



**WALTON F. HOFFMAN MEMORIAL  
POST 179  
410 W. Coll Street  
New Braunfels, TX 78130-5619**

## **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

05 January 2023

1. **Call to Order:** 1830
2. **Prayer:** Chaplain Clopper opened with prayer, plus thoughtful word and comments.
3. **Roll Call verified for quorum.**
4. **Review/Approval of Previous Minutes:** Motion was denied since notes are not posted on webpage.
5. **Commander remarks:** Due to the need for ample time for discussion normal order of agenda is being deferred and go straight to the presentation by the Building and Planning Committee. Chairman Rick Stivers has the floor for presentation and to lead the discussion.
  - a. Need for a resolution to move forward in this endeavor.
  - b. Establish of committees:
    - i. Appraisal of property – replace existing building on this lot approx. \$2.1M. Appraisal will cost \$250. Limited space and acreage in residential area.
    - ii. Realtor/Attorney – sale coordination (Investigate selling this property.
    - iii. Search for new property
    - iv. Temporary relocation
    - v. Future premises – architectural/engineering
    - vi. Fund raising
  - c. Allocation of resources for the committee endeavors. Repeat of this meeting tonight to go before the General Meeting. Spike made motion, Pete seconded, motion carried.

Don Ingram added that the lower lot discussion do not have to report ADA information. Permit in process on trees and landscape could be an issue. Water need to have 100 ft water spicket for new spaces in lot. Lighting NBU will give pointers. Copy of deed needs to accompany. Jody to be

main contractor with 20 business days to issue a ruling once paperwork is submitted. Two years ago Ed Taylor was appointed for Strategic Planning Chairman so this project has been underway since then.

Questions and comments made for consideration. Fair market value would be only assets. What are the ways to raise money? Dinners, 5K run were suggested but will not raise large sums of money. Need approval for money for appraisal but is now deferred to General Meeting for vote.

## **6. Committee Reports:**

**Finance :** Pete Johnson –

**Membership:** Jay Grady –

**House/Maintenance:** Ed Taylor –

**Adjutant:** Gea Clausier –

**Judge Advocate:** Spike Valencia –

**Chaplain:** Charlie Clopper –

**Sgt- At- Arms:** Debbie Bryan –

**Historian:** Kenneth Schatte –

**Service Officer:** James Hollon –

**SAL Commander:** Eddy Seegers –

**ALR Director:** Jay Grady –

**Executive Committee:** Bill Morrison –

**Auxiliary:** Pam Grady –

**Strategic Plan Building Committee:** Rick Stivers – See attached e-mail with details.

**Public Relations:** Pam Grady – Pam to get with publisher to but Post information in NB Resource Book. Pete made motion, Charlie seconded, motion was carried.

- 7. Closing:** Chaplain Charlie Clopper closed with prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 2050 hours. The next executive committee meeting will be on 02 February 2023 at 1830 hours.

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Gea Clausier  
Adjutant

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Ed Taylor  
Post Commander



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## **Executive Board Committee Meeting Minutes**

02 February 2023

### **Opening**

Commander opened the meeting at 1845 with opening prayer.

### **Roll Call**

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

### **Sick Call & Relief**

None at this time. Veteran Service Officer is currently vacant.

### **Review/Approval of Previous Minutes**

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### **Commanders Comments — Ed Taylor**

Four Chaplains ceremony will be held during the General membership meeting February 9. It will be an Honor Guard ceremony.

### **First Vice Commander- Jay Grady**

Comrade Hugh Talbott will be turning 100 years old, and he has been a member 49 years. Jay made a motion to have free rental for the hall. Pete seconded. Motion passed.

### **Second Vice Commander – James Hollon**

Mice are still noticed and will be taken care of. Club will be closed if icy weather. Food trucks will be invited to give more notice of bar use and hall

rental. Trudy's probation will be up in March so a review will need to be done in the next week and review of job description.

### **Adjutant Minute**

Attended DEC in Austin in January.

### **Committee Reports**

Finance: Pete Johnson – P&L Discussion. Finance software replacement since QuickBooks is \$1050/year and Patriot Software is \$37/month or \$4/employee. Jay made motion and Bill seconded to approve change. Motion carried.

Judge Advocate: Spike Valencia – Excused.

Sgt-at-Arms: Debbie Bryan – Flag was at half-staff due to mass shooting. Also, she will be deploying beginning in April for 6 months so will need a replacement.

