



**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
21 May 2024**

DATE: 18 June 2024

ROLL CALL

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

Officers present: Commander Don Morris, Adjutant John McClure, 1st Vice Commander Steve Wentworth, 2nd Vice Commander Eddie Kelton, Finance Officer Ron Paul, Chaplain Daniel Stearns, Sargent-at-Arms Austin Forsythe, and Executive Board member Ron Webb.

Officers Absent: Service Officer Jason Deeken, Historian Bonnie Philips, and Executive Board members Terry Reed.

Members present: Weldon Sullivan, Elijah Nelson, Roger Palmateer, and Beth Williams.

A quorum was present.

OPENING

Commander Don Morris called the meeting to order at 1915 hours.

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, followed by 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 16 April meeting were read by John McClure. A motion to accept was made by Weldon Sullivan and seconded by Eli Nelson. Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT:

Finance Officer Ron Paul, delivered the finance report stating that all bills and expenses are paid.

Roger Palmateer made motion to accept the Finance Officers Report as given and seconded by Beth Williams. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BOYS STATE

Parker Rosenberger and Max Smith will be attending Boys State next month, June 9th to 14th.

Their applications and fees have been submitted and approved. Additional money is being given

to the boys to purchase a shirt for each day. They will attend the August to share their about their experience.

RIFLES

Before the meeting, members successfully cleaned 4 of our rifles. While cleaning the rifles it was observed that the wood was getting dried out. Steve Wentworth suggested we wipe the stocks with paste wax to penetrate and preserve the wood and make them look good. Don will pick up the remaining rifles before our next meeting to for members to clean. John suggested we pick them up quarterly for an inspection and to give them a wipe down.

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCHEON:

This month was Mother's Day so the tables were decorated with pink table cloths and flowers. Each mother received a rose with their meal. The Community Center requested we leave the table clothes in place. Moving forward we will wipe down the tables and leave the table clothes in place. Our numbers were low, but there were several large groups including one family who got 11 to go plates for a family function at home. We will continue to cook 100 steaks.

GroupMe

Don discussed GroupMe and mentioned that many members are connected already. Anyone who is not on GroupMe yet or needs assistance in getting set up can reach out to John for help.

POST CARDS

John brought examples of the thank you post cards he designed. Members approved of the design and discussed a purchase quantity. John will order 50 to have on hand. Don took one of the examples and will send the first thank you to the gentleman who donated the hunts to a veteran. Eli also took one to send a thank you to Wright Outdoors for donating the hog hunt.

NEW BUSINESS

GARAGE SALE

The town wide yard sale is coming up on June 8th. Don is going to have us added to map of locations available to the public. We will set up in the parking lot of the Community Center as we did last year. If you have any items you would like to donate and sell at the yard sale please bring them by the Community Center and assist in setting up at 0600.

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday is Memorial Day and we will have a ceremony at the Clay County Texas War Memorial on the courthouse square at 0900. Members are encouraged to wear their American Legion uniform or a white shirt with black pants. We will meet on the square at 0800. Don will bring the script, Ron will bring his speaker to sound Taps, the Missing Man Table will be set up, and poppies will be available for people to purchase.

POST OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Post Officer positions were discussed and members were nominated as follows:

Commander: Don Morris

First Vice Commander: Steve Wentworth

Second Vice Commander: Austin Forsythe

Adjutant: John McClure

Finance Officer: Beth Williams
Service Officer: Roger Palmateer
Chaplain: Daniel Sterns
Assistant Chaplain: Eddie Kelton
Sergeant-at-Arms: Eli Nelson
Historian: Bonnie Phillips
Judge Advocate: (Open Seat)
Executive Board (2): Ron Webb and Weldon Sullivan

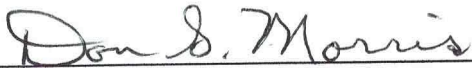
John will post the announcement, create the ballots, and voting will begin at 1830 before the 18 June 2024 meeting.

CLOSING

Closing prayer.

Retired the Colors.

Declared the meeting adjourned at 2014 hours,



DON MORRIS
POST COMMANDER



JOHN MCCLURE
POST ADJUTANT

Upcoming events:

May:

12th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300
21st – General meeting, 1900

June:

9th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300
18th – General meeting, 1900

July:

14th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300
16th – General meeting, 1900