

Meeting Minutes, General membership meeting Feb 24, 2021

CDR opened meeting at 1930

Adjutant William Kennison was absent

All other officers present

2nd VCDR Phil Malsbary presented Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award to:

Katy ISD Officer Pickering

Katy PD Officer Diaz

CDR read minutes from previous (Jan) meeting, no changes/objections

CDR read Executive Committee meeting minutes No changes / objections

New Member (transfer. Life member) – Terry Higginbotham (check spelling)

CDR presented National Certificate of Completion of American Legion basic Training to Ed Sweat

Finance officer

Read Finance report (*need minutes from Harry*)

Rent of \$1,500 paid for year per lease agreement

Balance: \$2,487.66

2nd VCDR Working on getting room finished

Sgt at Arms Report – (*Bill has info*)

Service Officer Report

3 - needing help with data on their claim, sent to Michael to look that info up.

1 - needed an address to mail to and somebody to talk to

1 - talked to and needs help just doesn't trust people.

5 Total for 2 Hours

Membership – Current 85%, we are at 96.9%, Goal is 307 members, currently at 295. need to keep working on getting new members. New member goal is 31, currently have 12 new members, Membership year ends in May.

Boys State –

Packets have been submitted

Couple of applications submitted from HS we did not solicit

Scheduling interviews, meeting some resistance from schools granting access due to KVA (Katy Virtual Academy, online schools) sensitivities.

Will explore doing interviews at Post instead of school, maybe weekend or after school hours.

Boys State feedback from mid-winter conference interviews will be virtual, no official details till Mar 15th

Honor Guard –

9 Funerals

89 Service hours

Board of Trustees –

Thanks to everyone for efforts in clean up.

Some progress of small conference room

PR Report

- Stephen Brady and Tony Martin interviewed on camera for documentary on F4 Story for the American Legion Magazine (min-documentary) and article to be submitted to national.
- Katy Chamber Mixers Regular attendance and alignment, plan to host a mixer at the post this summer
- Honor Guard and Legion Riders to attend 2/27 event for C.O.O.L. Ministries event www.bloodofchrist.us/cool
- Need photos of last post everlasting for the video, branch of service
- Reached out to Oratorical recipient family for story on Santiago and family (have not heard back)
- Veterans Business Force sponsorship, invites to meetings to meet veteran business owners and recruit.
- Update: got us featured in the local media for the Wreaths Across America mobile exhibit
- Working on a fitness initiative to rally vets to come train twice a month at the post and expand from there

Initiation of members (3)

Terry Higginbotham

Peter Batura

Shane Hayes

Unfinished Business

Harry Woodson – Motion to withdraw motion to pay insurance as it is not due now

Motion to withdraw the motion to pay insurance 2nd by Butch Sparks

Motion to withdraw the motion passed

For information only CDR read resolution from Gary Towers, running for Department Of Texas 2nd Division Commander asking for support.

Lake Granbury Post 491 has endorsed Gary Towers as State Office, 2nd Division

MOU with FD is ready to forward to FD and have FD and CDR review and modify as required or sign.

Breakfast with a Vet to resume in April

Next Executive Committee Meeting 3/12/21

Next General membership Meeting 3/24/21

Sponsorship program approved – Chairman Ed Sweat

VA PTSD Committee meets at Post every Monday 1-2:30

Sheetrocking of the walls in the Post need to be finished before District meeting

Election Committee, Chair Forrest Croom, has candidates for most of the positions for next year, open positions

Post Commander

2nd Vice Commander

Chaplain

Buddy checks completed, no knowledge of anyone having issues requiring assistance

Sat 2/27 – VA Clinic will be providing COVID vaccine, 1st shot, from 8-4, must be in VA system to get shot. Need representatives to solicit new members, especially SONS, Riders, Aux.

Wreaths Across America trailer will be at Camping World, Katy, 3/7/21, 9-4.

Educating public on program

Providing Vietnam War Veterans Pin as appropriate

Retirement Flag collection 3/6, Lowes, Ace mason, Ace Pin Oak

Motion by ???? for Adjutant to start keeping log of motions made at meeting

2nd Stephen Brady

Motion passed

Good of the Legion:

5/29/21, 9-12, Poker Run by Motorcycle club, will use Post building as gathering point for kickoff. Legion Riders will oversee events while at the Post. Minimal direct AL involvement by Post.

Butch Sparks brought up that American Legion Basic Training available online, highly recommend all take the opportunity

Online training is last Tuesday of each month via Zoom

Meeting adjourned 8:59