AMERICAN LEGION POST 177



POST OFFICE BOX 53 CANFIELD, OH 44406

DATE: April 4, 2024

SUBJECT: Minutes of the April 2, 2024 Post Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Commander Yoder at 7:00 PM with 6 officers and 11 members present.

- 2. Hand Salute rendered. POW flag placed by Sergeant-at-Arms Gibson, and a prayer offered by Chaplain Sansenbaugher followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Legion Constitution.
- 3. Roll call of officers: Second Vice position vacant; all officer present.
- 4. Recognition of Past Commander Mike Kubitza.
- 5. Committee reports, correspondences:
 - a. Commander Yoder reported that flags for grave sites will be available for pickup at the count Veterans Service Commission on May 5, 2024 beginning at 1:00PM. Plan for placing the flags at veterans graves at Canfield cemeteries will be discussed at the May Post meeting. He also advised of the following upcoming meetings/activities:
 - (1) United Veterans Council Recognition Luncheon will be held on Sunday, April 21st at Lake Milton Post 737. Our Post has 8 tickets available. Reservations must be made by April 12, 2024.
 - (2) The Laying of the Roses will occur on the square in Youngstown on April 7th beginning at noon.
 - (3) Mission BBQ will provide a free lunch to Post members and spouses on April 13th beginning at 11:30AM at the Lane Family Center on the Green in Canfield. Let Commander Yoder know by April 9th if you are planning to attend.

Additionally, Commander Yoder said he received a request from the Mahoning County Veterans Memorial (MVM)(the Log Cabin at the Fairgrounds) for donations to support improvements at the cabin. Past Commander Kubitza motioned that the Post donate \$100 to the MVM. Sergeant-at-Arms Gibson offered the second and on poll, the motion passed unanimously.

b. First Vice Commander: Nothing to report.

- c. Second Vice Commander: Position vacant.
- d. Chaplain Sansenbaugher provided an update on her health.
- e. Adjutant Coleman stated that the March 2024 Meeting Minutes were posted to the web site. Member Kosar moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Recknor offered the second and motion passed unanimously. He also noted that final USAF approval of our flyover request for Memorial Day was approved. It is our responsibility to contact units directly. Adjutant Coleman with the assistance of Mike Rothwell will contact the 911th AW in Pittsburgh to see if we can get a C-17 to support us. Additionally, Adjutant Coleman will contact the Ohio Air Guard 180th Fighter Wing to see if an F-16 flyover is possible. Lastly, Coleman will reach out to the 910AW at YARS. They have supported us every year with a C-130 flyover.
- f. Finance Officer: Provided Finance Reports for March 2024. A password protected copy of the report can be viewed and/or downloaded *HERE*.

6. Unfinished/Old Business:

- a. Commander Yoder asked Bernie Kosar to report on the current condition of Frank Micchia. Kosar noted that Frank was discharged from Briarfield Place and is at home. He still has limited movement in his arms and legs and requires assistance for routine activities (eating, bathing, bathroom, etc.). His wife does what she can and his son comes up from the Columbus area frequently to help. Frank is looking into home health assistance wherein some one (or 2) health care support persons could be there to cover 16-24 hours per day. Frank still welcomes cards and letters but advises that any potential visitors call before stopping by his house.
- b. Adjutant Coleman reported that the three (3) stones have arrived at Summit Memorials from India. We need now to get Summit the names to be engraved on the 2 new stones as well as any names to be engraved on the remaining spaces on the two (2) existing obelisk monuments. Coleman told Summit we would have him the names by the close of business Friday, April 5th. There are approximately forty-seven (47) names in total to be engraved.

7. New Business:

a. Commander Yoder reported that Jason Reckard has turned down our offer to be the keynote speaker at the 2024 Memorial Day services. Adjutant Coleman will reach out to the commander of Camp Garfield to gauge his willingness; and Bernie Kosar will ask Carl Nunziato if he would be interested. The general sense among the members is that Nunziato would be the better first choice.

- b. Commander Yoder asked for Second Call for nomination of officers (Commander, First Vice, Second Vice and Finance Officer). The following nominations were made:
 - i. For Commander: Mark Yoder (by Coleman)(1st call)
 - ii. For First Vice: Mike Rothwell (by Kubitza)(2d call)
 - iii. For Second Vice: Barry Hobbs (by Coleman)(1st call)
 - iv. For Finance Officer: Dominic Diloreto (by Kubitza)(1st call)

Voting will occur at May Post meeting..

- 8. Memorial to a departed member: None
- 9. For the good of the American Legion: None.
- 10. Chaplain Sansenbaugher: Final Prayer.
- 11. Recover POW Flag: Sergeant-at-Arms Gibson.
- 12. Next regular Post meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Township Hall.

13. Adjourn at 8:00 PM.

CHARLES M. COLEMAN

Adjutant