



**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
19 March 2024**

DATE: 16 April 2024

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

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

A quorum was present.

OPENING

Commander Don Morris called the meeting to order at 1900 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

Commander Don Morris acknowledged the applicants for Boys State. John McClure provided them with details on the event and the application process. The participants agreed to complete the application and give it to Roger Palmateer before the 16 April 2024 meeting, during which the applications will be finalized and mailed along with a check. The participants were allowed to ask questions before being dismissed.

Upon the departure of the Boys State participants, Commander Don Morris led the reading of the Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion.

MINUTES

John McClure read the minutes for the 16 February meeting. A motion was made by Daniel Stearns and seconded by Steve Wentworth to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS and NEW MEMBERS

Guests at this meeting: Boys State Applicants Parker Rosenberger and Max Smith

New members at this meeting: None

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Officer Ron Paul delivered the finance report. Included in the report were payments for the next 3 months for storage, rent, and our use fee for the Second Sunday Luncheon. He will write a check to reimburse the Community Center for the Second Sunday Luncheon food purchased. A short discussion occurred on moving money from checking to savings. Weldon Sullivan made a motion to accept the finance report, seconded by Beth Williams. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HIGHWAY CLEANUP:

Highway cleanup was discussed and scheduled for 6 April meeting in the parking lot on the east side of the truck stop at 0900.

TURKEY FEST:

Volunteers will be needed to assist with our booth. Ron will help set up at 0700, and we will stay until about 1300. Eli suggested doing a raffle at Turkey Fest. He will contact Bill and relay any information to John, who will make new signage. John McClure made a motion for Eli to contact Bill to see if he is willing to donate another hunt. If he agrees, we will sell tickets for 1 for \$1 or 25 for \$20; Roger Palmateer seconded. Motion carried.

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCHEON:

Due to the ongoing success, increasing numbers, and selling out this month, members agreed to increase the meal quantity to 100 steaks. John McClure mentioned the May lunch is on Mother's Day and will increase postings to encourage families to bring Mom. Please share the Facebook posts.

BOYS STATE:

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POST 0018 CONSTITUTION:

A discussion was had about voting to align ourselves with the Post Constitution. Nomination of Officers will be made in June. The notice will be given after the June meeting, and voting will occur in July. Officers Elected will be installed in August.

NEW BUSINESS

While organizing, Don and Steve discovered some pictures in storage. It was suggested they be saved and put into the yard sale. Additionally, several totes with items need to be thrown away. After a brief discussion, John McClure made a motion that Steve and Austin would get together and go through the stuff in storage and decide to throw anything away as appropriate; Eli Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

Don discussed the Flags at the Community Center. Eli Nelson made a motion that we purchase the American flag, Texas flag, and an American Legion flag for the Community center if the board approves us flying our flag; Beth Williams seconded. Motion carried.

Steve discussed speaking to the Sheriff about our rifles. Don has agreed to talk to him and get back to the members at the next meeting.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA:

Don discussed the WAA radio station and suggested people tune in to hear music and stories from veterans and other webinars they stream. John will remake the posters and begin sending out Facebook posts.

CLOSING

Chaplain Daniel Stearns offered a closing prayer.

Sargent-at-Arms Austin Forsythe retired the Colors.

Commander Don Morris declared the meeting adjourned at 2010 hours,



DON MORRIS
POST COMMANDER



JOHN MCCLURE
POST ADJUTANT

Upcoming events:

April:

- 6th – Highway cleanup 0900
- 13th – Turkey Fest 0700 - 1300
- 14th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300
- 16th – General meeting, 1900

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