

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 Hardin Unit 113 Representative, Jerilynn Kabel; Presented Red Skelton rendition of "The Meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance".

Committee Reports

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

1st Vice, Joe Garrett: 2017 membership goal is 1,384. Currently, there are 1,127 members at 81% 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.
- Members are encouraged to go online and take the "Legion Extension Institute" for a cost of only \$4.95. To register, go to www.legion.org

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

- The building load has diminished in the last four months from 75K to 59K. It remains a priority to pay off the loan.
- The legion reached their goal of 51K within savings. Any monies beyond this will go toward the building loan.
- A pistol raffle is planned and the funds will go direct to the building loan.
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Nominating Committee Head, Mark Kennedy: The following positions are open for nominees for the Legion election to be held in May: Commander / 1st Vice / 2d Vice / Adjutant / Chaplain.

Awards and Correspondence, Commander Saunders: The American Legion Red Cross is seeking volunteers to support the veterans nursing center opening soon. See the Commander for additional information.

- Presented a certificate signed by the National Commander to Bruce Fonda recognizing him for 60 years of membership with the American Legion

State of our Post, Commander Saunders: Upon his election as Commander, it was Cdr Saunders' original goal for the legion to become financially sound and revitalize the building. This has been realized! The legion's prime focus is paying off the building loan and the refurbishing of the post is nearly finished.

Auxiliary President, Diane Kennedy: March 18th, the post is celebrating the 98th birthday of the American Legion. There will be a dessert auction, dinner and dance.

- The Blood Drive that was held recently was successful. There were 22 units volunteered.

Sons of the American Legion, Steve Curry: SAL donated over 16K to various organizations this past year.

- Mexican Salsa Night is scheduled for May 5th.
- There will be two Jimmy Buffett nights scheduled for May 20th and also on July 15th.
- A Road Block is scheduled for June 10th
- Sadie Hawkins night is scheduled Nov 11th.

American Legion Rider Director, Mike Appleby: Expresses his sincere thanks to the dedication of the volunteers as over 13K has been donated to local charities and 23K donated to the legion.

- The ALR membership is at 84 members which is the largest in Kentucky.

Unfinished Business, Commander Saunders:

- Clean out the lockers in the hallway near the conference room – locks will be cut they will be cleaned at COB on 2 March. Put your name on the locker if you are using one.
- The next focus for renovating and cleanup will be the upstairs rooms and the restrooms.
 - All families are to clean up their respective areas upstairs, otherwise, it will be cleaned up for them and discarded.
 - The game room has been completed. The theme for decorating is college sports – any sports memorabilia is welcome.
 - The legion Conference Room has been completed.
 - Main hall floors have been completed.
 - The lounge will be painted.
 - The intent is that every part of the building will be touched up by August.
- Volunteers are needed for Bingo nights. Commander is asking for all members to give at least one night a month volunteering for bingo. Bingo is what keeps the legion doors open.
- Strive to keep enlisting new members to the post.
- Elections are coming up in May, consider running for an elected office.

News Business

- The legion will initiate a Post Everlasting ceremony on an annual basis during May.
- 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.
- A 1st Responder dinner will be held on March 16th. All the families are asked to become engaged. POC Tom Folsom.
- A Texas Holdem Tournament/Open House is scheduled for 1 April.
- A new legion website has been created, please review and any changes or enhancements needed, please inform the Commander.
- Thanks to all who volunteer and support the legion!

Good of the Legion:

- The next general membership meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2017.
- The 4th District Meeting is scheduled for March 12th at Leitchfield, 1000 hrs central time.

Meeting was adjourned with appropriate ceremonies.

ATTEST; Beverly R. Watkins, Publicity Officer

John Saunders, Commander