



**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
18 JULY 2023**

DATE: 15 AUGUST 2023

ROLL CALL

Ron Paul performed a roll call of officers and board members.

Officers present: Commander Don Morris, 2nd Vice Commander John McClure, Adjutant/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 and Steve Wentworth

A quorum was present.

OPENING

The meeting was called to order by Commander Don Morris at 1901 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 20 June 2023 were read by Adjutant Ron Paul. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by John McClure and seconded by Terry Reed. Motion Passed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: None present.

FINANCE REPORT: Finance officer, Ron Paul reports the balance in the checking account is \$3,903.07. The balance in the saving account is \$1304.90. The Second Sunday Luncheon brought in \$1430 with a total expensed of \$156.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jeanie refuses to be paid for her time helping with the Second Sunday Luncheon. A discussion was had on getting her a gift card.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron Paul expressed he was resigning his position as Adjutant and nominated John McClure to be the new Adjutant. A brief discussion commenced and Ron Paul made the motion to accept John

McClure as the new Adjutant seconded by Steve Wentworth. Vote to accept was unanimous. Appreciation was expressed to Ron for his many years of service as Adjutant.

Discussion was started about sponsoring a student from area high schools to attend Boys State. John McClure confirmed we missed the deadline for this year. Different methods of selecting these students were discussed including essay contests and interviewing nominated students. Discussion continued with ideas on when to begin the process for next year.

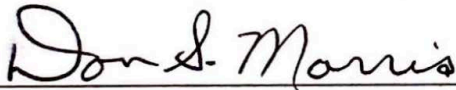
Other topics of discussion included "Voices of Democracy" but since this has normally been a VFW event we'll have to look into and a small scholarship was also mentioned.

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 1935 hours



DON MORRIS
POST COMMANDER



JOHN MCCLURE
POST ADJUTANT