Chaplain: Charlie Clopper – Excused.

Historian: Kenneth Schatte – Photographs taken of documents on wall. Consider honoring WWI veteran Rudolph Tausch, recipient of the French *Croix de Guerre* medal of honor, on Memorial Day ceremony in NB Square. Planning for 5K Run on possibly May 27 at 0800 with kids 1K at 0745.

SAL: Eddy Seegers – Excused.

Auxiliary: Pam Grady – Super Bowl party to be held Feb 12 at 1600 with food and prizes.

ALR: Jay Grady – Fasching Run Feb 18<sup>th</sup> and raffle tickets for gun are available.

Public Affairs Officer: Pam Grady – Fasching Run advertisement, add events on Facebook to remind/advertise events happening at Post.

Boys State: Bill Morrison – Notified 8 schools of Boys State program, plan to interview to have two attendees and one from each school.

### **Unfinished business:**

- a. Consideration of purchasing the Space Force flag, table runner, and pop-up tent. Motion made to purchase by Pete, seconded by Bill. Motion passed.
- b. Lower lot project – Seven pages of traffic flow, etc. forms to be filled out and turned in to the City Permitting Department.

### **New Business**

- a. February 11 will be a chili cookoff at VFW from 1400-1700. James Hollon will be cooking.
- b. March 7 is Airman of the Quarter and Ed Taylor will be attending.
- c. Louisiana Post to raise funds/membership of \$17,000 and provide live music.
- d. Resolution provided by Pepper in protest of former Marine Paul Whelan imprisonment was tabled after research that Paul Whelan was discharged under bad conduct.
- e. Resolution of wear of Confederate States of America symbols and paraphernalia in conjunction with the American Legion Emblem was made by Ken Schatte for Jay Grady to present to General Meeting February 9. James Hollon seconded and was passed.

### **Business for the Good of the Legion**

Comrade Dale Bennett asked permission to get Permanent Foundation to give a cost-free estimate on repair. Permission was granted by the Commander.

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Gea Clausier  
**Adjutant**

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Ed Taylor  
**Post Commander**



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## **Executive Board Committee Meeting Minutes**

02 March 2023

### **Opening**

Commander opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

### **Roll Call**

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

### **Sick Call & Relief**

None at this time. Veteran Service Officer is currently vacant.

### **Review/Approval of Previous Minutes**

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### **Commanders Comments — Ed Taylor**

Notice is given that the Post will have recognition of the Vietnam War Veterans Day on March 29<sup>th</sup> to be observed during the General Membership meeting next week. BAMC will be honoring Vietnam Veterans at BAMC from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

### **First Vice Commander — Jay Grady**

BAMC will be honoring Vietnam Veterans at BAMC from 10:00 a.m. to noon on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Second Vice Commander — James Hollon**

Excused.

### **Adjutant — Gea Clausier**

Nominations for offices to date: Charlie Clopper for Executive Committee.

### **Committee Reports**

Finance: Pete Johnson — Needs to add Lions donation to P&L.

Judge Advocate: Spike Valencia — Jay and Ken will assist Spike in Finance audit.

Sgt-at-Arms: Debbie Bryan — Excused.

Chaplain: Charlie Clopper — Nothing at this time.

Historian: Kenneth Schatte — 5k May 20<sup>th</sup> setup is underway. 7:30 a.m. start time in lower lot. Need traffic cones and a way to mark route. 17 volunteers will be needed.

SAL: Eddy Seegers — Saturday's Burger Burn was a huge success, \$400. Chili Bowl will be in the fall.

Auxiliary: Pam Grady — March 11<sup>th</sup> will be move-back day and plans for yard sale.

ALR: Jay Grady — Sunday afternoon will be SC Legacy run meet & greet. Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> will be ALR ride and Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> spaghetti dinner. Bike night is May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Public Affairs Officer: Pam Grady — Fasching Run advertisement, add events on Facebook to remind/advertise events happening at Post.

Boys State: Bill Morrison — 10 schools notified, 4 new schools. 12 applicants so far have been submitted.

Scholarships: David Rohm — April/May/June scholarships are in work.

