



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Jonathan D. Rozier Post 164 – Katy, TX

Moderator: Sheryll Jones
Post Commander
Composed By: Jeff Pizarra
Post Adjutant

Date: April 26, 2017
Attendance: 23
Signed In: 25
Guests: 2
New Members: 6
Transfers: 0

Convened: 1937 hours

Adjourned 2126 hours

1900 hours – Guest Speaker Andy “Doc” Melder gave a presentation on the benefits of medical marijuana for veterans, especially for those considered senior citizens.

1937 Hours Commander Jones Called the Meeting to Order

Presenting of Colors:	Sgt. at Arms Jody Castro
POW/MIA Empty Chair:	Sgt. at Arms Jody Castro
Prayer:	Chaplain Rick Brokaw
Pledge of Allegiance:	Commander Jones
Recital of American Legion Preamble:	Commander Jones



Reading of March 2017 meeting minutes:

Adjutant Pizarra informed that gathering that copies of the minutes for February 2017 and March 2017 were available near the door at the sign-in table. Both minutes were also available on the Post website.

- Comrade R. Baker motioned to accept the minutes for February 2017 as written. Motion seconded by Comrade Malsbary. Motion passed unanimously with one (1) "Nay".
- Comrade R. Baker motioned to accept the minutes for February 2017 as written. Motion seconded by Comrade Catchings. Motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS and PROSPECTIVE/NEW MEMBERS

Commander Jones gave recognition to Past Commanders present at the meeting.

- Comrade Clock and Comrade Cormier

Commander Jones introduced 22nd District Commander Jimmie Mitchell

- Commander Mitchell thanked the guest speaker for his presentation.
- Mentioned supporting the Houston Veteran's Museum.
 - Comrade Croom suggested that the Merchant Marines should be included in the museum
 - Commander Mitchell replied that there will actually be a spot shared with the Coast Guard.
- Mentioned the District Executive Committee meeting on April 30th at 1400 hours to be held at Post 490.
- Thanked everyone for their efforts in making the 22nd District in membership.

INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Commander Jones asked all new members to introduce themselves. New members are:

- Ernesto Romero, Anthony Gallegos, Michael Franke, Brent Scott, Jose Nieto and Anthony Hart



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Report:

Finance Officer McGuire read and presented the finance report. Comrade R. Baker motioned to accept the report as read; Comrade Klekar seconded the motion. The motion passed. Report was turned in

Boy's State:

Adjutant Pizarra updated the membership on the status of the boys attending. Currently, of the thirty (30) boys selected as delegates, three (3) have dropped out due to personal reasons. Three (3) of boys attending will receive a grant from the Post with tuition and transportation being fully paid for. Comrade Croom motioned to accept the report; Comrade R. Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed. Report was turned in.

Membership Report:

Comrade Scoggin presented the membership report. Report was turned in.

- Question was asked: What is the CPR Report?
 - Commander Jones explained that it was a method of tracking what the Post does to promote the Legion; i.e. volunteering, dollar values, community programs and participation
- Adjutant Pizarra informed the membership of the volunteer hours sheet next to the sign-in sheet.

Post Service Officer:

Comrade Foland was absent due to medical reasons. His report was emailed to Adjutant Pizarra, who read the report. Report was turned in.

- Comrade Foland is requesting a Letter of Appreciation for the Assistant Manager of the Kroger on SH-99 and Morton Road for the participation and assistance during Thanksgiving. This is his third time asking.
- Comrade Foland is also asking for a Letter of Appreciation for Blue Bell Ice Cream for their donation of ice cream during the VA Fun Day.
- It was also mentioned that Comrade Foland reached 1,000 volunteer hours.



- On either May 2nd or May 3rd, the VA will be holding a recognition ceremony. Time is unknown. Comrade Malsbary will verify and forward information.

Chaplain report:

Chaplain Brokaw presented his report.

- Comrade Foland was admitted to the hospital due to heart condition.
- Comrade Seaton is still in the hospital.
- Comrade Malsbary has recovered well from pneumonia.

Vice-Commander:

Vice-Commander Malsbary had no report. However, he wanted to make a few points.

- He made a promise a year ago to make our Post more fun. He has made arrangements with Agave Rio to allow members of our Post to enjoy a social brunch at the restaurant's location at a discounted price. It will be on May 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The price will be \$12.50 per person.
- Comrade Foland may need assistance when he is released from the hospital and would like to know if anyone would be willing to volunteer.
 - Commander Jones assigns Chaplain Brokaw to head the committee.

Executive Committee Report:

Comrade Klekar had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Certificates of Appreciation:

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to the following for their participation in the VA Fun Day:

- Jeff Pizarras, Bobby Stef, Jim McGuire, Rick Brokaw and Harry Woodstrom.



OLD BUSINESS

- Comrade McGuire gave an update on the Post's social media. He informed the membership that the Post will maintain the Facebook page and the website, while discontinuing the LinkedIn page.
 - Comrade McGuire also touched on our In-Kind Sponsorship Program. The program was designed to help solicit and facilitate donations / funds for the Post. We currently only have one (1) company that has participated. We are looking for more sponsors, but to do that we will need volunteers from the membership to step up and reach out to the businesses in our community.
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NEW BUSINESS

- Commander Mitchell spoke about Military Ball in regards to not enough members from the different services participating. There will also be a silent auction and if you have questions, please contact Commander Jones.
- Comrade Catchings spoke about the VFW Honor Guard and that members from both the Legion and the VFW were welcome to participate. Typically during the Memorial Day Weekend, there is usually a high volume of requests and Comrade Catchings is looking for volunteers. There will be training on May 2nd, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the VFW office.
- Commander Jones reminded everyone of the Department Convention from July 12 to July 16. If anyone is interested, let the Adjutant know. She emphasized that someone from the Post must be present for votes.
- Adjutant Pizarra read Resolutions of Endorsement for the following:
 - o For Department Commander: Jeff Perkins from Post 453 Dallas, TX
 - o For 2 Division Commander: Milton Chatham from Post 817 Beaumont, TX
- A motion was made by Comrade Woodstrom to put to the side till the next general meeting. Motion was seconded by Comrade R. Baker. Motion passed.
- Comrade McGuire made a request on behalf of the soon to be chartered Post 164 Auxiliary. He requested donating \$500 to assist with the formation of unit.
 - o Comrade Woodstrom pointed out that it was a loan, not a donation.
- Comrade McGuire made the motion to approve the loan. Comrade Woodstrom seconded. Motion passed.
 - o Point of order was made by Comrade Cormier. He inquired that shouldn't this go through the Executive Committee.



- The answer was that this request did not come to the executive Committee before their last meeting, and so was brought up before the membership. Even if it has gone before the Executive Committee, it would still have to be voted on by the membership.

2017 – 2018 POST OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS

Post Commander	Harry Woodstrom
Vice –Commander	Richard Baker
Adjutant	Jeff Pizarra
Finance Officer	Jim McGuire
Judge Advocate	Ernie Cormier
Chaplain	Rick Brokaw
Historian	Greg Clock
Sergeant-at-Arms	Jody Castro
Hubmaster	Paul Dudkowski
Service Officer	Jim Foland
Public Relations	Greg Clock
Executive Committeemen	1) Wallace Klekar
(3 openings)	2) Philip Malsbary
	3) Henry Thomas

Closing Prayer:

Chaplain Rick Brokaw

Meeting adjourned at 2126 hours

Adjutant Jeff Pizarra