



**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
HENRIETTA POST 18
CLAY COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER
216 N. HANCOCK ST.
HENRIETTA, TX. 76365**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
19 September 2023**

DATE: 17 October 2023

ROLL CALL

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

Officers present: Commander Don Morris, Adjutant John McClure, Finance Officer Ron Paul, Chaplain Daniel Stearns, Sargent-at-Arms Austin Forsythe, Historian Bonnie Philips, Executive
Officers Absent: 1st Vice Commander/Service Officer Jason Deeken. Board members Terry Reed and Ron Webb.

Members present: Frank Smith, Weldon Sullivan, and Steve Wentworth
A quorum was present.

OPENING

After a meal together, the meeting was called to order by Commander Don Morris at 1932 hours. The Colors were advanced by Sargent-at-Arms Austin Forsythe.

Opening prayer was offered by Chaplain Daniel Stearns

Commander Don Morris led a moment of silence for POW/MIA followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion.

MINUTES

The minutes for 15 August 2023 meeting were read by Adjutant John McClure. A discussion was had about removing dollar amounts from the minutes. Motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Steve Wentworth and seconded by Ron Paul. Motion Passed.

A motion to discuss the finances during the meeting but omit dollar amounts from future meeting minutes was made by Ron Paul seconded by Steve Wentworth. Motion Passed

FINANCE REPORT:

Finance officer, Ron Paul gave the financial report which included net profits from the Second Sunday Lunch and Raffle Sales. A motion to accept the finance officers report was made by Weldon Sullivan and second by Steve Wentworth. Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF Guests and NEW MEMBERS:

Visitors: Chuck Barrett District 13 Chaplain.

New members this meeting: Beth Williams, USAF, Roger Palmateer, USA, and Eddie Kelton, USN.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A discussion was had regarding the Second Sunday Lunch. Don will not be in attendance at the November luncheon Ron will take responsibility for getting an ice chest and bringing ice. Bonnie shared that next month we will be doing chicken fried chicken with corn and biscuits. We will include the remaining chicken friend steak. Due to the amount of food and general time to which people arrive the hours have changed to 1130-1 and flyers are available to place at business around town.

2nd Vice Commander seat is vacant. Think about who would like to nominate for this position.

Highway clean-up has been scheduled for Saturday October 14th meet at the truck stop at 8 am

Wreaths Across America – we still only have 5 wreaths so far and need to get the word out there. A reminder was made that for every wreath sold, our post gets \$5. Discussion was had about the day of the event and need for volunteers. John mentioned again that anyone on Facebook should follow our page and share the posts to increase exposure. Don discussed the that we will need wreath stands for each service branch wreath. He will check to see if the cemetery has any.

NEW BUSINESS

Chuck Barrett presented about his role to assist posts within District 13. He shared there is a new 13th District Commander and the District conference will be held on 21 October at Post 120 on Lake Shore Dr.

Beth shared that mileage is due for any travel to the VA. You must request travel pay each time you go. At the Wichita Falls VA the individual responsible for travel pay is located near the restrooms.

Bonnie shared you can now use your VA card to shop at the commissary. You can request a DEERS appointment and have your VA card set to access base.

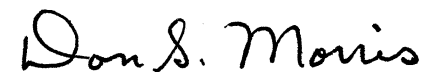
At the Pioneer Reunions we sold 46 hog hunt raffle tickets and 195 raffle tickets for the 55" TV. We had a drawing for the winners and they will be contacted to arrange pickup.

CLOSING

A closing prayer was offered by Chaplain Daniel Stearns.

The Colors retired by Sargent-at-Arms Austin Forsyth.

Commander Don Morris declared the meeting adjourned at 2035 hours



DON MORRIS
POST COMMANDER



JOHN MCCLURE
POST ADJUTANT

Upcoming events:

November:

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

21st – General meeting, 1900

December:

10th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300

?? – Wreaths arrive at Town Hall, time TBD

16th – Wreaths Across America, ceremony 1100 followed by wreath laying

18th – General meeting, 1900

January:

14th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300

16th – General meeting, 1900