### **Unfinished business**

- a. Purchases of flags, banner, pop-up tent complete.
- b. Lower lot still ongoing.
- c. Installation of new officers in May.
- d. Raise membership dues beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

### **New Business**

- a. Vacant positions that need to be filled: Service Officer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Security Manager, Finance Officer, Golf Tournament Coordinator.
- b. Lower lot endeavor: Apparently a start over endeavor.
- c. New kitchen freezer: Pass for now on purchase.
- d. Food truck operator Rosa Guzman was told to dispose of her garbage in our dumpster and refill her water tank. Ken moved to charge \$100/month; Jay seconded. Contract was passed.
- e. Motion made to increase hourly fee for hall rental by Jay Grady; Pete seconded. Discussion of inflation cause of increase. Motion passed.
- f. Dale Bennett/Jonny Avalos: Permanent Foundation Solutions estimate submission was \$33,750 from October to present.
- g. New webmaster is Cliff Ormiston.
- h. Jay Grady and Gea Clausier to represent Post 179 at District 14 Convention in April.



**Business for the Good of the Legion**

Nothing at this time.

**Meeting closed at 8:25 p.m.**

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Gea Clausier  
Adjutant

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Ed Taylor  
Post Commander

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**Executive Board Committee Meeting Agenda on 06 April 2023**

1. Call the meeting to order at 1841.
2. Adjutant confirms there is a quorum.
3. Sick Call and Relief — David Rohm's wife, Imelda, is in critical condition in the hospital.  
Update: Imelda is now home from hospital.
4. Review/Approval of Previous Minutes — Resubmit meeting notes to new webmaster Cliff Ormiston.
6. Commander's Comments  
Notice is given that the Post will have recognition of the Vietnam War Veterans Day observed on March 28<sup>th</sup> to be acknowledged during the General Membership meeting next week.
7. Committee Reports
  - a. First Vice Commander — Jay Grady – excused.  
New member/transfer applications — James G. Adams; Clifford C. Ormiston.
  - b. Second Vice Commander — James Hollon — ceiling water leak in the Club caused by the attic area air conditioning unit overflow pan overflowing. Pete, Brad, and Ed worked on fixing the problem. New plastic pan to be installed to prevent rusting out again. Also, beginning this weekend there will be an increase in bar by 50¢ on all beer to cover the costs.
  - c. Adjutant — Gea Clausier — Any corrections or amendments on meeting minutes requested to be made should go to the Adjutant at least 48 hours prior to the next general membership meeting. No nominations for elections so far except for Charlie Clopper wishing to be Executive Committee Member.
  - d. Finance Officer — Pete Johnson — currently training his replacement, Brad Henderson, as temporary until new Finance Officer can be assigned.
  - e. Judge Advocate — Spike Valencia — no comment.

f. Sergeant-at-Arms — Debbie Bryan — being deployed to Germany in May returning in November. Her replacement designee is Deb Powers.

g. Chaplain — Charlie Clopper — His replacement designee is Brad Henderson.

h. Historian — Kenneth Schatte — excused.

i. SAL Commander — Eddy Seegers — seeking volunteers to help set up and take down tables and chairs on long term contracts with money going to the Sons, elections are coming up for officers, Thor's cover needs some consideration, 5k to have food for volunteers at event.

j. Auxiliary — Anita Bishop — excused.

k. ALR Director — Jay Grady — excused.

l. Service Officer — vacant — any referrals would be appreciated.

m. Public Affairs Officer — vacant.

n. Executive Committee Member — Bill Morrison — Boys State program well underway — certificates being prepared — more award medals have been ordered.

o. Executive Committee Member — James Hollon.

p. Executive Committee Member — David Rohm — Motion was made by David to spend \$5k on scholarships to be determined by committee how broken out. Charlie seconded and motion was passed. There are currently 37 applicants. JROTC awards to be given out to Canyon High students on Wednesday April 12.

## 8. Unfinished Business

a. Purchase of the Space Force flag has been done. Still looking into the emblem for the hall and a flagpole plus top has yet to be done.

b. Consideration of purchasing a table banner, pop-up tent, and/or umbrella with the American Legion logo for off-premises usage.

c. Lower lot project — estimate of \$6,650 has been made by H&M Owens, Inc. to bulldoze and level with some extra gravel and sod where appropriate. Pass on doing since money is not available.

d. A proposal was made at the February meetings that the Post consider a 25¢ per hour pay increase per quarter, or \$1.00 annual pay raise for the Club manager and/or any bartender employee as an incentive for longevity.

e. The March Executive Board meeting agreed to consider honoring World War I veteran Rudolph Tausch, recipient of the French *Croix de Guerre* medal as well as a reading of our founders' names, plus Walton F. Hoffmann, as part of the installation of new officers ceremony in May.

