



**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
HENRIETTA POST 18
CLAY COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER
216 N. HANCOCK ST.
HENRIETTA, TX. 76365**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
15 AUGUST 2023**

DATE: 19 SEPTEMBER 2023

ROLL CALL

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

Officers present: Commander Don Morris, Adjutant John McClure, Finance Officer Ron Paul, Chaplain Daniel Stearns, Sargent-at-Arms Austin Forsyth, Historian Bonnie Philips, Executive Board members Terry Reed and Ron Webb.

Officers Absent: 1st Vice Commander/Service Officer Jason Deeken.

Members present: Frank Smith, Weldon Sullivan, Jeff Lyde, and Steve Wentworth
A quorum was present.

OPENING

Following a meal together, the meeting was called to order by Commander Don Morris at 1939 hours.

The Colors were advanced by Sargent-at-Arms Austin Forsyth.

Opening prayer was offered by Chaplain Daniel Stearns

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

MINUTES

The minutes for 18 July 2023 meeting were read by Adjutant John McClure. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Ron Paul and seconded by Steve Wentworth. Motion Passed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: None present.

FINANCE REPORT: Finance officer, Ron Paul reports the balance in the checking account is \$3,668.30. The balance in the saving account is \$1304.90. The Second Sunday Luncheon brought in \$1205 minus expenses which are still being tabulated. Motion to accept the finance officers report was made by Steve Wentworth and second by Daniel Stearns. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A discussion was had regarding the Second Sunday Lunch. Don will not be in attendance at the November luncheon so someone will need to take responsibility for getting an ice chest and bringing ice.

Jeanie will not be available for the September lunch so help is needed in preparing the meal and duties were assigned.

After a discussion on how to pay Jeanie moving forward, a motion to pay Jeanie \$1 per plate and a minimum of \$100 was made by Steve Wentworth seconded by Ron Paul. Motion Passed.

Currently we are paying \$50 for use of the room and kitchen. Discussion was had about what it looks like if the center asks us to increase what we pay.

Wreaths Across America – we only have 5 wreaths so far and need to get the word out there. Discussion was had about the day of the event and need for volunteers. John mentioned that he has been putting regular posts on our Facebook and would like members to follow our page and share these posts to increase exposure.

Pioneer Reunion is 14-16 September 23. We will have a booth set up and need assistance manning it. We will be raffling a 55" TV and Hog Hunt. John will design ad for the Hog Hunt. Bonnie states we need to get an ad in September. After a discussion on ticket prices, a motion was made by Ron Paul to sell them at \$1 per ticket or 25 for \$20, second by Frank Smith. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

It was noted that a Highway cleanup is needed. A date will be set at the next meeting.

CLOSING

A closing prayer was offered by Chaplain Daniel Stearns.

The Colors retired by Sargent-at-Arms Austin Forsyth.

Commander Don Morris declared the meeting adjourned at 2025 hours

DON MORRIS
POST COMMANDER

JOHN MCCLURE
POST ADJUTANT

Upcoming events:

September:

10th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1400

16th – Pioneer Reunion, setup 0700

19th – General meeting, 1900

October:

8th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1400

16th – General meeting, 1900

November:

12th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1400

20th – General meeting, 1900