



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

**Meeting Date: 20 Nov 2021**

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

Present: 12 members. 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** - excused

**1st Vice Commander** - present

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander** – present

**Adjutant/Hub Master** - present

**Finance Officer** – excused

**Chaplain** - present

**Judge Advocate** - present

All present and/or accounted.

**Service Officer** - excused

**Sgt at Arms** - present

**Web Master** - excused

**Historian** - present

**1<sup>st</sup> Trustee** - Jeff Dunken, excused

**2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee** – Wyndell Ferguson, excused

October Executive & monthly minutes, and November Executive Minutes stand approved/corrected.

**Introduction of Guests/Prospects/New Members:** none

**Officer Reports and Committees:**

Veterans Affairs and Service Officer, Amy Burton: Tricare open season, community care changes, and cost of living allowance. See attached.

Membership and Post Activities/Americanism, Bill Townsend: Membership percentage and goal. See attached.

Budget and Finance, Rick Leonhardt: read by adjutant, Ora Miles. See attached.

Fundraising, Ronnie Morton: requesting ideas for next fundraiser and presented possible fundraising for guns from Williams Gun Shop.



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**Balloting on Applications:** n/a

**Sick call, Relief, and employment by the Chaplain:** Roy Beard, Amy Burton, and Mac Hutchings

**Unfinished Business:** Committees need to be updated and need cross training of officer positions as alternates.

Christmas Awards & Banquet will be on Dec 16th at the Paris Elks Lodge. Kelly Collins voiced possible conflict with Lions Club Christmas Party.

Link for Quilts of Valor for membership over 50 years membership and/or outstanding services provided by Amy Burton:

[https://www.govf.org/nominations-awards/nominate\\_gov\\_tbw\\_info/](https://www.govf.org/nominations-awards/nominate_gov_tbw_info/).

Executive board request finance report be separated into three categories; 1 – Membership, 2 – Poppies, and 3 – Fundraising.

Post supposed to have quarterly audits which are performed by the Judge Advocate and the 2 Trustees. Also, since post is behind on audits, one needs to be completed by end of year.

Post behind on membership goals.

Legend Nursing Home veterans still need to be contacted, visited, and sent cards or letters.

**Initiation of Candidates:** n/a

**Correspondence by the Adjutant:** Incentive program by Department for 2020 members to renew for 2022 and not lose 2021 only yielded 1 member out of 22.

Boys State tuition raised to \$330 from \$300.



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**New Business:** Discussion regarding removing the stipulation of how many members present at fundraising booth with guns present. Kip McClinchie made the motion. Michael Covington 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Kelly Collins suggested building a case to hold the guns to secure them.

Kelly Collins made a motion for the post to purchase Ruger gun at Williams Gun Shop. Cecil Poole 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ora Miles, presented some American Legion charities for post to possibly donate: Veterans and Children Foundation, Operation Comfort Warrior, National Emergency Fund, and Legacy Scholarship Fund. Also, post possibly donating to local organizations. Clifford Dougherty motioned the post donate \$100 to the Veterans and Children Foundation. Ora Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Kelly Collins motioned post donate \$500 to the Paris Elks Lodge since they generously allows post to meet at their building. Ronnie Morton 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ora Miles, reported Boys State will be in person next year and the cost of tuition will be \$330 per participant. Ronnie Morton motioned supporting 1 boy from the 4 school districts and 1 home schooled boy. Cecil Poole 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ora Miles put to the floor that post need to vote and order poppies for Memorial Day. Michael Covington motioned post purchase 2500 poppies. Kip McClinchie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Adjutant to purchase poppies.

Ora Miles put to the floor that the post need to have an alternate trustee due Wyndell Ferguson not attending meetings. Ora Miles motioned that William Smith be the alternate trustee. Ronnie Morton 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed with unanimous vote. Kip McClinchie stated an alternate does not have to be voted in because the commander can appoint the alternate. Constitution of Brown/Guest Post 30, Article 5, Section 7, reads in case of a vacancy in any office for any cause, and six months or more remain until the next election, the Post Executive



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Committee shall provisionally appoint a member to finish the term of office, if such provisional appointment is approved by 2/3rds of the quorum present at the next regular meeting.

Ronnie Morton made a motion for the post to purchase a 2 sided banner and holder. Cecil Poole 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Good of the Legion:** Bill Townsend presented a guideline letter to the Troop Leader of the boy scouts outlining requirements by post and from the boy scouts for post to mentor.

Bill Townsend suggested Clifford Dougherty be assistant chaplain.

Last winner of the raffle fundraiser has been unable to be reached. Messages and texts sent to him by fundraiser chairman, Ronnie Morton and fundraiser member, Charles Miles, until their number was blocked by winner recipient. Fundraiser team redrew another ticket and attempted contact with new winner. Will wait a week to see if he makes contact and then will redraw for a winner if no contact made.

Transfer members not previously initiated and so desires, will be initiated by post. Adjutant to reach out to transfer members and inform them.

Closing Ceremony: Closing prayer given by Chaplain.

There being no further business, the Commander adjourned the meeting at 1130 hours.

Next meeting date: 16 Dec 2021 at 1800 hrs for Christmas Award Banquet.

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Ora Miles  
Adjutant

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Bill Townsend  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander