



## AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

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**DATE:** 14 May 2016

**SUBJECT:** Minutes of the Monthly Meeting, 03 May 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours.
2. 10 total present: 4 Officers, 6 Members, 1 was a Guest.
3. The POW flag was placed by Don and a hand salute by all members rendered. This was followed by a prayer by Matt.
4. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
5. The preamble to the American Legion was recited by the members present.
6. Recognition of Frank Cabinal Past Commander present
7. Wayne reported the balance of the checking account.
8. Mike talked about JT Whitehouse and the students who were interviewed at 1800 before the meeting.
9. Mike reported that the YARS Veterans Dinner which will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Vienna Air Force Base to recognize veterans that served.
10. Motion to approve the minutes of March meeting was voted and passed.
11. It was reported that Rick Williams will be the guest speaker at the Memorial Day activities on May 30<sup>th</sup>.
12. Dick reported that the Till Open Golf Tournament might be a good way to raise money for the Post. The Till Open organization doubles the money donated for a charity - so donations made to the Till Open are matched and given to another charity of the donor's choice. If the post or other members are going to donate, the donations need to be received by June 14<sup>th</sup>. It was decided that Mike and Wayne need to go over the budget and make sure that there is enough money for the Memorial Day activities before deciding if and how much to donate to the Till Open.
13. Mike wanted to coordinate a news release regarding the Memorial Day activities with a food drive for the public to drop off food goods for local veterans and other needy families. Dick reported that he is involved with Zion Lutheran Church in Cornersburg which has an organized food pantry. Dick volunteered to pick up the food that was dropped off at the Township building and take it to the food pantry to be distributed.
14. Wayne reported that the Akron ROTC cadets would not be able to assist during the Memorial Day activities. Mike asked Matt if the local Civil Air Patrol (CAP) would be able to assist. Matt is going to inquire and report to Mike ASAP the availability of the CAP color guard.

15. Nominations and a vote for the new officers was made and passed. The officers that are currently holding office have been retained for another term.
16. Dick reported that a "Community Room" is being discussed as part of a new addition possibly being constructed at Canfield High School. This room could be utilized for meetings by the Post, to recognize veterans, or other charitable and community events. The membership agreed that the tentatively there is interest in supporting the effort to assist in the community room as more details are established.
17. A member shared a story regarding a local Korean War veteran that was finally laid to rest here in the Valley. He had the honor of attending and taking part in the memorial of the veteran.
18. Wayne read a final Prayer.
19. Don recovered the POW Flag.
20. Next meeting is to be held June 14<sup>th</sup> at the cemetery to coincide with the annual flag burning.
21. Adjourn.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Char M. Coleman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

CHARLES M. COLEMAN  
First Vice Commander  
Canfield American Legion Post 177