



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

Meeting Date: 5/15/2021

American Legion Brown/Guest Post 30 met at the Elks Lodge at 1000 hours.

Present: 23 members and 6 guests. 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 – present

2nd Vice Commander – present

Adjutant/Hub Master – present

Finance Officer – present

Chaplain - excused

Judge Advocate - excused

All present and/or accounted.

Service Officer – present

Sgt at Arms – present

Web Master – excused

Historian – present

1st Trustee - present

2nd Trustee – present

April/Executive Minutes stand approved/corrected.

New Members/ Introduction of Guests: - Johnny Norris, Post 199 Adjutant, Dennis Mullins, William Johnson, Lisa Honsinger, Marsha Hunter, and Bonnie Dunken.

Officer Reports and Committees:

Veterans Affairs and Service Officer, Amy Burton: Mental Health Round Table and Healthcare, see attached

Membership and Post Activities/Americanism, Reginald Hughes: none

Budget and Finance, Rick Leonhardt: report read, see attached

Fundraising, Ronnie Morton: Raffle tickets, T shirts, & God Bless Our Vets bumper stickers, upcoming events to possibly set up a booth.



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Balloting on Applications: Dennis Mullins, new member, & William Johnson, transfer

Sick call, Relief, and employment by the Chaplain: Keith Brown & spouse continues with health issues, Jeff Dunken's spouse had a deceased relative, Legends Nursing Home veterans.

Unfinished Business: Constitution and ByLaws and Post Bylaws. Post storage unit, Bill Townsend to check on Springlake Storage. Distribution of Poppies locations and cemeteries to place flags on veterans graves.

Initiation of Candidates: Arron Honsinger, Charlie Jackson, & Dennis Mullins sworn in and received new member kits.

Correspondence by the Adjutant: none

New Business: C&BL & Post B/L's read to membership, no changes needed and noted.

Election of 2021 – 2022 Officers:

Commander – Reginald Hughes

1st Vice Commander – Bill Townsend

2nd Vice Commander – Ronnie Morton

Adjutant/Hubmaster – Ora Miles

Service Officer – Amy Burton

Finance Officer – Rick Leonhardt

Judge Advocate – Michael Covington

Chaplain – Kelly Collins

Sgt at Arms – Cecil Poole

Webmaster – Keith Brown, with assist from Bill Townsend and Rick Leonhardt

Historian – Charles Miles

Trustee – Jeff Dunken

Trustee – Wyndell Ferguson

Ora Miles made a motion to cast one unanimous vote for all nominee's. Amy Burton 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.



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Ora Miles made a motion that the C&B/L's and Post B/L's not be read again at the June meeting but go to a vote since no changes were needed. Kelly Collins 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ora Miles made a motion that the Post pay costs for all members attending Department Convention in July. Kelly Collins 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ronnie Morton presented setting up a booth for fundraising at the Gun Show at Love Civic Center on Saturday and Sunday, 0900 – 1500, and will need volunteers from the membership.

Ronnie Morton and Charles Miles presented Poppy distribution at Burgerland on Friday, May 28th, from 1030 to 2000 and Saturday, May 29th, from 1030 to 1600. Ronnie will be at Atwoods on Friday, May 28th and Saturday, May 29th from 0800 to 1800 and will need volunteers from the membership.

Charles Miles to lead Memorial Day Flag Placement on May 29th, 1000 am to finish. Previously voted and ordered 2000 flags, so cemeteries to distribute are Lamar County Cemetery, Evergreen Cemetery, Restlawn Cemetery, 10th NE Street Cemetery, and Shiloh Cemetery. Any remaining can be placed on other cemeteries.

Ronnie Morton presented NE TX Annual Car show on Jun 12th from 0800 to 1500 and possibly setting up a booth for fundraiser.

Good of the Legion: Amy Burton reported that Paris hospital has problems working the VA.

Amy Burton suggested forming a Veterans Council of all organizations to unite and help all veterans.

Ronnie Morton reported that Walmart will no longer support veteran organizations and need to boycott. If a peaceful protest is arranged, members cannot wear any American Legion uniforms, such as hat, vest, name badge or any other association with the American Legion.



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Paris Harley-Davidson' to have 19th Annual Chili Cook Off on Oct 16th 0800 to until? Applications can be picked up from the Adjutant, Ora Miles.

Closing Ceremony: Closing prayer given by Chaplain.

There being no further business, the Commander adjourned the meeting at 1155 hours.

Next meeting date:

Ora Miles
Adjutant

Wyndell Ferguson
Commander