



**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
CARLON WALTERS POST 0018, HENRIETTA
CLAY COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER
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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
20 January 2026**

DATE: 17 February 2026

OPENING:

Chaplain Steve Wentworth offered an opening prayer.

Commander Roger Palmateer conducted the POW/ MIA ceremony and a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance and reading the Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion.

Commander Roger Palmateer called the meeting to order at 1902 hours.

ROLL CALL:

John McClure performed a roll call for Post Officers and Executive Board Members.

Officers present: Commander Roger Palmateer, 1st Vice Commander Don Morris, 2nd Vice Commander Bonnie Phillips Adjutant John McClure, Finance Officer Ron Paul, Chaplain Steve Wentworth, and Historian Weldon Sullivan

Officers Absent: Service Officer Austin Forsythe, Asst. Chaplain Daniel Stearns,

Members present: Eddie Kelton, Dena Berger

A quorum was present.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS and NEW MEMBERS:

Guests at this meeting: none

New members at this meeting: none

MINUTES: Minutes for the 16 December meeting are available to members prior to the meeting. John McClure made a motion to accept the December minutes as presented. Bonnie Phillips seconded. Motion carried.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT: Adjutant John McClure reminded members to present their DD-214 to the Adjutant so a signed form can be placed in a binder confirming eligibility. A list was sent to all members of the DD-214 status of all members. John gave an update on post membership: 23 renewed for 2026, 10 will expire in 2025, 4 expired in 2024 including 1 who moved out of state, and 2 members expired in 2023. John made a motion that the post pay the membership fee for Kenneth Harris who has been a member of the American Legion for 26 years. Ron Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried. John reiterated the need for Facebook followers, and live streaming requires a minimum of 100 followers.

FINANCE REPORT: Finance Officer Ron Paul presented the finance officers report that included the net profit for the second Sunday luncheon, our current account funds, and status of bills. A motion to accept finance officers report was made by John McClure and seconded by Steve Wentworth. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Ron Paul, Chair

Finance Committee Chair, Ron Paul presented the 2026 budget. Don Morris made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Eddie Kelton seconded. Motion carried. Ron reported he has not set up the True Value account yet.

UNIFORM COMMITTEE: Vacant, Chair

Nothing to report

SOCIAL/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Bonnie Phillips, Chair:

Bonnie Phillips proposed members go out and visit veterans. The Be The One training was discussed and we will work on a date to do the training. Bonnie discussed holding events such as a burger burn for veterans in the community. Locations to hold these events was discussed including area at Lake Arrowhead and Petrolia. It was discussed we need to think of ways to bring in more members and this provides an opportunity to hear from veterans in the community and they want to see in a post, while also holding a social gathering. Bonnie will look into dates. Steve Wentworth proposed that every veteran gets 1 free ticket when we do 50/50 raffles.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Roger Palmateer, Chair:

There was a discussion on hanging pictures of former post members who have passed away on the walls. It was mentioned the post previously agreed to hang our certificates and got approval from the Community Center to do so. Bonnie Phillips made a motion we purchase a case of frames for this, seconded by Ron Paul. Motion carried. Ron will purchase these frames.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CLAY COUNTY TEXAS WAR MEMORIAL

Don Morris spoke with the Commissioner about the status of bids. The commissioner reported there will be a meeting with Austin Stone at 9am on 21 January. Steve Wentworth stated he would be at that meeting and will report back.

POST T-SHIRTS

Bonnie Phillips made a motion we put the QR code on the back of the shirt with the American Flag in the center. Steve Wentworth seconded; motion carried. John McClure will work up a design.

QR CODES AND MOBILE APPS

John reported he has not set these up yet.

FOUR CHAPLAINS DAY

The Four Chaplains Day Ceremony will be held at the Clay County Texas War Memorial on 1 February at 1300. John McClure will finalize the script and pass it along to Steve Wentworth. John will conduct a handoff of the sound system and other items needed for the ceremony with Roger Palmateer.

BOYS STATE

We have not heard back from any schools yet.

NEW BUSINESS

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Nominations were made for the 2026 Post Officer positions as follows:

Commander – John McClure; Adjutant - Roger Palmateer; 1st Vice Commander - Don Morris; 2nd Vice Commander - Bonnie Phillips; Finance Officer - Ron Paul; Service Officer - Austin Forsythe; Chaplain - Steve Wentworth; Sergeant-at-Arms – Eddie Kelton; Historian - Weldon Sullivan; Judge Advocate: Vacant; Executive Board - Daniel Stearns and Dena Berger.

John McClure will create a notice of election and get it posted. Bonnie Phillips has agreed to mail them out to all the members. Elections will be held at the 17 February meeting and Officer installation will be led by the 13th District Commander, Chris Garcia, at the 17 March meeting in conjunction with the American Legion Birthday Celebration.

CLOSING

John McClure made a motion to adjourn, and Don Morris seconded. Motion carried.

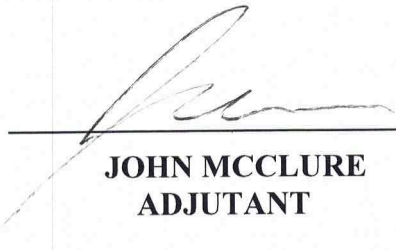
Chaplain Steve Wentworth offered a closing prayer.

Member Eddie Kelton retired the Colors.

Commander Roger Palmateer declared the meeting adjourned at 2042 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved at the 17 February 2026
General Meeting



JOHN MCCLURE
ADJUTANT



ROGER PALMATEER
POST COMMANDER

Upcoming events: Please visit our website: americanlegionpost0018.com/calendar

January:

- 11th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 13th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 20th – General meeting, 1900

February:

- 3rd – Four Chaplain's Day
- 8th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 10th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 17th – General meeting, 1900

March:

- 7th – Adopt-a-Highway Clean up, 0900
- 8th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 10th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 15th – American Legion Birthday
- 17th – St. Patrick's Day
- 17th – Post Officer Installation, American Legion Birthday Celebration, General Meeting, 1900

April:

- 5th – Easter Sunday
- 11th – 13th District Spring Convention, Olney
- 12th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 14th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 21st – General meeting, 1900

May:

- 1st – Boys State Registration Due
- 10th – Mother's Day
- 10th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 12th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 15th – Peace Officer's Memorial Day
- 19th – General meeting, 1900
- 25th – Memorial Day

June:

- 6th – Adopt-a-Highway Clean up, 0900
- 9th - 13th – Boys State
- 9th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 13th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 14th – Flag Day
- 16th – General meeting, 1900

June:

- 4th – Independence Day
- 12th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 14th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 21st – General meeting, 1900