



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

**Meeting Date: 15 April 2023**

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
Judge Advocate	X	Historian	X
Chaplin	---	Sgt at Arms	---
Service Officer	X	Trustee 1	X
Trustee 2	---	Webmaster	e

A quorum is present.

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

Introduction of Guests/Prospects & New Members:

- Matt Van Sickle for a presentation.
- Izzy Theye
- Jimmy Smith

New Applicants: none

Report of Officer's & Committees:

- Americanism Committee: see attached
- Membership & Post Activities: 101 Members, 5 new, 19 PUFL, 12 HQ Transfers, goal oif 149. Now at 67.79
- Budget & Financial Report: see attached
- Ways & Means Committee: see attached
- Veterans Affairs & Service Officer: see attached
- Media & Communications Committee: see attached

Balloting on Applicants: n/a

Sick Call, Relief, and employment by Chaplain.

- Wife of a member needs prayers.
- Several members are ill and need prayers.

Unfinished Business?

- We have 1 candidate for Boys State going through our vetting. We already voted and approved sending 1 young man this year so no vote needed.
- Memorial Day: Placing flags in local Cemeteries.
  - Evergreen Commander and Boy Scouts
  - Adjutant and Wife Lamar County Cemetery
  - Shady Grove Trustee 1 and wife
- Auxiliary paperwork has been submitted to State level for approval. State making some minor changes and expecting all to go through.

Initiation of Candidates. n/a

Correspondence by the Adjutant: Thank you card from Eagle Scout awardee.

New Business?

- Getting links to local Calendar of Events for fundraising opportunities.
- Door Prizes: Adjutant donated 10 American Flag Koozies for door prizes. Keith Brown donated \$20 toward future purchases. Finance officer donating a spaghetti dinner for next door prize.
- Post taking on helping Lions Club with their booth at the Red River Valley Fair.
  - No cost to post just man hours.
  - Splitting profits with the Lions Club. Kelly Collins is heading it up this year but needs a lot of help.
  - We will need all hands on deck but a big boost in visibility and income.
  - Motion made by Adjutant, seconded by Samantha Wilson, passed unanimously.
- Julie Flowers presented an opportunity for Legal Aid for vets via her law firm. We discussed various ways to get this down and will present

to the post. Commander will present the idea of having a presentation at a meeting and then signing up people to meet with them in their office for privacy,

- Reminder of Division conventions approaching.
  - Voted and approved to pay registration for up to 6 delegates.
- Reminder of Department conventions approaching.
  - Voted and approved sending 3 delegates and paying for hotel.
- Generic Banner/Sign for fundraisers. Discussed several options to present to the post. Goal is to have a nice sign that will work for any Post fundraiser. Motion made for up to \$300 to purchase banner, seconded and passed unanimously.
- Elroy Theye
- Press Releases. Adjutant is working on press releases for Post events.
  - Sending release to Dist. Hubmaster for distribution via hubmaster channels.
- We have not been getting billed for Chamber of Commerce membership. Adjutant working with Chamber to get corrected.
  - Motion made and seconded to pay any current and back dues. Passed unanimously.
- Officer Nominations for upcoming Elections:

Commander	Bill Townsend
Vice Commander	Kelly Collins
Adjutant	Wyndell Ferguson
Finance Officer	Samantha Wilson
Judge Advocate	John Cruise
Chaplin	
Sergeant @ Arms	Cecil Poole
Service Officer	Amy Burton
Historian	Stephanie Griffin
Trustee 1	Jeff Dunken
Trustee 2	Cecil Poole
Hub Master	Wyndell Ferguson
Web Master	Keith Brown

Good of the Legion?

- Mr Mike Van Sickle gave a brief talk regarding a free service his company provides for Vets with at least 50% disability. Free home remodeling to enhance their standard of living. He can be reached at 469 531 1494.

- Commander warned Post of a scam of an App that is trying to sound like an official American legion app from “Giant Killer”. However this is a pay to use app and NOT associated with the Legion.
- Reminder of officers should complete AEI Basic Training. Adjutant provided link to sign up.

There being no further business:

- The Chaplain gave the closing prayer.
- Sgt of Arms retired colors.
- Commander adjourned the meeting at 1100 .
- Next meeting will be 17 Jun 2023.



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Wyndell Ferguson  
Adjutant



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Bill Townsend  
Commander