



# AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

23 EAST MAIN STREET

CANFIELD, OH 44406

**DATE:** 08 October 2013

**SUBJECT:** Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Kubitza, Interim Commander  
Chuck Coleman, Interim First Vice Commander  
Milt Kochert, Chaplain

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

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 1905 hrs.

2. Old Business. Mr. Kubitza reviewed the minutes of the 10 September 2013 meeting and there being no comment, these minutes were accepted.

3. New Business.

a. Mr. Coleman advised that he spoke with the Canfield Township Administrator, Keith Rogers, about using the Township Hall for monthly Post meetings. Regular dates currently available are first Tuesdays, second Thursdays and third Wednesdays of each month. Members agreed that the first Tuesday of each month at 1900 hrs would be best for scheduled meetings. Mr. Coleman will get the next eight (8) or ten (10) months locked in on the Township calendar.

b. Mr. Coleman also advised that he communicated with Chief Colucci of the Canfield City Police regarding the possibility of storing Legion-owned weapons in their armory. Chief Colucci stated that he had no room in his armory, but that he is currently storing weapons for another veteran's service organization in a police garage; and that he would consider allowing Post 177 the same courtesy. Mr. Coleman will meet with Chief Colucci in the next few weeks to work out details. In addition to weapons, he will also ask about storing other Post property (flags, holsters, gloves, ascots, etc.) in the same garage.

c. With respect to Veteran's Day activities for the Post. Mr. Kubitza recommended that we forego the traditional flag burning ceremony that - for the past decade - has been poorly attended by the public and Legionnaires alike. Instead. Mr. Kubitza has coordinated with the activities director at a local assisted living facility and the principal at Hilltop Elementary School. Students at the school will prepare "Thank You Veterans" cards that will be delivered to the facility and presented to veteran residents (usually between 35 and 50, total).

d. Mr. Kochert also mentioned the annual Mahoning County Educators luncheon at which event donations are collected and given to the Ohio Veterans Home. Though not strictly a Legion activity, there has always been a Legionnaire present at the event.

e. Mr. Coleman recommended that the next meeting be devoted to a reading of a new "draft" of the Post 177 Constitution and By-Laws. Mr. Coleman agreed to prepare several copies of each document (examples having been provided by our Region Commander, Bob Mastronicola) for attendees at the next meeting.

f. Mr. Kochert presented the four (4) page listing of all registered members of Post 177 and recommend that the listing be divided among the three (3) of us present for use in personally calling the members. We all agreed. The purposes of the calls will be to:

- i. verify the member's name, address and telephone;
- ii. secure an email address, if one exists;
- iii. notify the member of the revitalization of the Post;
- iv. determine the member's interest in taking a more active role in Post activities; and
- v. advise the member of the change in meeting date, time and location.

g. Mr. Coleman recommended that the minutes of each meeting be prepared and distributed (either electronically via email or USPS) as soon as possible after the meeting is concluded. All agreed, although some consideration will have to be given to securing envelopes and postage from Post funds to pay for the mailings.

4. The next monthly meeting of Post 177 will be 04 November 2013 beginning at 1900 hrs in the Canfield Township Offices, 21 South Broad Street, Canfield, OH.

5. There being no further business, Mr. Kubitza directed adjournment at 1950 hrs.



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

Enclosures:

- 1. Minutes of the 10 Sep 13 Post 177 Meeting
- 2. Minutes of the 13 Aug 13 Post 177 Meeting
- 3. DRAFT Post 177 Constitution
- 4. DRAFT Post 177 By Laws