

# American Legion Post 250 E-Board Minutes

Date: 12 April 2023

Attendance:	Cmdr	xx	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	xx	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	xx
	Finance Off	xx	Adj	xx	JA	xx
	Chaplin	xx	SVC Off	ex	SAA	Absnt
	ASAA	Absnt	Historian	xx	EB 1	xx
	EB 2	xx				

Call to order : 1830

Chaplin Gave opening prayer

Commander introduced Past Commanders : Dick Rowe and John Ruark.

Commander introduced guest: Linda Storey and Amy Long-Rogers

Finance Report as of 4/1/2023

Beginning Balance: \$76,165.00

Ending Balance \$90,908.00

See attachment 1 for detailed report.

Motion was made by John Ruark and seconded by John Rosenau to accept the report as read subject to audit. No discussion. Motion was voted on and passed.

Officer Reports:

Chaplin: Gary Fleming is at Emergency Room at St Vincent Middleburg.

Kate Kelly is in Hospital. Don't know if Legion or Auxiliary.

1st Vice: Membership is at 96%. Currently have 897 members logged need 36 more to male 100%. John Rosenau is talking to two Commanders at Camp Blanding about coming in on drill days and talking to the troops about the benefits of belonging to the Legion.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Claystock. Will be needing help with that. Need security people and others (parking etc). We are supplying a tent. They are supplying a food truck and the vendors. Trying to organize a picnic for Armed Forces Day. Motion was made by John Ruark and seconded by Dick Rowe to bring that before the general meeting this month. The approximate cost is \$600.00. Motion was voted on and passed. May 29<sup>th</sup> we will be having a ceremony at the wall with lunch afterwards. Sept 9<sup>th</sup> will be having an event for the Van Zandt bench. Sept 30<sup>th</sup> will be Rocket Man Ride. It will start here and end here. Sept 16<sup>th</sup> will be the POW/MIA ride to Cecil Field.

Judge Advocate: Final nominations for officers for the 2023-2024 year will be held on April 20 at the General Membership Meeting. In person voting will be Saturday May 6, 2023, 10am to 3pm at the post.

American Legion Post 250 Military Excellence Medal/Ribbon and Certificate and the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 250 Scholastic Excellence Medal/Ribbon set were presented at the Clay High School NJROTC Awards Ceremony on Thurs April 6/2023. April 7, 2023, the same was presented at Oakleaf High School NJROTC. Thursday April 20, 2023, the same will be presented at Fleming Island High School NJROTC Awards Ceremony and Tuesday 25 April 2023 the same will be presented at Middleburg High School NJROTC Awards Ceremony.

Historian: End of year is here for reports going to Department and National. If you have any reports going in please forward the info to him so he can catch up his records. If you want your info added to the year book send it to him. Monthly newsletter is coming up so send what you want him to put in it. If you want to unsubscribe from the newsletter just click on to unsubscribe word. The reason that your e mail address is there is to tell the computer that you want to unsubscribe.

E-Board: The Veterans Council is putting on a ride going out of the Little V on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to raise funds for the Veterans Community Center. Mission BBQ is doing Armed Forces Week starting May 15 thru May 19 2023. Active duty and veterans can get a free sandwich. Army Mon 5/15 , Marine Corps Tues 5/16, Navy Wed 5/17, Air Force & Space Force Thur 5/18 and Coast Guard , Fri 5/19. Lunch with Heroes is May 20<sup>th</sup>. John Ruark is the new Vice President of the Clay County

Veterans Council. Middleburg Civic Association Spring Festival is Saturday 15 2023. Post 250 will have a recruiting table there.

Canteen Manager: POS system should be up by Apr 13<sup>th</sup>.

Committee Reports: School Medals: Doc has about 6 schools lined up. More to come. He will need help getting them presented at the schools.

Boys State: Two of our Boys state Alternates have be picked up as Delegates by other Posts. New rules for alternates are that they must register with Department then it is first come first served.

Baseball: There are 16 teams registered in the state and 8 of them are in the 5<sup>th</sup> District. 4 senior teams and 4 junior teams. Still trying to get Middleburg to commit.

Blood Drive: Blood Drives are done for this year. May start back up in August.

Commanders Report:

Open House went well. The organizations that came were happy. We only had 16 families signed in but 13 people either renewed their membership or joined. We will be doing the next one at a different time of year when there is not a county fair going on.

The Children's Carnival was a huge success. Dennis and Diane Bowlen were here and they were really impressed.

Old business:

We have two estimates for signage (Fleming Signs and Wraptor, Inc.). They are very different in price due to different materials being used. We have one more company (Awards Gallery) doing an estimate for us. Questions were asked about adding parking spots to the parking lot. Discussion was held and John Rosenau was going to get some info ready for the April general meeting. A question was raised about where we were on the flooring issues. The commander informed the committee that we are still waiting for estimates from two different companies. Discussion was held about money being raised for fencing. No figures were available at this time.

Good of the Order:

The commander received a letter seeking a donation for a memorial wall for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. He asked for a volunteer from that era to take on a fund raiser. The wall is going up in Port St Lucie.

The resolution read and approved at the last meeting has been accepted by Department and will be on the agenda for the department Convention in June.

Sal is thinking of starting a Junior Sal Group. Commander will contact Beckie Tibbs at Department to get info on such a group.

Cindy Anderson advised the group that there is a way to buy postage stamps at a reduced price. Commander told her to send out a link about how to order them. Will be brought up at the General Meeting.

We were approached by the Southern Area Commander to assist with a Leadership retreat being held in May 2023 and he has been in contact with a unit coming home from Poland. We have agreed to help with the demobilization party. We will provide the food and he will reimburse us. We will also be doing some membership recruiting there.

John Rosenau is discussing with a couple of Commanders at Camp Blanding about talking to the troops on their drill weekend.

Chaplin said closing prayer

Salute to Flag

Meeting adjourned at 1704 hrs.

Ken White  
Commander

Dick Rowe  
Adjutant

