



American Legion  
Department of Texas  
Brown/Guest Post 30 Paris, TX

**Meeting Date: Nov 21, 2020**

American Legion Brown/Guest met at the Paris Elks Lodge at 1000 hrs.

Present: See Attached List.

SGT at Arms posted the colors.

Chaplain made the opening prayer.

Commander lead members in POW/MIA ceremony.

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

All members recited the Preamble of the American Legion.

The Commander opened the Post to business.

Adjutant read roll call of Officers:

**Commander** – Present

**1st Vice Commander** – Excused

**2nd Vice Commander** – Present

**Adjutant** - Present

**Finance Officer** – Present

**Chaplain** - Present

**Judge Advocate** - Present

**Service Officer** – Present

**Sgt at Arms** – Present

**Web Master** – Excused

**Hub Master** – Present

**Historian** – Present

**1st Trustee** - Present

**2nd Trustee** – Present

October Minutes and Executive Minutes stand approved/corrected.

**New Members/ Introduction of Guests:** - Edna Koonce, Mac Hutchings, Mike Covington, and William Smith, and George Haneke from Post 199

**Officer Reports and Committees:**

Veterans Affairs and Service Officer, Amy Burton: TriWest veterans affairs community care program complaints/grievances, see attached

Americanism, Membership and Post Activities, Wyndell Ferguson: Membership status, transfers, and God bless our vets bumper stickers, see attached

Budget and Finance, Rick Leonhardt: report read and filed

Fundraising, Ronnie Morton: - see attached

**Balloting on Applications:** New members approved by unanimous vote



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**Sick call, Relief, and employment by the Chaplain:** Amy Burton's son-in-law, sick with Covid-19, Jeff Dunken's brother in hospital, Keith Brown's wife experiencing complications with chemotherapy, and Charles Miles's daughter and granddaughter sick with Covid-19.

**Unfinished Business:** - obtaining a location and key of the storage unit shared with VFW, need to have all receipts.

Legend Nursing Home Veterans have had 4 deaths and 3 new veteran admits, need to contact regarding membership.

2500 poppies voted and approved for Memorial Day is on hold due to Emblem Sales temporarily shut down.

Wyndell Ferguson has checked on obtaining cleaning supplies for cleaning veteran cemetery markers.

**Initiation of Candidates:** Edna Koonce, Mac Hutchings, Mike Covington, and William Smith completed initiation ceremony conducted by the Commander, Wyndell Ferguson.

**Correspondence by the Adjutant:** new recruitment forms

**New Business:** Commander put to the floor purchasing God Bless Our Veterans bumper stickers to be bought and given out with poppies. Ronnie Morton motioned, Amy Burton 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ronnie Morton motioned to have Post make Christmas baskets for nursing home veterans up to \$100.00. Rick Leonhardt amended motion to \$120.00. Bill Townsend 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ronnie Morton made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Paris Elks Club where the Post meetings are held. Amy Burton 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Commander put to the floor to give a scholarship to the Boys & Girls Club, PJC, and boys state. Discussion commenced but no motion or vote.



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**Good of the Legion:** Charles Miles was awarded a check for \$120.00 for gun fundraiser raffle sales.

Post to have 2 raffles a year, possible guided fishing trip in Texoma, with Edna Koonce to research.

Post to have Christmas/Award party in December, date to be determined later, at Paris Elks Lodge with Ronnie Morton to research. Also, Christmas boxes for veterans and family.

Certificate of Completion training given to Bill Townsend, Amy Burton, and Katherine Thompson.

Re-dedication ceremony to African-American veterans was held in Reno, TX.

Corn-hole Tournament today at Elk's Lodge at 1300 hrs.

Matthew Honda is having an extravaganza for all veterans on Jun 12, 2021. They are cleaning out the show room floor and setting up tables and feeding all veterans.

Closing Ceremony: Closing prayer given by Chaplain.

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

Next meeting date: To be determined.

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Ora Miles  
Adjutant

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Wyndell Ferguson  
Commander