

Meeting Minutes
Executive Committee Meeting
September 8, 2014

NOTE: Minutes were taken by Member, Dennis Birchall, in the absence of the Adjutant due to attendance at the Fall Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) Statewide Training Conference

Opening: Commander called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Finance: Finance Officer read the attached report and stated that all known bills for September have been paid. Pat Downing moved to accept the report subject to audit. The second was provided. The motion passed unanimously.

Membership: There are 154 members for 2015, which puts the Post at 90% as well as number 1 in district and department.

Service Officer: Amador Lugo reported that he met with 5 veterans, which the Bandera County Service Officer refused to assist and sent them to the Kerrville VA Service Officer.

Chaplain: There are currently 5 veterans residing in Bandera nursing facilities: 5 at Bandera and 2 at Cedar Creek. Bandera residents are Langford, Peterson, Sweeney, Lowry, and Pannell. Cedar Creek residents are Salomon and Koenig. The Chaplain will coordinate with the nursing staffs regarding acceptable gift items for the resident Veterans. The Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church would like to sponsor a dinner for Veterans near Veterans Day this year; additional information will be provided and announced in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS

Safety Incident: No change in status.

Celebrate Bandera Parade: Post 157 received the 2nd Place trophy for our float.

Status of Charles W. Roberts: A short discussion of potential arrest of C. W. Roberts ensued. Charlie Baker will inquire as to the validity and status of any legal actions.

Dec 2013 IRS Audit Results: The results of the IRS Audit were received and posted to the bulletin board; several minor errors which can be quickly addressed.

Oratorical Contest: Scott Pofahl, first place District level winner in the 2014 Oratorical contest has received his \$600 scholarship at Schreiner University / Greystone Academy.

NEW BUSINESS

Kerrville Parade: Kerrville parade is looking for additional participants; additional information forthcoming.

Building Inspection: Professional Inspector, David Allen, conducted the building inspection on September 5, 2014. Results of the inspection will be presented at the next General Membership meeting. This is the baseline to obtain estimates for repairs and remodeling in order to apply for grants. A.J. Hodges identified that she has resources that may assist with grant writing.

Potential New Mico Post: The Bandera Courier published an article (September 4, 2014) regarding a meeting on September 13 at 2 p.m. regarding interest in establishing a new Post in Mico. Each District Commander was encouraged to start a new Post. Post 410 has 144 members. There are 180 veterans in Pipe Creek drawing disability who are not Legion members.

Department Executive Training: Charlie Baker and Susan Junker are registered to attend on September 27 in Austin.

Upcoming Event Reminders: Commander Baker announced several upcoming events to include the Helping A Hero Groundbreaking on September 11th at Canyon Lake and the Mental Health Summit on September 13th in Kerrville. Flyers and details are on the website under "Current Events".

Website Inquiry and Issue: A non-executive committee member stated that the Website is not being kept up to date and identified that March minutes were the last ones posted. He asked who's job it was to maintain the site. He thought you had to have Microsoft office to download the minutes.

Closing: Charlie Baker moved to adjourn and Pat Downing provided the second. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Susan L. Junker
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