



**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS  
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CLAY COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER  
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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**

**16 September 2025**

**DATE: 21 October 2025**

**OPENING:**

Chaplain Steve Wentworth offered an opening prayer.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Don Morris 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 1912 hours.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

*Officers present:* 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Don Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Bonnie Phillips Adjutant John McClure, Finance Officer Ron Paul, Service Officer Austin Forsythe, Chaplain Steve Wentworth, Asst. Chaplain Daniel Stearns, Historian Weldon Sullivan

*Officers Absent:* Commander Roger Palmateer,

*Members present:* Eddie Kelton

A quorum was present.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS and NEW MEMBERS:**

*Guests at this meeting:* Dena Berger, Larry Flowers

*New members at this meeting:* None

**MINUTES:** Minutes for the 19 August meeting were unavailable due to a computer crash. Ron Paul made a motion to accept the minutes were unavailable and seconded by Steve Wentworth. Motion carried.

**ADJUTANT'S REPORT:** Adjutant John McClure mentioned stated the missing post documentation was mailed to department again and emailed to the department adjutant per the District Commanders recommendation. That paperwork was received and we have access to my legion again. He mentioned that we are in the renewal window and requested members renew earlier than previous years. The sooner renewals are processed, the higher our percentage goes up.

**FINANCE REPORT:** Finance Officer Ron Paul presented the finance officers report that included our current account funds and the status of bills. A motion to accept finance officers report was made by Daniel Stearns and seconded by Weldon Sullivan. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*FINANCE COMMITTEE: Ron Paul, Chair*

There was no information to be shared.

*UNIFORM COMMITTEE: Vacant, Chair*

There was no information to be shared.

*SOCIAL/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Bonnie Phillips, Chair:*

Bonnie gave a brief update on the idea of doing bingo.

*EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Roger Palmateer, Chair:*

There was no information to be shared.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### *COMMUNITY CENTER FLAGS:*

Ron Paul mentioned that the ropes are complete on both flagpoles but we are still waiting on a new American Legion Flag. John McClure made a motion that we purchase one extra of each American, state, pow, and legion flag to have on standby. Each time the standby flags are put in service new ones will be ordered. Austin Forsythe seconded. Motion carried

### *CLAY COUNTY TEXAS WAR MEMORIAL*

Don Morris and Steve Wentworth met with a foundation guy that stated the base could be lifted using a special technique that involves drilling holes and pumping something underneath. Was mentioned this is only a temporary solution as it does not last long. They stated it is better to remove the brick tiles, repair the concrete, and reinstall the tiles. It was also mentioned the drain size under the monument is too small and should be increased. The commissioner is going to reach out to the makers of the monument to see what they recommend and who may have done the original work.

### *PIONEER REUNION*

Pioneer Reunion will be on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. John is going to meet with the organizers on Friday morning and try to get the spot directly next to the monument. We will do a 50/50 raffle and it was suggested we have soda and water.

### *WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA*

Wreaths Across America Day is December 13<sup>th</sup>. Don Morris updated that Clay County 4-H and the Junior Delphians of Clay County would like to participate in the ceremony with us again.

### *VACANT OFFICER POSITIONS*

The Sergeant-at-Arm and Executive Board Member positions are vacant. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone please reach out to Roger Palmateer or John McClure.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### *VETERANS IN NEED IN THE COUNTY*

Ron Paul spoke with Jason Deeken and reported that most of the veterans take care of themselves but there are some veterans who have passed away and their wives need help. It was discussed to have a committee that meets with individuals and reports back to the members for approval. Steve Wentworth made a motion that we investigate forming a Veterans Service Committee with the Service Officer as the chair. John McClure seconded. Motion Carried.

*HEADGEAR*

There was a brief discussion on what headgear can be worn. John McClure mentioned that according to the American Legion Constitution and By-laws, the minimum uniform standard was the official Legion Cap. When an Officer is operating in their official capacity, they should be wearing the Legion Cap. Everyone is welcome to wear any other headgear at any other time.

*QR CODES AND MOBILE APPS*

There was a brief discussion on getting mobile apps like Venmo, CashApp, and PayPal to increase our opportunity to collect funds from people as less people are carrying cash. John McClure made a motion that we create accounts with these apps. Bonnie Phillips seconded. Motion Carried. John will look into this and get with Ron Paul for banking and tax exempt information.

**CLOSING**

Chaplain Steve Wentworth offered a closing prayer.

Member Eddie Kelton retired the Colors.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Don Morris declared the meeting adjourned at 20 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved at the 21 October 2025 General Meeting

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**JOHN MCCLURE  
ADJUTANT**

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**ROGER PALMATEER  
POST COMMANDER**

**Upcoming events:** Please visit our website: [americanlegionpost0018.com/calendar](http://americanlegionpost0018.com/calendar)

***September:***

- 11<sup>th</sup> – September 11<sup>th</sup>
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 16<sup>th</sup> – General meeting, 1900
- 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Reunion

***October:***

- 12<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 16<sup>th</sup> – General meeting, 1900

***November:***

- 9<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> – General meeting, 1900
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving

***December:***

- 9<sup>th</sup> – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Wreaths Across America, Hope Cemetery, 1100
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 16<sup>th</sup> – General meeting, 1900

***January:***

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

***February:***

- 8<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 17<sup>th</sup> – General meeting, 1900

***March:***

- 8<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 17<sup>th</sup> – General meeting, 1900

***April:***

- 12<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 21<sup>st</sup> – General meeting, 1900