## 9. New Business

a. A motion was made and passed that effective July 1, 2023 the Post annual membership dues would be increased to \$45.00

b. Sponsors — Fundraising activities needed for ongoing (working capital/building maintenance, etc.) support. Proposed ways to do it:

1) Get agreed upon annual amount from local business/professional/general membership entities — HEB, NBU, Frost Bank, Home Depot, etc. — utilizing tiered support levels — bronze, silver, gold, platinum.

2) Coordinate with local corporations allowing for matching or certain level contributions and/or in-kind support activities. This could encompass weekly to daily in-house involvement, such as giving [half hour/one hour/90 minute] historical tours of the premises and lower lot Thor and honor wall.

3) General membership annual giving solicitation.

4) Continuation of fundraising as a 501(c)(19) (political) organization from grants and trusts.

5) Creation of a new fundraising entity as a 501(c)(3) (nonprofit) organization from grants and trusts with an emphasis on health issues and job creation.

6) Creation of a new fundraising entity as a 201 (for-profit) organization for any lawful activity from grants, trusts, other for-profit as well as nonprofit entities and individuals with an emphasis on health/medical/mental issues and job creation.

7) Bond issuance (similar in fashion to a church building bond).

c. Honor all contributors/benefactors with an annual Founders Day (fancy) sit-down white tablecloth dinner.

d. Service Officer — position is vacant.

- e. Sergeant-at-Arms — Deb Powers is in training.
- f. Security Manager — Tim Powers has been fully trained and replaced Don Ingram.
- g. Golf Tournament Coordinator — John Hannigan has taken the position of Director.
- h. Food Truck operator — Rosa Guzman at 830.557.3366 has paid her \$100 rental payment and signed her contract.
- i. Finance Officer — Brad Henderson is currently in training.
- j. Jay Grady has proposed that anyone willing to pay for hall rental setups give the Sons a source of revenue by fulfilling those duties.
- k. Dale Bennett/Jonny Avalos — Permanent Foundation Solutions estimate submission has been tabled since this was voted down in a prior General Membership meeting.

Is there any other business to come before this meeting?

Finance Officer — Pete Johnson — Insurance for liability, property and casualty is coming due. This is \$5k per year at \$500k but insurance company suggested it be increased to \$1m. Discussion was made about Workman's Compensation and Directors/Officers insurance.

If not, will everyone please rise and remove your cover for the closing prayer.

Meeting was closed at 2009.

Submitted on 04/06/2023  
by Ed Taylor  
Commander

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**Executive Board Committee Meeting Agenda on 04 May 2023**

Called the meeting to order at 1833; confirmed quorum is present.

Sick Call and Relief – David Rohm's wife, Imelda, is home from the hospital and recovering. Comrade James Voss passed away 24 April 2023.

Review/Approval of Previous Minutes – Now posted on the website for review.

Commander's Comments:

While Don Ingram has agreed to open the Post for the Season Church by 0800 on May 7<sup>th</sup>, there is no assurance that he will continue to be available any other Sunday mornings during the remainder of the month. Need people to sign up to open. Further, someone needs to open for the Barry Irwin Brass Band at 1300 on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Board needs to designate certain members to ensure the openings and setups occur in keeping with our obligations to these hall renters.

David Rohm's wife has had several hospital admissions recently plus numerous doctor visits and medical examinations and is likely stepping aside.

Our State Representatives/Senators are going to honor our WWII veterans on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the State Capitol in Austin. If any of you wish to attend to represent Post 179 and our WWII members, the particulars for the event have been posted on the newsletter and the website. On Agenda but not discussed.

On May 15 in the hall at 1300 the Post will sponsor County Judge Stephens' Veterans Treatment Court Graduation Ceremony. A setup with tables and chairs to accommodate 40 to 50 attendees will need to be done. The Post membership should have a representation presence, particularly from the Board members. On Agenda but not discussed.

Military Affairs Committee Honoring Airman of the Quarter – May 16<sup>th</sup> from 1730-1900 – Honors Hall – The Post membership should have a representation presence, particularly from the Board members, especially from our Air Force veterans. This should also call for an Honor Guard presence. On Agenda but not discussed.

May 20<sup>th</sup> from 0900-1500 – hall rental for Swing Junction Dance Group – since the 5k Run will already be underway, the Post building will already be open so no special arrangements will need to be made, except that the Board may want to have someone monitor the folks

coming and going to ensure they do not interfere with that group. Discussion was concerning parking since both the upper and lower lots will be blocked off.

