: none

Chaplain: none

Service Officer: (*Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation, Service*) - none

Hubmaster: 30 members have been processed and renewed and 5 members renewed online

Webmaster: posted upcoming events and training to website

Judge Advocate: (*Budget & Finance, Audit*) – none

Historian: laminated a picture of Eric Pearson, First Vice Commander, deceased for the historian book

Trustees: (*Fundraising*) raffle tickets and t shirts are being sold, see Ronnie Morton

New Applicant: no, but Rick Leonhardt received his membership kit.

Do we have any members or family of members in distress? Amy Burton with back hurt.

Draping of Charter for Eric Pearson, First Vice Commander, great Legionnaire and person – deceased,

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Commander, H.E. Mackey put to the floor that the post pays the \$100 for the wreath for Eric Pearson. Rick Leonhardt motioned to donate the \$100 for the wreath. Kip McClinchie seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Keith Brown motioned to donate a \$300 derringer pistol to raffle in memory of Eric Pearson. Rick Leonhardt seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ora Miles motioned that the post pay for a sign to give 5 memberships to new, eligible members at the Red River Valley Fair. Kip seconded. Amendment to motion on the floor, Keith Brown motioned for six memberships and he would pay for one of them. Kip McClinchie seconded. 2nd amendment by Rick Leonhardt for the post to give ten memberships and he would pay for four of them, post to pay for five, and Keith Brown to pay for one. Wyndell Ferguson seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Wyndell Ferguson volunteered to assume the position of First Vice Commander. Kip McClinchie motioned for Wyndell Ferguson to be the First Vice Commander. Ora Miles seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Keith Brown motioned for Kip McClinchie to be Judge Advocate. Wyndell Ferguson seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Good of the Legion:

Legion.org/eagle scout for dependents on Honor roll.

GI Bill can be transferred to dependents up to the age 26.

Certificates presented to the Post –

Post Membership Retention Award for retaining 95% and above of 2018 membership by the May target date.

Post Retention Award for achieving 90% or higher membership for 2019.

Membership Award in recognition for achieving or exceeding 100% Post membership goal for 2019.

Post Recruiting Award in recognition of achieving 10% or higher increase over previous year for the 2019 membership.

Membership programs assigned to Wyndell Ferguson, who reported the Legion Act has passed and all veterans are eligible if served one day on active duty. Dates are now 1941 to present and must have honorable discharge. We are to write Legion Act on membership applications until new forms are available.

Veterans can join Army/Navy Exchange on Post website.

Veterans can volunteer at the VA.

Post to assist with an Auxiliary, eligible to all women related to veterans and also women veterans.

Training for Junior shooting program in Marshall, TX is on Oct 19, 2019.

June 1st is the cut off date for all reports.

The closing prayer was given by the Chaplain.

There being no further business, the Commander adjourned the meeting at 1110 hrs.

Next meeting date: **21 Sep 2019**

Ora Miles
Adjutant

H.E. Mackey JR
Commander