



AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

POST OFFICE BOX 53
CANFIELD, OH 44406

DATE: November 13, 2023

SUBJECT: Minutes of the November 7, 2023 Post Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM with 6 officers, 15 members and 2 guests present.
2. Hand Salute rendered. POW flag placed by Sergeant-at-Arms Gibson, and a prayer offered by Commander Duffett followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Legion Constitution.
3. Roll call of officers: Chaplain position currently vacant; all other officers present.
4. Recognition of Past Commander Mike Kubitza and guests Michael Beaudis of the "Wreaths for our Veterans" Program, and Sam Swoger, County Legion Commander.
5. Mr. Beaudis explained the "Wreaths for Our Veterans" program and how it differed from the older and more established "Wreaths Across America" program. The local program will take place at Canfield East Cemetery on December 2, 2023 beginning at 10:00AM. Post 177 will provide the Color Guard/Honor Guard for the event.
6. Committee reports, correspondences:
 - a. Commander: Commander Duffett advised members that due to personal/health reasons he is resigning as Post Commander effective at midnight on Veterans Day. With input by County Commander Swoger and in keeping with accepted succession protocol, the position of new Commander was first offered to First Vice Commander Cooper who declined based on his current work commitments. Second Vice Commander Yoder agreed to assume the Commander position in an "acting" capacity until such time that he can be officially sworn in at the December post meeting. At that time, nominations will be accepted to fill Yoder's current position of Second Vice Commander and a vote taken. Failing any nominations, the Second Vice Commander position will remain vacant until the next vote for officers in Spring 2024.
 - b. First Vice Commander Cooper: Nothing to report.
 - c. Second Vice Commander Yoder: 74 members have renewed their memberships for 2024.
 - d. Adjutant Coleman: Nothing to report.

e. Chaplain: Position vacant.

f. Finance Officer Diloreto: Provided Finance Reports for October. A password protected copy of the report can be viewed and/or downloaded [HERE](#).

7. Unfinished/Old Business:

a. Regarding Veterans Day activities:

- (1) Thursday, November 9, 2023 beginning at 8:15AM at CH Campbell Elementary School, Veterans Day Assembly. Activities will be coordinated by First Vice Commander Cooper.
- (2) Friday, November 10, 2023 beginning at 8:00AM at Canfield High School Auditorium, Veterans Day Assembly with special emphasis on Vietnam Era veterans (2023 marking the 50th anniversary of the end of US participation in the Vietnam War). Activities coordinated by Commander Duffett.
- (3) Friday, November 10, 2023 beginning at 10:00AM, the Post will visit 4th Grade Classrooms at Hilltop Elementary School to discuss who veterans are and why it is important to recognize them. Activities coordinated by Second Vice Commander Yoder.
- (4) Friday, November 10, 2023 throughout the day, Dominic Diloreto, Bill Gibson, et al will visit eight (8) nursing homes to present "Thank You Veterans Cards" prepared by 4th Graders at Hilltop School to eighty-eight (88) veteran residents.
- (5) Saturday, November 11, 2023 beginning at 11:00AM the Post will conduct a brief Veterans Day ceremony at the Veterans Plaza on The Green.

For all of the above activities, the Commander is encouraging Post members to participate. For the school activities, members should let either the Commander or the coordinating officer know they will be attending.

c. Finance Officer/Honor Guard OIC Diloreto advised that purchase of honor guard uniforms is complete (save for one shirt) and patches sewn on.

d. Commander Duffett again noted that he will be forming a small team of Post members to manage the Post 177 Scholarship Award (\$1000) to be presented to a Canfield High School senior in Spring 2024. The immediate need will be to establish the subject of the essay applicants will be asked to write.

8. New Business:

- a. Commander Duffett received the quote from Summit Monuments to provide two (2) additional black granite monuments to be placed along the Veterans Plaza wall flanking the Platinum Sponsor monument. Quote is \$2900 each: total \$5800. These will be used to engrave any additional names we will receive to be recognized. Previous discussions were to solicit \$100 for post members to have their names engraved; and \$200 for non-post members. Final dollar amounts TBD. Wayne Recknor moved to approve the bid and proceed with procurement. Bernie Kosar offered the second and the motion was approved unanimously.
 - b. The Carl Nunziato VA Outpatient Clinic is offering walk-in flu shots from 9:00-11:30AM and 1:00-3:30PM, Monday through Friday.
10. Memorial to a departed member: None.
11. For the good of the American Legion: None.
12. Commander Duffett: Final Prayer.
13. Recover POW Flag: Sergeant-at-Arms Gibson.
14. Next regular Post meeting will be on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Township Hall. The "Wreaths for Our Veterans" ceremony will be held at the Canfield East Cemetery on Saturday, December 2, 2023 beginning at 10:00AM.
15. Adjourn at 8:00 PM.


CHARLES M. COLEMAN
Adjutant