



AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

POST OFFICE BOX 53
CANFIELD, OH 44406

DATE: 10 January 2018

SUBJECT: Minutes of the 02 January 2018 Monthly Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours.
2. 29 total present: 6 Officers, 11 Members, 11 Guests, 1 Auxiliary
3. Guest Chaplin Milton read a prayer.
4. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
5. The preamble to the American Legion was recited by the members present.
6. Recognition of Frank Cavanaugh Past Commander present recognized
7. Introduction of new Members: Mike Ceci, Jim Mahoney, Mike Pompoco, Harold Santilli, and Chuck Stoner.
8. Safety Awards given to CPD Detective Brian McGivern and Sheriff Deputy Carmen Costantina. Safety Award also awarded to Firefighter/EMT Ron Hinderliter but Mr. Hinderliter was not present due to fighting a large house fire the previous night into the next day.
9. Americanism test awards given to Canfield High School Students for taking the Americanism Test: Libby Finsen, Ethan Morrison, Drew Scaizo, Michael Factor and Michael Dascenzo. Americanism Award given to Boardman High School student Lucke Hetzel who was not present.
- 10. Committee reports and correspondences:**
 - a. Commander: Thank you to Mike Heveran, Dr. Marcus, Zion Church and request from Phantoms Hockey to be a supporter of the team.
 - i. Motion to spend \$100 for 20 tickets for veterans in the area. Charles C. moved the motions, Susan 2nd. Passed affirmative vote with one no vote.
 - b. First Vice: Formally request to the Air Force for the Memorial Day Fly-Over has been submitted early.
 - c. Adjutant: Nothing

- d. Finance: Dominic: Balance of \$7,999.34. The Finance Officer reported the disbursements and deposits.
- e. Chaplain: Nothing to report. Chaplain Excused from meeting.

Unfinished Business

- 11. Motion to accept minutes for August meeting. Bill G. moved, Bernie K. 2nd. Passed.

New Business

- 12. Recognition of the Law Enforcement, Paramedics and Fire: (Occurred earlier in Meeting)
 - a. Mahoning County Deputy Carmen Costantino
 - b. Canfield Police Detective Brian McGivern
 - c. Canfield Fire Fighter Ron Hinderliter
- 13. Recognition of the Americanism Students: (Occurred earlier in Meeting)
- 14. Dominic and the Commander shared with the Post that 375 Christmas cards were distributed to veterans.
- 15. Chris Shiro shared how his previous Post in Norfolk, VA do Christmas cards to veterans in that the Norfolk Post gets schools involved for increased American Legion exposure.
- 16. Jim shared that he received around 50 cards from the 4th grade students after he went to the school to share his military stories.
- 17. The Commander shared that we have funding for 18 students for the Boys and Girls State programs. He is working with the local schools to identify prospective students to attend.
- 18. There was a request from Dr. Marcus regarding a Veteran's Program. We are referring Dr. Marcus to the County Veteran's organization for further information.
- 19. Memorial to departed member: Paul Rossi. Milton shared his good thoughts and the dedication of Paul Rossi to the Post.

For the Good of the Legion

- 20. Susan shared a few programs with the Post:
 - a. There are programs for veterans with hearing loss that were in Vietnam.

- b. There is a program through Ohio Edison to get free LED light bulbs.
 - c. There is a Vietnam Memorial fund for "Lost Faces of Vietnam".
 - d. There is a program for Vietnam Veterans who were exposed to the water. The contaminated water could cause liver issues.
 - e. There is a program to help Vietnam Veterans who served in the DMZ that might have been exposed to Agent Orange. Some units are presumed to have been exposed.
21. Susan as County Events Officer recognized Mike Kubitza and Post 177 for the "Gifts for Yanks" program.
 22. Mike mentioned that all Veterans can use the online PX now.
 23. Mike shared with the Post that Dick Duffet is being sworn in as Mayor the next day at 1700 Hours at Canfield City Hall.
 24. Chaplain: Final Prayer
 25. Recover POW Flag: Bill Gibson
 26. Next Meeting: February 6th, 2018 and there is a County Council meeting held at our Canfield Post location on Wednesday, January 10th.
 27. Adjourn

/s/

Matt Lewis

Adjutant