



**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS  
CARLON WALTERS POST 0018, HENRIETTA  
CLAY COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER  
216 N. HANCOCK ST.  
HENRIETTA, TX. 76365**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
18 June 2024**

**DATE: 16 July 2024**

**ROLL CALL**

John McClure performed a roll call of officers and board members.

*Officers present:* Commander Don Morris, Adjutant John McClure, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Steve Wentworth, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Eddie Kelton, Finance Officer Ron Paul, Chaplain Daniel Stearns, Sargent-at-Arms Austin Forsythe, Historian Bonnie Philips, and Executive Board member Ron Webb.

*Officers Absent:* Service Officer Jason Deeken, and Executive Board members Terry Reed.

*Members present:* Weldon Sullivan, Elijah Nelson, and Roger Palmateer.

A quorum was present.

**OPENING**

Commander Don Morris called the meeting to order at 1915 hours.

Sargent-at-Arms Austin Forsythe advanced the Colors.

Chaplain Daniel Stearns offered an opening prayer.

Commander Don Morris led a moment of silence for POW/MIA, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and reading the Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS and NEW MEMBERS:**

Guests at this meeting: None

New members at this meeting: None

**MINUTES**

Minutes for the 21 May meeting were read by John McClure. A motion to accept was made by Roger Palmateer and seconded by Eli Nelson. Motion carried.

**FINANCE REPORT:** Finance Officer Ron Paul, delivered the finance report stating the July, August, and September Community Center and Storage rents are paid. A motion to accept was made by Steve Wentworth and seconded by Daniel Stearns. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*POST OFFICER NOMINATIONS*

Officer elections were held before the meeting. The following is the results of the elections:

Commander: Don Morris 12/12

First Vice Commander: Steve Wentworth 11/12

Second Vice Commander: Austin Forsythe 11/12

Adjutant: John McClure 11/12  
Finance Officer: Beth Williams 11/12  
Service Officer: Roger Palmateer 12/12  
Chaplain: Daniel Sterns 12/12  
Assistant Chaplain: Eddie Kelton 12/12  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Eli Nelson 12/12  
Historian: Bonnie Phillips 12/12  
Judge Advocate: Write in: Roy Rogers 1/12  
Executive Board (2): Ron Webb 12/12 and Weldon Sullivan 12/12

#### *GARAGE SALE*

Don reported that not many people showed up at the garage sale. We met a new veteran who came by and hung out for a while. He is away for this month's meeting but appeared interested in joining us. Don will reach out to him for the July meeting. The next 287 yard sale is on 7 September. We should start collecting donations now.

#### *MEMORIAL DAY*

Don reported that we had a good program with a decent turnout. There was a nice write-up in the paper which helps promote our post in the community. After the ceremony there was a discussion about the Clay County War Memorial having no names for any conflicts after Vietnam. Don contacted the judge and inquired about how to add names. The judge contacted Jason Deeken and they are looking into any Clay County Veterans who died in any wars since. Once it is determined if there are any names to be added, we will work with the Judge to make that happen.

#### *BOY'S STATE*

Parker Rosenberger and Max Smith are attended Boy's State. Roger will make contact with them to share their experience at the 20 August General Meeting.

#### *RIFLES*

The remaining rifles were cleaned before the meeting and wood treated with wax.

#### *SECOND SUNDAY LUNCHEON:*

Good crowd. People stayed longer to fellowship with others. Send thank you card to rogers wife for making the brownies. Steaks purchased through United. They were thinner and some would fall apart when trying to batter them. We will keep ordering them through the community center

#### *MISSION TO ENHANCE THE WELLBEING OF CLAY COUNTY VETERANS*

Ron reported that after speaking with Jason, there are few veterans in need.

#### *WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA*

Don reported that the Junior Delphians may join us this year and he will contact the Pals to inquire about their interest. It was mentioned that grave specific wreaths may be purchased. There are 5 carry over wreaths from last year. John suggested that we must start to contact groups now if we want to have wreaths to lay. Wreaths Across America will be on 14 December this year and we will have our ceremony at 1100.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Daniel Stearns suggested we send a thank you card for the flowers donated to Kenneth Martin who passed away at 101.

Don suggested we purchase a round table for the missing man table from Sam's. The size of the table was discussed and determined we needed a 32-26" table. Roger Palmateer made a motion that Don purchases the table, seconded by Ron Paul motion carried. It was also discussed we need to get a yellow ribbon for the candle to replace the piece of a yellow grocery bag.

Ron Paul asked about a house someone could donate for a Veterans Museum. An individual contacted Ron as they have a lot of stuff from a POW he would like to be displayed for the public. Eli mentioned that items can be donated or loaned to the Jail Museum and that he donated some items as they had nothing post-Vietnam Era. Discussion included the possibility of loaning the items to take back and display at our post once we have our own location.

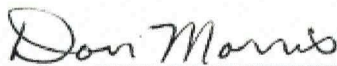
A discussion was had on the building in the cemetery. City Counsel meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday. Their next meeting is July 8<sup>th</sup> and it was suggested we show up to the next meeting and present about getting the building back. Discussion included that our post will incur addition expensed such as utilities, insurance, and maintenance costs. Don spoke with Corley who suggested his office would remain in the building. John suggested we meet beforehand to discuss and iron out details of presentation and be prepared. It was suggested we meet before the 16 July General Meeting to discuss and then attend the august meeting. Don will see about getting added to the meeting agenda. Ron Paul made the motion seconded by Eli Nelson. Motion carried.

## **CLOSING**

Chaplain Daniel Stearns offered a closing prayer.

Sargent-at-Arms Austin Forsyth retired the Colors.

Commander Don Morris declared the meeting adjourned at 2010 hours.



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**DON MORRIS**  
**POST COMMANDER**



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**JOHN MCCLURE**  
**POST ADJUTANT**

## **Upcoming events:**

July:

14<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300

16<sup>th</sup> – General meeting, 1900

August:

11<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300

20<sup>th</sup> – General meeting, 1900

September

7<sup>th</sup> – 82/287 Yard Sale

8<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300

10<sup>th</sup> – General meeting, 1900