



**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
16 July 2024**

DATE: 20 August 2024

ROLL CALL

Steve Wentworth performed a roll call of Post Officers and Board Members.

Officers present: Commander Don Morris, 1st Vice Commander Steve Wentworth, 2nd Vice Commander Austin Forsythe,

Chaplain Daniel Stearns, Asst. Chaplain Eddie Kelton, Sargent-at-Arms Elijah Nelson, and Executive Board member Weldon Sullivan.

Officers Absent: Adjutant John McClure, Finance Officer Beth Williams, Service Officer Roger Palmateer, Historian Bonnie Philips, and Executive Board members Ron Webb.

Members present: Ron Paul

A quorum was present.

OPENING

Commander Don Morris called the meeting to order at 1903 hours.

Past 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, and then proceeded with 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 18 June meeting were read by Steve Wentworth. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by D. Stearns and seconded by E. Nelson. Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT: Past Finance Officer Ron Paul, delivered the finance report stating the storage fees were missed last month but will be paid shortly. The recent Second Sunday Luncheon was again a success and a total profit from this calendar year was give. A motion to accept was made by W. Sullivan and seconded by A. Forsythe. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BOY'S STATE

Commander Morris relayed a discussion he had with Roger Palmateer concerning contacting the families of our Boys State representatives. Roger said he has been unsuccessful in making

contact but feels certain that he will in the coming weeks. The young men are still expected at the August meeting.

CLAY COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL

Commander Morris has talked with County Judge Mike Campbell about finding out if any Clay County veterans have died since the Vietnam war which are the last names on the memorial. Judge Campbell contacted Clay County Veteran Service Officer Jason Deeken but so far no information has come forth.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Commander Morris has spoken with a member of the Junior Delphians and they appear to be interested in joining us in support. They will get back to us after their next meeting. Also the 4H has been contacted as well as the Boy Scouts.

MISSING MAN TABLE

Commander Morris has acquired a 32" round table which we used at last Sunday's lunch.

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.

BUILDING

Commander Morris talked with Brad Corley (Cemetery Directory) about the Legion going to the City Council about buying or somehow using the stone building for our functions. Mr. Corley was doubtful that the city would hear us since they have invested in new windows and have plans to do other upgrades. The opinion was also expressed that the city has deeded the building to the Cemetery Board. Other options were discussed but more information is needed. E. Nelson commented that we could acquire a vacant lot and either put a structure or just put up a tent when we wanted to do a cook out. E. Nelson also mentioned that places like the Wichita Falls Harley Davidson dealer will donate to Veteran Organizations having cook outs.

FLAGS

Buying flags for the Community Center was discussed. There isn't enough room on their flagpole for a 3rd flag so it was suggested by D. Stearns that we buy another flagpole and erect it on the south side of the entrance. D. Morris said he would approach the director and propose this. If they agree we will then have to acquire the flags.

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCHEON:

S. Wentworth suggested we establish a policy for individuals that come in asking for a free meal as this happened at our last Sunday Luncheon. It was suggested that we offer a smaller portion meal in a to go box and "politely suggested that they eat at home or elsewhere." The reason is to keep from having them continue asking for donations while patrons are eating.

NEW BUSINESS

E. Nelson commented that this (July) meeting is when we install the new Post Officers. It was agreed this meeting will constitute as the Installation of Officers.

ROAD CLEANUP:

R. Paul commented that we need to do a road cleanup ASAP. D. Morris asked if anyone would be available to do so this Saturday at 0630. About 6 members said they could so we will attempt to do that this Saturday at 630 hrs.

E. Nelson mentioned the American Legion Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies says we should establish an Honor Guard committee which would get our Honor Guard going. E. Nelson, E. Kelton, A. Forsythe agreed and Eli thought that J. McClure would also agree. D. Stearns and S. Wentworth sad they would on a case-by-case basis. The uniform requirements were also discussed. It was suggested this be called the Uniform Committee. Commander Morris tabled this discussion until the next meeting.

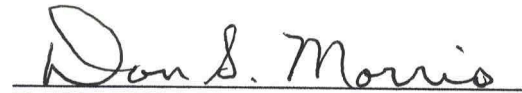
D. Stearns suggested that a separate savings account be established as a building fund.

CLOSING


Chaplain Daniel Stearns offered a closing prayer.

Past Sargent-at-Arms Austin Forsyth retired the Colors.

Commander Don Morris declared the meeting adjourned at 2012 hours.



DON MORRIS
POST COMMANDER



JOHN MCCLURE
POST ADJUTANT

Upcoming events:

August:

11th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300

20th – General meeting, 1900

September

7th – 82/287 Yard Sale

8th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300

10th – General meeting, 1900

19th – Pioneer Reunion, Cowboy Kickoff Parade 1600

20th – Pioneer Reunion, Float Parade 1000, Events on Courthouse Lawn 1000 - 1500

21st – Pioneer Reunion, Float Parade 1000, Events on Courthouse Lawn 1000 - 1600

October

13th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300

15th – General meeting, 1900