



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

**DATE: 19 August 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 1912 hours.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

*Officers present:* Commander Roger Palmateer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Don Morris, Adjutant John McClure, Finance Officer Ron Paul, Service Officer Austin Forsythe, Chaplain Steve Wentworth, Asst. Chaplain Daniel Stearns, Historian Weldon Sullivan

*Officers Absent:* 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Bonnie Phillips, and Executive Board Member Andrew Koopmans.

*Members present:*

A quorum was present.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS and NEW MEMBERS:**

*Guests at this meeting:* Dena Berger

*New members at this meeting:* None

**MINUTES:** Minutes for the 15 July meeting were available to all members prior to the meeting. Steve Wentworth made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and seconded by Don Morris. Motion carried.

**ADJUTANT'S REPORT:** Adjutant John McClure mentioned the Ceremonial Rifle Inventory Form has been completed and sent it. A PDF version has been saved with the serial numbers to make it easier when it needs to be completed again. 2026 membership renewal has begun. At this time 1 member renewed online and 3 others were done by mail in. Thank you to Ron Paul for processing those.

**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 John McClure and seconded by Weldon Sullivan. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### *FINANCE COMMITTEE: Ron Paul, Chair*

Finance officer Ron Paul discussed the distribution of funds and requested clarification on what was previously voted on. A motion was made to update the break down to be: 50% of net profits deposited to the checking account; 25% of net profits to be deposited into the building account; and 25% of net profits to be deposited into the savings account. Motion carried

### *UNIFORM COMMITTEE: Vacant, Chair*

No report

### *SOCIAL/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: John McClure, committee member:*

Roger Palmateer discussed the Second Sunday Luncheon stating there were not a members, but everyone chipped in to help were needed. John McClure discussed the new ideas floated by the committee regarding Loco Bingo. It was suggested the committee look into the new House bill 2820 to ensure we can conduct it legally. The highway clean up was discussed and a date of August 9<sup>th</sup> was chosen.

### *EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Roger Palmateer, Chair:*

There was no information to be shared.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### *COMMUNITY CENTER FLAGS:*

Ron Paul will order new flags. John McClure made a motion we purchase all 4 (American, State, POW, and Legion) flags. Seconded by Don Morris. Motion carried.

### *CLAY COUNTY TEXAS WAR MEMORIAL*

John McClure updated members on his conversation with the County Judge regarding the repairs to the Memorial. He suggested a committee be formed to contact contractors and find out how much it will cost. Once estimates are received, John will report to the County Judge regarding possible grants and the post will conduct fundraising. Don Morris will contact the County Commissioner for possible leads on contractors and report back.

### *WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA*

Wreaths Across America Day is December 13<sup>th</sup>. Don Morris will touch base with the groups who helped last year: Clay County 4-H, Junior Delphians of Clay County, and the Henrietta Boy Scouts. It was also discussed reaching out to the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons to see if they have interest in participating.

### *VACANT OFFICER POSITIONS*

The Sergeant-at-Arm and an Executive Board Member position are vacant. Roger Palmateer stated he was working on a Sergeant-at-Arms.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*SECOND SUNDAY LUNCHEON:* Steve Wentworth requested the finance committee do a study on the Second Sunday Luncheon and how it can be done better with less waste. During a discussion it was noted that while the food is not wasted because the members bring it home, this is a cost we incur. It was also noted that the luncheon as always made a profit even when we do not sell out. Other items discussed included changing meal we provide, and previous attempts at chicken fried chicken, corn, and biscuits. It was also discussed that the same people show up every month. It was noted that until the post gains new active members, it will continue to be the same individuals participating in all events.

**CLOSING**

Chaplain Steve Wentworth offered a closing prayer.

First Vice Commander Don Morris retired the Colors.

Commander Roger Palmateer declared the meeting adjourned at 2015 hours.


Respectfully submitted,

Approved at the 19 August 2025 General Meeting



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**JOHN MCCLURE**  
**ADJUTANT**



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**ROGER PALMATEER**  
**POST COMMANDER**

**Upcoming events:** Please visit our website: [americanlegionpost0018.com/calendar](http://americanlegionpost0018.com/calendar)

**August:**

- 9<sup>th</sup> – Highway clean up, 0800
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 19<sup>th</sup> – General meeting, 1900

**September:**

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

**October:**

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

**November:**

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

**December:**

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

**January:**

- 11<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 20<sup>th</sup> – General meeting, 1900

**February:**

- 8<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 17<sup>th</sup> – General meeting, 1900

**March:**

- 8<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 17<sup>th</sup> – General meeting, 1900

**April:**

- 12<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 - 1300
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830
- 21<sup>st</sup> – General meeting, 1900