



AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

CANFIELD, OH 44406

DATE: 05 November 2013

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Kubitza, Commander	Frank Cavanaugh
Chuck Coleman, First Vice Commander	Paul Rossi
Milt Kochert, Chaplain	Steve Marshall
Pat Gaia, Adjutant	Bud Harnishferger
Ken Craig	

OTHERS PRESENT:

- John Dance (SAL)
- Robert Dance (SAL)
- J.T. Whitehouse (Town Crier)

1. At the conclusion of honors to God (invocation), Country (Pledge of Allegiance) and the Legion (recitation of the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion), Mr. Kubitza called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

2. Old Business. Mr. Kubitza asked if there were any questions or comments to the minutes of the 08 October 2013 meeting. There being none, Mr. Gaia moved to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Coleman provided the second and the minutes were accepted by acclamation.

3. New Business.

- a. Mr. Kochert advise that Vernon Hood is in St. E's hospital after suffering a stroke. He asked that members keep Vern in their thoughts and prayers.
- b. Mr. Kubitza facilitated a discussion on ways to grow unit membership and serve veterans in our area.
 - i. Ken Craig encouraged continuing to call members about meetings to get better attendance.
 - ii. Mr. Coleman advised that the post will send written notification of meetings and minutes, and will post the meeting schedule on the Post website.
 - iii. For planning purposes, member were advised that regular meetings are scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Canfield Township Offices.
 - iv. The Post roster was "scrubbed" to delete deceased members.

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- c. The Post will deliver Veterans Day cards - prepared by 3rd and 4th graders at Hilltop Elementary School - to veterans at Greenbriar Assisted Living Facility in Boardman on 11 Nov 13.
- d. At 10:00 AM on 11 Nov 13, a Post representative will assist in reading the names of Canfield veterans at a ceremony at the Canfield Presbyterian Church. Post members are encouraged to attend.
- e. Flag burning this year is cancelled due to a lack of participation in previous years. Consideration will be given to resurrecting the event in the future.
- f. Mr. Cavanaugh suggested placing flags on tombstones of veterans in local cemeteries
 - i. Need to identify the location of gravestones.
 - ii. Documents may be at the War Vet Museum
 - iii. Can contact the cemetery directly. They may have the information.
 - iv. Can coordinate with local Boy Scout troops and schools for volunteers to help place the flags.
- g. There was a general discussion of increasing participation in the Auxiliary.
- h. Mr. Cavanaugh inquired about any continuing relationship between the Post and the War Vets Museum. Members were advised that there is no legal or other contractual relationship; and that the leadership was taking steps to remove all Post property from the museum to other secure locations.
- i. With respect to honors that the Post may be able to provide for members who pass away, nothing is being done at this time. As the Post membership increases and members become more active, something may be done in the future, such as a flag presentation to the next of kin.
- j. Messrs. John and Robert Dance provided an update on the Post 177 Sons of the American Legion (SAL).
 - i. There are thirteen (13) on the rolls, of which only two (2) are current in their dues.
 - ii. Sons (natural and adopted) and grandsons are eligible; sons-in-law are not, unless they can show direct lineage through their family.
 - iii. Interested female offspring are eligible for the Auxiliary, not SAL.
 - iv. The Post Legion application - if one exists - will be reviewed and consideration given to adding entries for names of SAL and Auxiliary-eligible offspring.

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4. The next monthly meeting of Post 177 will be on Tuesday, 03 December 2013 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Canfield Township Offices, 21 South Broad Street, Canfield, OH.
5. There being no further business, Mr. Kubitza directed adjournment at 8:03 PM.

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

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