

American Legion Post 250 General Membership Meeting

Date: 19 January 2023

Chaplin gave opening prayer

POW/MIA flag was recognized

Assistant Sgt at Arms led meeting in reciting the Pledge Of Allegiance

The Preamble to the Constitution was recited in unison.

Quorum: Yes xx No –

Call to Order: 1900

Introduction of Past Officers: Dick Rowe, John Ruark, Donnie James

Guest: Cherise Korn Clay County Service Officer: She spoke about the Pact Act. A Pact Act information session will be held on Jan 27 in the Clay County Board of Commissioners Admin Building 6pm to 8pm. She outlined some of the benefits available at the different disability ratings. She explained the difference between service connected and non-service connected disabilities. Her phone number is 904-529-4734.

At this time the Commander asked for a motion to skip the reading of the last months minutes. Motion was made, seconded, voted on and passed.

Officer Reports:

Finance Officer: Beginning Balance: \$92,609 Ending Balance: \$91,062 Average Balance thru 2022 was \$92,000.00. Motion was made to accept the finance report as read subject to order. Motion was seconded, voted on and passed. Detailed report available for viewing on request.

Chaplin: C W is home and Pat Glover is home. If you need use call use.

First Vice: we have six new members: Anthony Flower, Travis Mann, Michael Larkin, Billy Avance, David Ezyverm and John Hill. Motion was Made to accept all six as new members. Motion was seconded, voted on and passed. Currant membership is at 80.2%. We need 8 more renewals or new ones to reach our next months goals which is 85%.. right now we have 785 members. Our Goal for 100% is 934.

Second Vice: Excused

Service Officer: Request for wheel chair for housebound Veteran was turned down as it was two wide. Attended John Muldoon's stepdaughter. John is a SAL and Legion Rider member. The GI Bill will now pay for Professional License testing up to \$2000.00. Beware of attempted identity theft.

Judge Advocate: By laws are approved by Department and should be returned by end of month.

Historian: Not much History wise. Blood drive on the 28th of Jan.

SAL: Membership at 61%. Have already reached Feb Goal

Committee: Boys State, Tryouts were held on Jan 14th. 5 candidates were chosen, and 4 Alternates were chosen

Disaster Prep: Hurricane season is over but will be back soon.

Old Business: Cost Estimate for sign for outside of building. \$2,450.00. Will get some more estimates. Then will talk about spending the money.

New Business: Motion was made to do away with Wed. night bands. Motion was seconded. Discussion was held. Motion was voted on and passed. Motion was made to replace the stairs at the house. Motion was seconded. A \$500.00 amount was added to the motion. That did

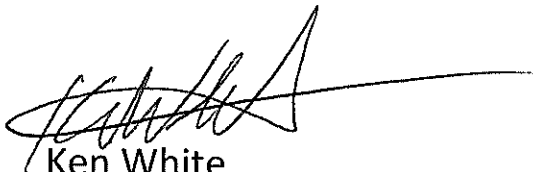
not include a wheelchair ramp. Motion was tabled until discussion is held with Boy Scouts. Motion Was made to approve the Commander spending no more then \$700.00 for end of year awards. Motion was seconded, voted on and passed. A motion was made to reserve hotel rooms for the Commander and 2 more for the Summer convention in Orlando. Motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

Good of the Legion: School medal time is coming up and Doc can use some volunteers. The first headstone from National has arrived and been put in place. On Feb 1st go eat at Culvers. Part of the money you pay will go to the Veterans Center. 4-8 pm. Wear something that identifies you as a veteran. TALARC (The American Legion Amateur Radio Club) . We have a very large group at Post 250.They have their meetings at the house and if anyone is interested they can go to one of their meeting and they will let you try some of their equipment. Jan 28th is their field day here at Post 250. Come out and see what it is all about.

Commander's report: Buddy Checks were held on Jan 14th. Approximately 100 calls were made. About 20 of the calls resulted in number no longer in use. Some e-mails were also no good. We need to figure out how to contact these people. If someone tells you they aren't getting info about the post tell them to contact us. On that day 3 people came in and renewed. Department commanders visit was made on January 14th. She observed us doing Buddy checks and was quite impressed. She also visited the TALARC meeting and got the grand tour of that. She then came into the post and talked to the officers and members that were attending. It was a very informative. After her prepared remarks she then went around and talked to individuals. She talked about The Billy Awards The Legion Basic Training which can be found on Legion.Org. Her end of year party will be held down in Winter Haven. If you are interested contact Commander White. UOF Health

Services has received a large grant to treat veterans with PTSD. If you know of anyone that needs help have them, contact Ron Hasty at 904-245-8155. PTSD can be from military service civilian service. Does not have to be military related.

E-Board: Veterans Appreciation Day will be held at Thrasher Horn on Mar 11th at 10am. Vietnam Veterans Recognition ceremony be held on Mar 25th at the memorial in Green Cove Springs.



Ken White
Commander



Richard Rowe
Adjutant