

American Legion Department of Texas Brown/Guest Post 30 Paris, TX

Meeting Date: April 17, 2021

American Legion Brown/Guest Post 30 met at the Elks Lodge at 1000 hours.

Present: 16 members and 8 guests. See Attached List.

SGT at Arms posted the colors.

Chaplain made the opening prayer.

Commander lead members in POW/MIA ceremony.

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

All members recited the Preamble of the American Legion.

The Commander opened the Post to business.

Adjutant read roll call of Officers:

Commander - present

1st Vice Commander – present

2nd **Vice Commander** – excused

Adjutant - present

Finance Officer – present

Chaplain – excused

Judge Advocate - present

All present and/or accounted.

Service Officer – present

Sgt at Arms - present

Web Master – excused

Hub Master - present

Historian - present

1st Trustee - present

2nd Trustee - present

March/Executive Minutes stand approved/corrected.

New Members/ Introduction of Guests: - Kelly Collins, Jonathan and Wendy Daley, Ricky Cooper, and Randy Loehr, all new members

Officer Reports and Committees:

Veterans Affairs and Service Officer, Amy Burton: Tricare Plans and extension of

deadlines to June 30, 2021, & Effective complaints, see attached.

Membership and Post Activities/Americanism, Reginald Hughes: Boys State

applicants being processed

Budget and Finance, Rick Leonhardt: finance report read

Fundraising, Ronnie Morton: none

Balloting on Applications: New members approved by unanimous vote.



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Sick call, Relief, and employment by the Chaplain: Ronnie Morton had choking and esophageal spasm, overnight at hospital and had an EGD, also had cardioversion on 3/31/21. Jeff Dunken's brother previously on hospice but passed away on 4/13/21. Keith Brown's spouse in ill health & Keith Brown was in a farm accident.

Unfinished Business: - Division Convention 22 May 2021 in Ft. Worth.

Facebook page available for members to view.

Information to the Annual Veterans Rally in memory of Morgan Dudley inquiry to be done by Ronnie Morton and Charles & Ora Miles. No response received. Amy Burton reported RRVVM to display veteran and military items.

LED projector purchased.

Boy Scouts, Troop 2, eagle ceremony on May 25th at 1500 hrs at Lamar Church of Christ.

Initiation of Candidates: Kelly Collins, Tom Wagnon, Jonathan & Wendy Daley, Ricky Cooper, and Randy Loehr sworn in and received new member kits.

Correspondence by the Adjutant: 71 Letters sent to update phone and email. information on membership. Roy Capps is deceased. Letter of thanks received and read from the NAACP for post donation.

New Business: Post will need new location for Poppy distribution due to Walmart no longer supporting any veteran divisions.

Post will need to place flags for Memorial Day on veteran graves. Charles Miles will form a committee for the flag placement.

Executive Committee Officer Nominations:

<u>Commander</u> – Reginald Hughes <u>1st Vice Commander</u> – Bill Townsend <u>2nd Vice Commander</u> – Ronnie Morton <u>Adjutant/Hubmaster</u> – Ora Miles <u>Service Officer</u> – Amy Burton <u>Finance Officer</u> – Rick Leonhardt <u>Judge Advocate</u> – Michael Covington



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<u>Chaplain</u> – Kelly Collins
<u>Sgt at Arms</u> – Cecil Poole
<u>Webmaster</u> – Keith Brown, with assist from Bill
Townsend and Rick Leonhardt
<u>Historian</u> – Charles Miles
<u>Trustee</u> – Jeff Dunken
<u>Trustee</u> – Wyndell Ferguson

Ora Miles made a motion to buy items for fundraiser, 2 guns, bow & arrow, and a rod & reel for up to \$3000.00 dollars. Reginald Hughes 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ora Miles made a motion to buy 50 t-shirts, 2nd Amendment and Grandpa, for \$450.00 dollars. Wyndell Ferguson suggested checking into Grandma t shirts as well. Arron Honsinger 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ora Miles motioned a request for committees to be able to have money to buy needed items between meetings. Wyndell Ferguson stated to spend \$100.00 per incident and a total of \$300.00 per month. Kip McClinchie 2^{nd} . Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Good of the Legion: Post need to form a PR committee and have a Press officer. RRVVM with have 2^{nd} Annual opening.

Closing Ceremony: Closing prayer given by Chaplain.

There being no further business, the Commander adjourned the meeting at 1105 hours.

Next meeting date: May 15, 2021	
Ora Miles	Wyndell Ferguson
Adjutant	Commander