

**Meeting Date:** 2018.04.21 April meeting.

**American Legion Brown-Guest Post 30** met at the *Paris Elk's Lodge* at 10am.

Those present included Commander Don Karasek, Vice Commander / Adjutant Mike Hanlon, Judge Advocate Keith Brown, District Commander Andy Lowen; members: Amy Burton, John Herrington, George Haueke, and new member Ray Rosenbaum; and 1 Guest.

The commander called the meeting to order; Acting Chaplain Mike Hanlon made the invocation, the members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the American Legion Preamble.

Keith Brown read the March 17<sup>th</sup> minutes. Mike Hanlon moved the minutes be accepted. Amy Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Don Karasek read the Financial report. Keith Brown moved the financial report be accepted. Amy Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Unfinished business:

- Amy Burton reported she had (a) completed the Post 30 Facebook page and it references the Post's website, and the website now references the Facebook page, (b) contacted local media and they are announcing the Post's new meeting date, time, and location.
- Keith Brown reported the notification letter was printed and delivered to the commander.
- Don Karasek announced officer nominations (Financial Officer, Chaplain, Sargent at Arms, Historian, Hubmaster) are scheduled for May, elections are scheduled for June, and the new officers will be installed in October.

New business included:

- Andy Lowen reported:
  - Post 30 is now above 100% (65 members) as the post now has 66 members. Some of the increase came from assigning to local posts American Legion members who were previously assigned to the Texas admin Post 345.
  - On the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in August (0800 – 1200 hours) the Commander and Adjutant of each local post (in our region of District 1) are expected to attend a membership meeting in Deport. This membership meeting will replace the annual coffee tour and the location will change from year to year.
  - The Consolidated Post Report (CPR) is due in May.
  - Audie Murphy Day is 12 May.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Division Convention will be held on 5 May (0900 – 1300 hours) in Ft Worth.
  - Department of Texas Convention will be held in San Antonio in July.

- Amy Burton mentioned the importance of the DD214 and the post discussed benefits available to veterans.
- The commander was asked to relay the time and date of the memorial service to Andy Lowen.

Keith Brown made a \$20 cash donation and donated the cost of printing the notification letter.

Acting Chaplain Mike Hanlon made the benediction.

Commander Karasek adjourned the meeting.