



**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
CARLON WALTERS POST 0018, HENRIETTA
CLAY COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER
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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
20 May 2025**

DATE: 15 July 2025

OPENING:

Chaplain Steve Wentworth offered an opening prayer.

Commander Roger Palmateer conducted the POW/ MIA ceremony and a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance and reading the Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion.

Commander Roger Palmateer called the meeting to order at 1906 hours.

ROLL CALL:

John McClure performed a roll call for Post Officers and Executive Board Members.

Officers present: Commander Roger Palmateer, 1st Vice Commander Don Morris, 2nd Vice Commander Bonnie Phillips, Adjutant John McClure, Finance Officer Ron Paul, Service Officer Austin Forsythe, Chaplain Steve Wentworth, Asst. Chaplain Daniel Stearns, Historian Weldon Sullivan and Executive Board Member Andrew Koopmans.

Officers Absent:

Members present: Elijah Nelson

A quorum was present.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS and NEW MEMBERS:

Guests at this meeting: Anthony Petrillo, Dena Berger

New members at this meeting: None

MINUTES: Minutes for the 15 April meeting were available to all members prior to the meeting. Bonnie Phillips made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and seconded by Andrew Koopmans. Motion carried.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT: Adjutant John McClure discussed post documentation and thanked Ron Paul for completing and filing the Post Consolidated Report. John stated the 2025 Notification of Commander and Adjutant Form and the Post Certification Form have been submitted. He also discussed receiving the Ceremonial Rifle Inventory Form that must be completed every 3 years. Roger will complete the inventory and return to John for submission. Post membership was discussed and members were updated on the current roster.

FINANCE REPORT: Finance Officer Ron Paul presented the finance officers report that included our current account funds and the status of bills. A motion to accept finance officers report was made by Don Morris and seconded by Steve Wentworth. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Ron Paul, Chair

Nothing to report.

UNIFORM COMMITTEE: Eli Nelson, Chair

Plans for the Memorial Day Ceremony at 0900 hrs on May 26th at the Clay County Texas War Memorial were discussed and speakers were assigned. Members will meet at the storage locker at 0800hrs to move chairs. Historian Weldon Sullivan discussed the Post name and discovered it was named after two people, Orrin S. Carlon who died in WWI and Bethel E. Walters who died in WWII. Original post records will be requested from District/National.

SOCIAL/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Bonnie Phillips, Chair:

Bonnie Phillips discussed a social event that will be held on June 21st at 1800hrs at Jefe's in Henrietta for Post members and their families. The next highway clean-up will be June 7th at 0800.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Roger Palmateer, Chair:

There was no information to be shared.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMUNITY CENTER FLAGS:

Ron Paul presented details for the purchase of a new flagpole. \$440 that was slated for Boy's State sponsorship will be applied. Bonnie Phillips made a motion we purchase the flagpole and Ron Paul seconded. Motion carried.

BOYS STATE:

Roger Palmateer informed the members that George Slagle is unable to attend, and the sponsorship money will be applied to the flagpole.

BRASS BAND:

Eli Nelson has not contacted the band director at this time. John McClure has agreed to take this over and make contact to get things set up.

WEBSITE/CALENDAR:

John McClure presented the new updates to the website

TABLECLOTHS:

John McClure has not purchased these yet and will get with Ron Paul for purchasing.

13th DISTRICT CONVENTION

Roger Palmateer shared information from the Convention. There were under 40 veterans in attendance. The new District Commander was voted on and will be the Commander from Post 34 in Graham. The post in Quanah will be closing and a new post is forming in Denison. This will be an online gaming post and will likely bring better participation.

NEW BUSINESS

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCHEON CLEAN-UP: Don Morris brought attention to a text he had received regarding the condition of the Community Center following our Second Sunday Luncheon. Following a short discussion, Steve Wentworth agreed to make a checklist that will be completed before leaving the building after the luncheon.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA:

Roger Palmateer discussed Wreaths Across America and that we need to start talking about and pushing it now. John McClure shared there is a link on our website where people can donate. Don Morris discussed the other groups wishing to participate again this year.

RESPECT:

Due to recent events, John McClure discussed the importance of respecting one another through an individual's actions, how they speak, and the things they say. He reminded everyone that we are supposed to be a place where veterans feel safe, can enjoy the company of others, and be a part of the mission of the Post.

VACANT POSITIONS:

John McClure brought up that there are 2 vacant positions to be filled. Sergeant-at-Arms and an Executive Board Member.

BOWIE TRADE DAYS:

Dena Berger shared that she has booth 143 at the Bowie Trade Days and in there on the 2nd Monday. She welcomed members to stop by.

Ron Paul made a motion to adjourn, Don Morris seconded. Motion carried.

CLOSING

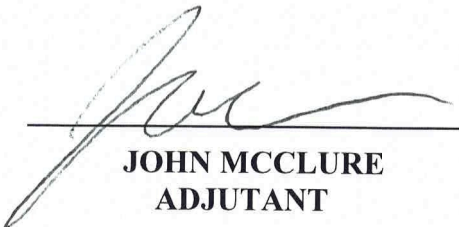
Chaplain Steve Wentworth offered a closing prayer.

First Vice Commander Don Morris retired the Colors.

Commander Roger Palmateer declared the meeting adjourned at 2027 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved at the 15 July 2025 General Meeting



JOHN MCCLURE
ADJUTANT



ROGER PALMATEER
POST COMMANDER

Upcoming events: Please visit our website: americanlegionpost0018.com/calendar

May:

- 11th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 13th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 17th – Armed Forces Day
- 20th – General meeting, 1900
- 26th – Memorial Day

June:

- 7th – Highway cleanup, 0800
- 8th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 10th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 14th – Flag Day
- 17th – General meeting, 1900

July:

- 4th – Independence Day
- 8th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 13th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 15th – General meeting, 1900

August:

- 10th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 12th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 19th – General meeting, 1900

September:

- 19th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 11th – September 11th
- 14th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 16th – General meeting, 1900
- 18th - 20th Pioneer Reunion

October:

- 12th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 14th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 16th – General meeting, 1900

November:

- 9th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 11th – Veterans Day
- 18th – General meeting, 1900
- 27th – Thanksgiving

December:

- 9th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 13th – Wreaths Across America, Hope Cemetery, 1100
- 14th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 16th – General meeting, 1900