

Minutes
General Membership Meeting
February 18, 2014

Special Events:

Guest Speakers:

1. Cedar Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation Center: Susan Buckley, Rehabilitation Director, spoke about Medicare rules and the financial impact for both Long Term Care and Rehabilitative Services. She provided a handout on Medicare facts. She also described the significant changes made at the Center under new management. Invitations were issued to attend an open house on February 19, 2014, and the Renovation Celebration on February 22, 2014.

2. Odyssey Hospice (soon to be Gentiva): Kathryn Tesch, provided background and capability information about the hospice services available. The company's base of operations is Kerrville and services the entire Hill Country. She explained financial options, the tailoring of hospice services to the patient's needs were delivered by a team of providers (physical, social, spiritual e.g.) She also introduced the volunteer program options: training is provided. They are part of the "We Honor Veterans" program from National Hospice and Palliative Care Association which assists in aligning veterans with VA and veterans organizations.

Opening: Commander Charlie Baker called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.

Kathryn Tesch, the newest membership applicant, was unanimously approved for membership after a motion by Ray Baker and a second by Patricia Downing. The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble, followed by Doris Bell, Chaplain providing the invocation.

Monthly Reports

Adjutant: The January minutes were read and accepted.

Finance: Patricia Downing provided the Financial Report (attached). Ray Baker moved to accept as presented and Alisa Hodges provided a second. The members unanimously approved it.

Veterans Service Officer: Ray Baker provided an update on John Collins passing and subsequent research, assistance and success in obtaining burial at Fort Sam Houston. He strongly recommended that all members and veterans establish a file that contains your military service record that should include as a minimum DD 214, names of relatives, locations, etc. This becomes critical when arranging hospice care, and access to veterans benefits.

Membership: American Legion has recognized 133 total for the Post, but there are another 11 membership applications in process.

OLD BUSINESS

Oratorical Contest: Scott Pofahl, the Division level winner, received 3rd Place at the Department level competition on January 17th. He received a \$1000 scholarship there and earned a total of \$3,800 in scholarship funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Bulletin Board: Commander posted information on the Clear Creek events. He also mentioned the VA “Salute to Women Veterans” scheduled for February 22nd. Captain Alisa Hodges retirement ceremony is March 14th and Radio Station retirement celebration on March 15th; RSVP appreciated for both.

District Convention (Mar 22-23, Kerrville): Alisa Hodges moved to designate Charlie Baker and Allen Praytor as delegates and Pat will be the Alternate Delegate. Post 157 has 7 votes total regardless of the number of delegates. Ray provided a second and it was unanimously approved. Any member may attend.

Website: Susan Junker provided an update on completion status; finalizing the Membership and Veterans Service Officer sections. Solicited feedback on the website under development as well as photos and other recommended content.

Elections: Charlie Baker is the Chairman of the nominating Committee as he is not running for an office. If you are interested in an office, let he or Susan Junker know. The timeline is as follows: the ballot will be drafted in April, and elections held at May membership meeting. Department elections will be held on July 9th, so Post officers must be certified before then. Charlie provided information on appointment process for committees. Members interested in being on the nominating committee should notify the Commander.

Adjournment: With no additional topics, Alisa Hodges moved to adjourn and Patricia Downing provided a second. The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Attachments:

- 1 – Attendees Roster
- 2 – Finance Report

Charlie Baker
Commander

Susan Junker
Interim Adjutant