



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

**Monthly Meeting 19 Dec 2022.**

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

Present: See attached list.

Sergeant at Arms posted Colors.

Chaplain made opening prayer.

Members recited 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	X	Vice Commander	x
Adjutant	X	Finance Officer	x
Chaplin	X	Judge Advocate	no
Service Officer	excused	Sgt at Arms	no
Webmaster	excused	Historian	x
Trustee 1	x	Trustee 2	x

A quorum is present.

Previous Executive Board Minutes & Previous Post Meetings minutes read and stand approved. (As Amended)

Introduction of Guests/Prospects & New Members: Lucas Thompson and Charles (Chuck) Toney

New Applicants: Lucas Thompson, Charles Toney

Report of Officer's & Committees:

- Americanism Committee -n/a
- Membership & Post Activities -see attached
- Budget & Financial Report -see attached
- Ways & Means Committee -Raffles need to get weapons and non-weapons to auction.
- Veterans Affairs & Service Officer -assisted 17 Veterans and 4 family members. -see attached
- Media & Communications Committee -nothing to report
- Selection Committee -n/a

Balloting on Applicants: Both new applicants were voted in.

Sick Call, Relief, and employment by Chaplain.

- Keith Brown and his wife.

- Ronnie Morton and his wife.
- George Henke
- Kelly Collins wife.
- Teresa Ferguson.

#### Unfinished Business?

- Budget approved going into effect on 1 Jan 2023 -see attached
- Christmas Pot Luck
  - Very successful w/20 attending.
  - All leftovers were donated to the VFD to pass out to severe storm victims and other needy in community.
- Per SOP funds set a side for Red River Fair that were not claimed was returned to the General Fund.

Initiation of Candidates. Both new members were initiated by Vice Commander and Chaplin. Both received New Members Kits.

#### Correspondence by the Adjutant:

- Letter from Department regarding dues changes in 2024 membership year (Jul 2023)
- Letter from Department regarding Oral History Project.
- VA offering Life Insurance for disabled vets.

#### New Business?

- *Tyler's Pizzeria* has agreed to place a "Tyler's Pizzeria supports American Legion Post 30" signs on napkin holders in the pizzeria.
- *Buddy Checks:*
  - We have reached out (or in the process of) reaching out to all members/expired members.
  - We have skipped some if we have talked to them in the last month.
  - Most seemed happy to be contacted, some not so much.
  - Traditionally contact has been via phone. We have been experimenting with using text and email a few times. Text seems popular, working a script to use for text and emails.
  - National, Department, Division and District is VERY high on doing Buddy Checks.
- *After Event Contact:* When there is a major storm event in our area we reach out to members and past members to see if they are ok or suffered damage.
  - We have an application for Emergency Funds they can apply for if the storm was declared a disaster area by the Gov.
  - Powderly Tornado:

- contacted 25
  - After the 4 Nov tornados the Commander and Adjutant made personal visits to the Powderly area and made personal contact with many we were not able to get in touch with via phone.
- Sumner Tornado:
  - contacted 10
- Luckily there hasn't been any deaths or serious injuries and very minor damage that was fixed by neighbors and homeowners.
- This has been well received!
- *Social Gatherings* suggested quarterly functions for members and family.
  - Pot lucks
    - Lunch
    - Dinner
    - Ice cream/Dessert social
- Donation to Elks Club: A Motion was made by Vice, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adjutant. Passed unanimously.
- FYI (no vote needed) Executive Committee is changing location of their meetings.

Good of the Legion?

- Commander provided training on using mylegion.org.
- Reminded post of importance of logging volunteer hours.

The Chaplain gave the closing prayer.

There being no further business.

Sgt of Arms retired colors.

Commander adjourned the meeting at 1110.

Next meeting will be 21 Jan 2023.




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Wyndell Ferguson  
Adjutant




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Bill Townsend  
Commander