



AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

POST OFFICE BOX 53
CANFIELD, OH 44406

DATE: September 9, 2023

SUBJECT: Minutes of the September 5, 2023 Post Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM with 6 officers, 10 members and no 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 McQuain; all other officers present.
4. Recognition of Past Commander Mike Kubitza.
5. Committee reports, correspondences:
 - a. Commander: Nothing to report.
 - b. First Vice Commander Cooper: Nothing to report.
 - c. Second Vice Commander Yoder: Nothing to report.
 - d. Adjutant Coleman: Nothing to report.
 - e. Chaplain McQuain: Excused.
 - f. Finance Officer Diloreto: Provided Finance Reports for August. Details of the Post's finances will not be reported in the monthly minutes until and unless Adjutant Coleman can develop a method to password protect the financials. Members interested in details of the monthly financials can email Finance Officer Diloreto directly. Sergeant-at-Arms Gibson moved to accept the financial report as presented. Member Kosar offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.
6. Unfinished/Old Business:
 - a. Commander Duffett reported that after having been rejected by the Parks & Cemetery Board and the Design Review Committee, the donor recognition sign was APPROVED by Canfield City Council on a 3-2 vote. The sign was erected, illuminated and looks beautiful.

b. Adjutant Coleman reported that he has asked DC Graphics to prepare an additional sign for the back side of the donor recognition sign. It will not be a new sign, but will be a vinyl covering for the back of the existing sign. Without final details, sign will cost around \$300 and can be installed without taking down the current sign. A rendering of this additional sign is included as an attachment to these minutes.

c. Commander Duffett thanked all members who participated in the Post 177 booth at the Canfield Fair. Adjutant Coleman asked if any new members were signed up. Answer, no. Adjutant Coleman asked if any donations were received. Answer: \$55 in cash and sales of \$255 in flags. It was noted that the \$255 does not include our cost for the flags, so actual revenue is significantly less.

d. Finance Officer and Honor Guard OIC Diloreto noted that our new bank credit card was received and he is now in a position to order the honor guard uniform items.

e. At our August meeting we discussed eliminating the Americanism & Government Test and replacing it with a Post scholarship, the recipient of which would earn the award based on an essay emphasizing a topic related to Americanism and government. Adjutant Coleman made the motion to substitute a \$1,000 scholarship for the current A&G test. The initial scholarship would be seeded with existing Post funds. Thereafter, we would solicit donations to cover the cost. Ray Skerkovich offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

7. New Business:

- a. The County awards dinner for Veteran/Citizen and Youth of the Year will be held on September 20, 2023 at Lake Milton Post 737 beginning at 6:00 PM. Our Post has been comp'd 8 tickets, 7 of which have been spoken for. If any member would like to use the 8th ticket and attend, please let Commander Duffett know. Our nominee for Youth of the Year, Sarah DeRosa, will receive the Youth of the Year Award. Members attending will wear a sport coat and tie with their legion cap.
- b. In addition to our normal Veterans Day support to the two (2) elementary schools and local nursing homes, Commander Duffett is working with CLSD Superintendent Knoll for a special assembly at the High School to recognize 2023 as the 50th anniversary of the end of US involvement in the Viet Nam war. All activities will occur on Friday, November 10, 2023.
- c. Past Commander Kubitza suggested the Post conduct a small ceremony at the Veterans Plaza on Saturday, November 11, 2023. The program would be simple: Brief introduction by Commander, Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem, perhaps another Patriotic Song, a prayer, rifle squad firing, Taps, end of ceremony. Members were enthusiastic about the activity. Details to be worked out at October meeting.

- d. Commander Duffett asked members to consider fundraising projects that the Post can undertake and be prepared to offer them at the October meeting.
8. Memorial to a departed member: None.
 9. For the good of the American Legion: None.
 10. Commander Duffett: Final Prayer.
 11. Recover POW Flag: Sergeant-at-Arms Gibson.
 12. Next regular Post meeting will be on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Township Hall.
 13. Adjourn at 7:55 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Char M. Coleman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

CHARLES M. COLEMAN
Adjutant

1 Attachment – proposed back of Donor Appreciation Sign.

CANFIELD, OHIO



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**THE CANFIELD VETERANS PLAZA
DEDICATED NOVEMBER 11, 2022
AMERICAN LEGION POST 177
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO**

**MICHAEL J. KUBITZA
COMMANDER**

**CHARLES M. COLEMAN
ADJUTANT**