

American Legion Post 250 General Membership Meeting

Date: 15 February 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 hr.

Roll call of Officers: Commander, Excused Adjutant xx1st Vice xx 2nd

Vice xx, Finance xx, Chaplain xx Service Officer, Excused Judge

Advocate xx, Historian xx, E-board 1 Excused, E-Board 2 xx.

Guest: Charlotte Wilson, Kathryn Wilgus from the Villages For Veterans. They are in the process of building the first women veterans transition home in Central Florida and are seeking donations. It will be called Ashley House named after 1LT Ashley White who was killed during combat operations in Kandahar Province Afghanistan on October 22nd 2011. Her memory will serve to inspire the many woman veterans that will move through this house as they transition into a successful civilian life.

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.

The Adjutant then read the minutes from the February 8 2023 e-board meeting. A motion was made by Donnie James to accept the minutes as read. Motion seconded by Billy Nemic. No discussion. Motion voted on and passed.

Officer Reports:

Finance Officer: Beginning Balance: \$91,062.00 Ending Balance: \$88,661. The prices on just about everything we have, or use has gone up. There is \$420.00 available in the fence account. Motion was made by Doc Tarrant to accept the finance report as read subject to order. Motion was seconded by Ziggy voted on and passed. Detailed report available for viewing on request.

Chaplin: No one on the board.

First Vice: we have seven new members: Kevin Shekeckels, Michael Mercer, Anthony Flowers, Micheal Larkin, Leroy Erickson, Karl Koch, and Kim Biddle. They were accepted by the membership as new members. Membership is 851 members or 91.2%. Our Goal for 100% is 934 members.

Second Vice: Mar 4th the is the snowball express rise starting here and ending here. Mar 17 there will be a St Patrick's Day party, April 1st there will be a blood drive here at the post. Also, on April 1st there is an Open House. Mar 21 Will Food for Clay food giveaway. April 8th is the Children's Carnival.

Service Officer: No Report.

Judge Advocate: Wayne Elliott read the schedule for the up coming elections. Nominations will take place on Thursday March 16 2023 General Membership Meeting and on Thursday April 20, 2023 General Membership Meeting. Election Day Voting in person will be Saturday May 6 2023 at the post from 10am until 3pm. Absentee ballots are only available upon request and must be returned /received at Post 250 at least one 1 day prior ** (5 May) to scheduled election date. All absentee ballots will be counted at the same time as the Election Day

On- Site ballots. The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is Saturday** (April 29 2023 – one week before In person Voting.

Wane made a Motion to accept this plan as read 2nd by Donnie James Voted on and passed.

Historian: Monthly newsletter has started. If you want to insert anything in the letter, contact Shannon Wofford. Pass the word to members that you know to update their contact information with the post so that we can keep you informed as to what is happening here.

SAL: Membership at 67.3 % Have already reached March. Goal

Committee: Boys State We received a check from John Nelson for \$1200. A letter of appreciation was sent out.

JROTC: Letters have been sent out for Cadet of the year award.

School Medals: Doc needs presenters to go to the schools to hand out awards. If you are interested, please contact him.

Baseball: No report

Blood Drive: Mama Chappy was given an award and a big cake at the District Meeting on Feb 12th for reaching the milestone of donating 98 gallons of blood. She will retire when she reaches 100 gallons.

Boy scouts: The Scout going for Eagle Scout will be doing the brick laying project for the walkway out to the Wall on Monday February 20th

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: The Commander has requested the we begin the March meeting combined with the Aux and Sal attending to discuss a way forward with our meals.

Commander's report: Thank everyone for coming out and helping with the new fence installation.

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.

Meeting adjourned at 2037

Ken White
Commander

Richard Rowe
Adjutant