# Minutes General Membership Meeting July 15, 2014

NOTE: Minutes reconstructed from notes and attendees due to electronic file corruption issue.

**Opening:** Commander, Raymond Baker, opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

**Meeting Minutes**: Adjutant read the minutes from Joint Installation Meeting, June 17, 2014: minutes stand as read.

**Finance**: Finance Officer, Charlie Baker, provided the Finance Report (attached). A motion was made to accept the Report subject to audit; seconded and unanimously approved.

<u>Membership</u>: Renewals are starting to come in daily; at almost 50% for renewals already. Additional new members are still needed to exceed the 2015 goal and make up for deceased members.

Service Officer: Nothing to report

<u>Chaplain</u>: William Bowie reported out on his recent visits to the Bandera Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and Cedar Creek. The newsletter that is in works will include a section for the Chaplain and encourage visits by others to these veterans.

<u>Website/Hubmaster</u>: Susan Junker reported out on new additions to the Website and that input is needed for the newsletter. There were no objections to a quarterly hardcopy newsletter and a monthly update newsletter on line. Hubmaster items will initially go out at least once per month and increase based on feedback received.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Boys' State**: Thank you notes to all sponsors with an invitation to attend the August 19, 2014 meeting to hear presentations by the attendees were sent.

<u>Safety Incident:</u> Charlie Baker provided an update on the Insurance Adjustor meeting and Amador Lugo identified that he would submit the additional information he obtained at the time of the incident.

**Department Convention**: Attendees provided feedback on the Convention highlights. The membership awards presented to the Post were on hand for members to read prior to hanging in the Post hall. Commander, Raymond Baker, provided his and the Legion's stance on the requirement to accept and encourage the diversity among veterans and our members.

<u>Pancake Breakfast</u>: Plans were finalized. Ben Rosario, TVC Veterans Service Officer, and Mary Jo Schaffer, Bandera County VSO have been invited to attend.

**Fundraising**: Commander identified the need to identify additional ways to raise funds for programs, the facility and to cover memberships. Charlie Baker provided a Legion brochure on fundraising ideas. This will be an ongoing topic of discussion.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Color Guard:** The Legion has been asked and will provide a color guard at the Frontier Times Museum for opening ceremonies on July 25, 2014 in support of the Day of the Cowboy.

## **Upcoming Events:**

#### ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Finance Report
- 2 Attendee List

Raymond E. Baker, Sr. Commander American Legion Post 157

Susan L. Junker Adjutant American Legion Post 157