

**Commander, John Saunders:** Opened meeting at 7:00 p.m. with appropriate ceremonies. A motion was made and passed to suspend regular meeting.

**Chaplain, Bill Roberts:** Presented prayer to open the meeting.

Introduction was made for guests, distinguished visitors and new members were welcomed. Motion passed to accept previous month's general membership and executive committee meeting minutes.

#### **Presentation/Recognition**

**American Legion Auxiliary Rider Director, Mike Appleby;** On behalf of the Riders, they presented a contribution to the Boys State, Post 113 debt relief and the Auxiliary Post 113 scholarship fund.

Commander Saunders recognized two volunteers, Kat and Ivy for their support of the legion.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Chaplain, Bill Roberts:** Remember in prayer those who are listed within the post newsletter, The Bugler.

**Post Manager, Debbie;** All of April is filled with events and there will not be any Saturday night dinners scheduled. Thanks to all who help volunteer and make the Legion a success!

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice, Joe Garrett:** 2017 membership goal is 1,384. Currently, there are 1,220 members with 88% toward goal. Members are encouraged to speak to others of the benefits of American Legion membership.

- For those who bring on 10 members (new or renewals) for 2017 will be authorized to pick a jacket of their choice from the Legion Emblem Sales catalog.
- For those who bring on 3 new members may be recognized by the National Commander with a pin.
- A list of former members who have not yet renewed their membership is available for those who wish to reach out to them for membership renewal.

**Adjutant, Randy Harris:** Contact the adjutant for information regarding weekly golf tournaments.

**2d Vice Denzil Lyle:** A Spring Clean will be scheduled for the legion and volunteers to support this event is requested. Date will be announced.

- A JEVCO meeting was held recently with many veteran issues discussed. See 2d Vice for further information and to attend the meetings.

**Finance Officer, Brian Knoch:** Provided balance sheet and profit and loss statement. There are no outstanding bills due (less building mortgage).

- The legion reached their goal of 51K within savings that go toward building maintenance and taxes. Any monies beyond this will go toward the building loan.
- Over the past four months over 50K has been placed toward the building loan relief. Outstanding balance is at \$43,369.
- The current pistol raffle funds are going direct to the building loan.
- Members are encouraged to bring to Commander Saunders attention those local charities in need of support.

**Legionnaire Tom Folsom; POC for the First Responders Appreciation Night:** The event was held on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped make the evening a success! Received a letter from the Chief of Police in Elizabethtown thanking the legion. Another event is being planned and will be in held on the same day as the monthly breakfast.

- The recent Texas Holdem had 26 people attend. \$672.00 has been applied toward the building loan relief. Another one is planned for 29 April.

**Nominating Committee Head, Mark Kennedy:** All positions have one person running. Commander – John Saunders / 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Joe Garrett / 2d Vice – Randy Cote / Adjutant – Randy Harris / Chaplain – Randy Crank / Property Book Officer – Tom Folsom / Sgt at Arms – John Crow / Asst Sgt at Arms – Glen Walters / Athletic Officer – Katherine Stampfle / Publicity Officer – Beverly Watkins / Historian – Rich Crouch / Finance Officer Brian Knoch / Child Welfare Officer – Airborne Cook.

**Unfinished Business, Commander Saunders:** Building maintenance repairs are ongoing and the lounge is now completed. Donations are being taken toward the purchase of large TVs.

- For those who want a tax form request see the Finance Officer, Brian Knoch.
- The hardwood floors in the main hall are being refurbished. The cost is approximately \$2000.00
- The Game Room air conditioner has been repaired.
- The Easter Bunny will be at the April Auxiliary Breakfast.

#### **News Business**

- The pistol raffle will only have 1000 tickets sold. Turn in any raffle ticket sales to the Commander.
- May 20<sup>th</sup> is the 4<sup>th</sup> District meeting at 2:00 pm at Post 113 which is election day. Lunch will be provided. The All are welcome to attend.
- The May meeting will have a Post Everlasting ceremony and elections.
- A Volunteer Appreciation Night will be hosted on April 22d. The post cannot do what it does without our volunteers. It is an invitation only event with dinner and entertainment.
- Members are encouraged to step up and volunteer to be part of the Executive Committee positions.
- The annual Elizabethtown “Bar-b-Que, Bikes and Blues” is scheduled on May 27<sup>th</sup>. The Legion Riders will be host the start of the event at the Legion where breakfast will also be served.
- Finance Officer, Brian Knoch is head of the Memorial Day Ceremonies.
- A recent post on the Legion Facebook page over the updates to the Lounge had over 1,602 people review. Continue to “share” the legion posts.
- The American Legion offers \$5000.00 for free; pick up the information at the table.
- \$10.00 will be given to the first person who finds the license plate in the lounge of “Black River NY Post 673”.
- A hospitality room will be set up at Convention with electronic pull tabs, food and beverage.
- Thanks to all who volunteer and support the legion!

#### **Good of the Legion:**

- The next general membership meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2017.
- The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled May 9, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned with appropriate ceremonies.

ATTEST; Beverly R. Watkins, Publicity Officer

John Saunders, Commander