



**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
15 October 2024**

DATE: 19 November 2024

OPENING

Commander Don Morris called the meeting to order at 1914 hours.

Asst. Chaplain Eddie Kelton, 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.

ROLL CALL

John McClure 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, Adjutant John McClure, Finance Officer Beth Williams, Chaplain Daniel Stearns, Asst. Chaplain Eddie Kelton, Service Officer Roger Palmateer, and Executive Board member Weldon Sullivan.

Officers Absent: Historian Bonnie Philips, Sargent-at-Arms Elijah Nelson, and Executive Board member Ron Webb.

Members present: Ron Paul

A quorum was present.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS and NEW MEMBERS:

Guests at this meeting: Chuck Barrett, 13th District Chaplain

New members at this meeting: None

MINUTES

Minutes for the 17 September meeting were read by John McClure. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Roger Palmateer and seconded by Eddie Kelton. Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT: Finance Officer Beth Williams, delivered the finance report and a motion to accept was made by Eddie Kelton, seconded by Austin Forsythe. Motion Carried.

After a discussion on moving the bank accounts per the 17 September meeting, it was suggested that we would lose money in the event we moved the accounts. John McClure made a motion that we keep the accounts at the current bank. Roger Palmateer seconded. Motion Carried.

The building account was discussed and members were informed that it was decided not to open an account and we would create an account on paper. John stated that as per previous meetings it was voted on to create a separate building account and made a motion that we open an additional

account for the building fund. The motion was quickly seconded by Daniel Stearns. During the discussion it was suggested that we would lose money by opening another account. Roger Palmateer asked how this would occur and Beth Williams stated we would not make money on interest. It was pointed out that the interest made on that account would be no different than the account it was currently in. John McClure also mentioned that as our post grows and we have scholarship winners, more accounts will need to be created for dedicated purposes. Don Morris stated that the building account should be opened with 50% of what we made from pioneer reunion and the Second Sunday Lunch. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNIFORM COMMITTEE: Eddie Kelton presented an update from the Uniform Committee. The Veterans Day Ceremony planning progress was discussed and members were asked if they would rather a 1730 or 1800 start time. It was decided that 1800 would be better to accommodate those who may have to work. John McClure made a motion that we create an ad in the paper and run it every week until Veterans Day. Daniel Stearns seconded. Motion Carried. John McClure will create an ad and sent it to Eddie Kelton to get in the paper.

The Wreaths Across America Ceremony was discussed. The Ceremony will be on December 14th at 1100 in Hope Cemetery. Don Morris stated that Henrietta 4-H has become a sponsoring group with their own group id. Don printed out little cards with a QR code on them for people to take a picture of on his phone and used his iPad to demonstrate and show the corresponding site. Our group id is TX1265P with a location id TXHPCE for the cemetery. Our wreath'o'meter to date showed there are 23 wreaths paid for at our location.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Eddie Kelton, Chair shared with members he met with Sharron Atkins, the county grant writer who does fundraising and is going to research for us a list of everything we are eligible to write a grant for and will help us through the process.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Austin Forsythe, Chair reminded the next highway cleanup is on 2 November. Austin also discussed our cookout for the post members and their families at Hapgood park following the highway cleanup. We will be having hot dogs and bring the soda and water we have at the Community Center. Members were encouraged to make and bring something with them. Roger Palmateer is going to bring pinto beans and Beth Williams will bring condiments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMUNITY CENTER FLAGS

Eddie Kelton is waiting on Pheonix to get back to him with details and pricing.

DISTRICT 13 CONFERENCE

Don Morris gave an update on the conference and some items we brought back. There was a great speaker who discussed membership and retention and the importance of understanding what members want in a post. They discussed the oratorical competition with a current prize of \$1,000 for first place, and \$500 for second place. They are still looking for a post to host the coemption and a post to host the spring conference.

NEW BUSINESS

Beth Williams has a printer, fax, copier she would like to donate to the post. Don Morris will talk to Lisa and see if she is ok with us having it in our room. John McClure will assist in setting it up if we are given the ok.

Daniel Stearns made a motion to adjourn. Beth Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLOSING

Chaplain Daniel Stearns offered a closing prayer.

1st Vice Commander Steve Wentworth retired the Colors.

Commander Don Morris declared the meeting adjourned at 2030 hours.



DON MORRIS
POST COMMANDER



JOHN MCCLURE
POST ADJUTANT

Upcoming events:

December

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

10th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830

14th – Wreaths Across America, 1100, Hope Cemetery

17th – General meeting, 1900

January

12th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300

14th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830

21st – General meeting, 1900

February

9th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300

11th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830

18th – General meeting, 1900

March

9th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300

11th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830

18th – General meeting, 1900