

**Joint Membership Meeting  
October 2017**

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

**District Chaplain** presented prayer to open the meeting.

**Opening:**

- Introduction was made for guests, distinguished visitors and new members were welcomed.
- Donations were made to the following:
  - Wreaths Across America - \$1000.00. The laying of the wreaths is scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup> at 1000 hrs. Space is limited so be there early.
- Guest - Legion Trail Behavioral Health System, Kenda: Spoke of the local health care provider organizations which serves children from eight years and older and all other ages, including veterans.
- Donation received from Harding County Charitable Group of \$500.00 to the Legion.
  - 40/8 donated to boys state in the name of James Bookout.
- Motion passed to accept previous month's general membership and executive committee meeting minutes.

**Committee Reports**

**Auxiliary Unit 113 President, Diane Kennedy:** ALA is helping host a 1<sup>st</sup> Responders breakfast on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Request volunteers to support this event. Contact Diane Kennedy at 270 300-2110.

- The Holiday Bazaar is scheduled for the 3d Saturday in November, 18 November. There is no breakfast on the 2d Saturday of November as that is Veterans Day.

**Sons of the American Legion, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice:** Raffle tickets continue to be sold and the drawing is scheduled for Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8:15 pm. Price is \$5.00 a ticket for the chance to win two weapons. POC is Bob Fulkerson email: bobfulkerson@windstream.net

- SAL hosted Halloween Dance is scheduled for Saturday, 28 October. Cost is \$10.00 per ticket; see Bob Fulkerson.

**Representing American Legion Riders, Erin:** Reminded all with the upcoming 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Breakfast for October 14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers needed to support the event. POC is Tom Folsom, @ 270 213-0591.

**Commander Saunders representing the Legion Chaplain, Randy Crank;** Added to the prayer list is Jan Fulkersons' brother, Gary Daniel. Remember in prayer those who are listed within the post newsletter, The Bugler.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice, Joe Garrett;** You cannot improve anything unless it is measured. The goal for the membership year is 1,307. This is 5% more than last year. At 2016 at the end of September, the legion was at 56% of their goal. This year we are at 65.8% of our goal.

- The National Commander Pin is available for those who recruit three new legionnaires.

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

- Savings has \$63,700.00 and the goal is to reach \$100,000. This will offset any emergency expenditures without taking a loan.
- Monetary contributions requests will be considered; please bring them forward to an Executive Committee member.
- The building loan is now at \$19,581.00. It is noted that March of this year it was at \$59,000!

**Post Commander, John Saunders;**

**Unfinished Business:**

- If you are a 2018 member, there a new “door cards” to access the lounge. See the Commander to get the card and they may be obtained at each general membership meeting.
- Volunteers for the various events are always welcomed/needed.
- SAL will be hosting a costume Halloween Party on Oct 28<sup>th</sup> with a \$10.00 cover charge with snacks available. There will be a DJ. Tickets are being printed.
- Members are encouraged to bring a guest to the membership meetings.
- Members are encouraged to run for office. Anyone interested in being the Commander, Commander Saunders will help mentor.
- Fall Conference is scheduled 27-28 October. Reservations are needed by September 26<sup>th</sup> to get the discount on the hotel rooms.
- Ft Knox Retiree Day is scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup>. A booth from the legion will be set up.
- A dance is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup> with the band, Bar Nuns.
- A Halloween Dance is scheduled for Oct 28<sup>th</sup>. Wear your costume, if desired. Cost is \$10.00

**New Business:**

- Veterans Day events is scheduled for Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. Adjutant Randy Harris will perform the ceremony.
- Fall Conference is scheduled for 27-28 October.

**Good of the Legion:**

- The next General membership meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2017.
- The Executive Committee meetings for November are scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned with appropriate ceremonies.

ATTEST; Beverly R. Watkins, Publicity Officer

John Saunders, Commander