

**General Membership Meeting
February 2018**

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Commander, John Saunders; Opened meeting at 7:00 p.m. with appropriate ceremonies.

Legion Chaplain Representative presented prayer to open the meeting.

Opening:

- Introduction was made for guests, distinguished visitors and new members were welcomed.
- SGM Robins, a representative from the JROTC with Hardin HS was present. He thanked the legion for their support to the JROTC helping them realize their Championship for Precision Shooting Competition.
- Motion passed to accept previous month's general membership and executive committee meeting minutes.

Committee Reports

Commander Saunders:

Post Manager, Stephen Stewart: There are many events coming up. A Chili Cook Off is planned for the coming Sunday with a "tail gate party" bringing in the Big Game. There will be 40 Soldiers from Ft Knox participating with the legion – help make them welcome!

- Marines will be returning to the legion for their meetings.
- Other organizations are being reviewed to use the legion facility for lunches and meetings.
- The biggest upcoming event is the Vietnam Honors Dinner. Donations are being solicited as this will be a community event. See Commander Saunders for further information.

First Vice, Joe Garrett: The legion goal for 2018 is 1,307 members. Currently, the legion is at 88% membership with 1,150 members.

- If any current members knows of someone who has not yet renewed their membership or a potential member, please encourage them to join.

Finance Officer, Brian Knoch; Provided balance sheet and profit and loss statement.

- Monetary contributions requests will be considered; please bring them forward to an Executive Committee member.

2d Vice, Randy Cote: The shed on the legion grounds is in need of organization and has stuff from all the legion families. March 3d is the scheduled date to go through the shed and legion family member representatives are requested to attend and help out.

Nominating Committee Representative: The various positions that remain vacant include; Commander, 1st Vice, Adjutant, Finance Officer, and Historian. Members are encouraged to step up and seek office. See the Commander any executive committee member or a member of the nominating committee to be nominated for a position. Nominating Committee Members: Al Maruszewski, Mike Kabel or John Crow.

Post Commander, John Saunders;

Unfinished Business:

- A Vietnam Veterans recognition dinner is scheduled for 29 March, Thursday. Volunteers are welcome to support the event. Doors will open at 6PM. See Commander Saunders to volunteer.
- The SAL is hosting on April 7th a local band, "Culpepper Express" will play. It is a free event.
- SAL is hosting a Neil Diamond impersonator on April 21st. There will be a dinner and a small charge.
- Volunteer Appreciation Night is scheduled for June 16th.
- The Legion Constitution and By Laws were read for the 3d time with the changes highlighted. A motion was made and passed to accept them as written.
- The lounge juke box is no longer working and will be removed. The installation of Touch Tunes will be made with several zones that can play different music or no music.
- Pictionary started at the legion on Monday nights, 6:00pm and is well attended.
- Volunteers for the various events are always welcomed/needed.
- A committee has been created to review the renaming of the building. A resolutions has been created requesting the same. A motion was made and passed to apply \$2,500.00 to go toward the name change and the purchase of a 20x20 facial plaque.

New Business:

- The Early Bird Award is achievable for the legion. Only three posts have achieved the recognition.
- Department Conference meeting was recently held. Suggestions are welcome for changes to the agenda. Please see Commander Saunders for any ideas/recommendations.
- Every legion member was sent a raffle ticket for a rifle. If you want more tickets please see Commander Saunders, or return those you do not use.
- The Auxiliary is hosting a Valentines Dance on 17th of Feb. The band Gypsy Stone Kings will be playing. Review the Bugler for further information.
- The Legion will be hosting two Texas Holdem tournaments; scheduled for March 2d, Friday, and March 30th, Friday. More information forthcoming. Volunteers are needed.

Good of the Legion:

- Post Manager, Stephen Stewart stated whenever there is a men's Kentucky or Louisville plays, there will be a happy hour in the lounge of .50cents off all drinks. Sodas remain the same price.
- LT Governor Jenean Hampton will be speaking at the next membership meeting.
- The next General membership meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2018.
- The Executive Committee meetings for February is scheduled for the 27th.

Meeting was adjourned with appropriate ceremonies.

ATTEST; Beverly R. Watkins, Publicity Officer

John Saunders, Commander