



AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

POST OFFICE BOX 53
CANFIELD, OH 44406

DATE: March 7, 2024

SUBJECT: Minutes of the March 5, 2024 Post Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Commander Yoder at 7:00 PM with 5 officers and 13 members present.
2. Hand Salute rendered. POW flag placed by Sergeant-at-Arms Gibson, and a prayer offered by First Vice Cooper followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Legion Constitution.
3. Roll call of officers: Second vice position vacant; Chaplain Sansenbaugher excused; all officers present.
4. Recognition of Past Commanders Dick Duffett and Mike Kubitza.
5. Committee reports, correspondences:
 - a. Commander Yoder reported current membership stands at 127 which puts it at just above 100% of the 2024 quota of 126. Our post is one of only two (2) in Mahoning County exceeding 100%.
 - b. First Vice Commander: Nothing to report.
 - c. Second Vice Commander: Position vacant.
 - d. Chaplain: Excused.
 - e. Adjutant Coleman stated that the February 2024 Meeting Minutes were posted to the web site. He also noted receipt of forms from the Department to complete the Consolidated Post Report (CPR) and Certification of Officers. Finally, the Adjutant briefed the members on a \$5 dues increase imposed by National. This will reduce the Post's dues income from \$7.50 per member to \$2.50 per member. He also noted that an additional \$5 increase will be proposed at the State Convention this Summer. Many – if not all – Posts in the District are opposed to this additional increase. If approved at the convention it would be the Adjutant's recommendation that member dues increase from \$35 to \$40 pa. Past Commander Kubitza noted that the current approved increase by National will put our ability to meet fixed expenses (postage, paper, envelopes, misc admin needs) at risk. He suggested we consider raising dues

regardless of what happens at the State convention. We can wait until this Summer to decide on any dues increase.

f. Finance Officer: Provided Finance Reports for February 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 continues to regain feeling and limited movement in his arms and legs. He undergoes vigorous physical therapy Monday thru Friday, so if any members would care to visit with Frank, weekends are best. He enjoys even brief visits from friends and family. He is in Room 301 at Briarfield Place, across Market Street from St. Elizabeth Boardman Hospital.

b. Adjutant Coleman reported some bad news regarding the three (3) additional monument stones being shipped from India. He spoke with Summit Memorials on Monday and they reported that the container with the stones is still at sea. They are being delivered to the East coast and were to be routed westward from India through the Suez Canal. Because of the current tensions in the Middle East, the transit through the canal has been delayed. Expected arrival in the US is now estimated at the end of March. It will be tight to get stones engraved and installed by Memorial Day.

c. Past commander Kubitza stated that we have approximately forty-seven (47) additional names to be engraved on our new stones, which can accommodate approximately forty (40). Commander Yoder said we would give priority to Legion members for engraving. Names will be forwarded to Summit for layout and to confirm actual number of names that can be engraved on new stones and remaining space on existing stones.

d. Adjutant Coleman also reported that the flyover request made it to the USAF at the Pentagon but no formal action has yet been taken on it.

7. New Business:

a. Commander Yoder reported that he will be requesting Cathy Bova to provide singing at our 2024 Memorial Day services.

b. With respect to a keynote speaker for the services, Past Commander Kubitza suggested that Jason Reckard would be a good choice. He has turned us down in the past. Adjutant Coleman recommended that consideration be given to asking President Johnson of YSU. Members felt he might yet be too “politically sensitive,” considering the bad feelings about his choice for YSU president.

- c. Commander Yoder reminded members of the Veterans Lunch on March 26th at St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church in Struthers. The lunch is free for veterans, but reservations must be made by calling Kim at (330) 799-3193 by March 19th.
- d. The 9th District Meeting will be held on March 9th at 10:00AM at Post 719 in Orwell, OH.
- e. Finance Officer Diloreto reported that the annual "Laying of the Roses" ceremony will be held on the square in Youngstown on April 7th beginning at 1:00PM.
- f. Mission BBQ will once again be providing a free lunch to Post 177 members and their spouses/significant others on April 13th beginning at 11:30AM at the Lane Funeral Home Family Center across from the North Green in Canfield.
- g. Commander Yoder asked for First 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)
- ii. For First Vice: no nominations
- iii. For Second Vice: Barry Hobbs (by Coleman)
- iv. For Finance Officer: Dominic Diloreto (by Kubitza)

Second call for nominations will be made at the April meeting with voting at the May meeting.

- 8. Memorial to a departed member: None
- 9. For the good of the American Legion: Past Commander Kubitza advised the members of a "free" service provided by CarePatrol. They partner with families to find the right care solution for loved ones (assisted living; independent living; memory care; in home care; nursing home). Details are included at the flyer attached to these minutes and on the Post website.
- 10. First Vice Cooper: Final Prayer.
- 11. Recover POW Flag: Sergeant-at-Arms Gibson.
- 12. Next regular Post meeting will be on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Township Hall.
- 13. Adjourn at 8:00 PM.

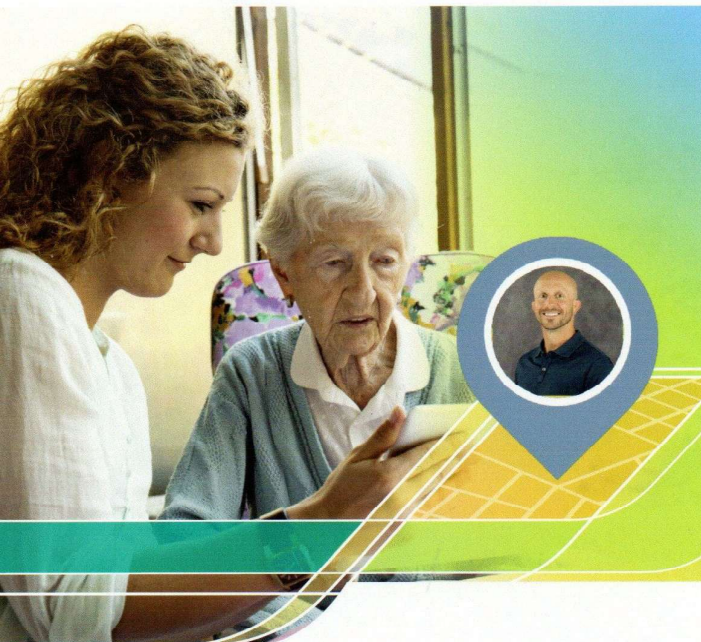


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