Other activities that Post 179 will be involved in during the month of May are:

May 29<sup>th</sup> @ 0630 – Memorial Day Flag Placement at Comal Cemetery – The Board needs to ensure that someone is responsible for bringing the buckets of flags from upstairs to the cemetery for placement by a representation of Post members. Need to ensure that a follow-up is done to retrieve those flags and return them upstairs on June 15 after Flag Day. On Agenda but not discussed.

May 29<sup>th</sup> @ 0900 – Memorial Day Ceremony at the New Braunfels Veterans Memorial.

May 31<sup>st</sup> from 1800-2000 – Congressman Chip Roy presents his appointments to the U.S. Military Academies (with family members) – The Post membership should have a representative presence, particularly from the Board members and the Honor Guard. On Agenda but not discussed.

Miscellaneous – Community Service individual Donald Pace purchased a fan motor and installed in the freezer and now has it working efficiently. Kitchen rental person Ms. Chalmers has brought in a freezer unit much like the one the Sons own. Not known where to place it at this time. Ms. Chalmers's employee, Jennifer, continues to come in on Mondays to prepare food items and fills the trash container but refuses to take it to the dumpster. It should not be our employees' responsibility to take out the renters' trash and may be a reason we are having a show of more roaches and rats. The Board might want to consider addressing this issue. On Agenda but not discussed.

Committee Reports:

*First Vice Commander – Jay Grady –*

May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> is the Legacy Run. 75 Riders with entertainment on Friday evening with taco plates. Saturday will be a spaghetti dinner after the ride to Kerrville.

May 19<sup>th</sup> – a band and Tamale Joe's will be hosted.

*Second Vice Commander – James Hollon –* Canopy on door to bar was discussed but further investigation on the security camera placement and field of view will be needed before going forward. Bar stools need to be replaced; motion was made by James; seconded by Spike; motion passed. Yardwork needs to be done in preparation for 5k, so discussion was made to have the yard mowed, weeded, etc. on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

*Adjutant* – Gea Clausier – Since David Rohm will not be available to hand out scholarships once checks are made out, they will need to be delivered. Dates, times, and locations of all assemblies are in this month’s newsletter.

*Finance Officer* – Pete Johnson – Currently training his vacation replacement Brad Henderson, who has written a letter expressing that he will not serve as a permanent Finance Officer for the ensuing term. Brad reviewed the P&L. Pete followed up with insurance information. Insurance has been increased to cover replacement; workman’s comp was added; bond covers officers for malfeasance. Motion was made by Pete; Charlie seconded; motion passed.

*Judge Advocate* – Spike Valencia – NSTR.

*Sergeant-at-Arms* – Debbie Powers – Excused

*Chaplain* – Charlie Clopper – NSTR.

*Historian* – Kenneth Schatte – the Memorial Day event on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1000 requires a Color Guard. The 5k run event currently has 32 runners. Even if you do not plan on running you can sign up and get a t-shirt to show your support.

*SAL Commander* – Eddy Seegers – Excused.

*Auxiliary* – Anita Bishop – Excused.

*ALR Director* – Jay Grady – Already discussed upcoming events.

*Service Officer* – Position vacant.

*Executive Committee Member* – Bill Morrison – Boys State program was discussed with 22 boys now being sponsored by Post 179.

*Executive Committee Member* – James Hollon – Nothing further to discuss.

*Executive Committee Member* – David Rohm – Excused.

*Security Manager* – Tim Powers – Excused.

*Hubmaster* – Cliff Ormiston – No comment other than if any questions.

*Golf Tournament Director* – John Hannigan – May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 1830 – Committee meeting.



### Unfinished Business

Reconstituting the Honor Guard – Tim Powers has agreed to become one.

### New Business

Presentation by Bill Morrison of the Boys State designees and their families at the General Membership meeting.

Elections and swearing in ceremony – Proposed candidates and respective positions. On Agenda but not discussed.

Is there any other business to come before this meeting?

Meeting closed at 2022.





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**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
June 1, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** 1833 by Commander Ed Taylor.
2. **Roll Call verified for Quorum.**
3. **Review/Approval of Previous Minutes:** Deferred pending revision of minutes to comply with Robert's Rules of Order.
4. **Officer and Committee Report Summaries:**

Commander – Ed Taylor:

- Requested a \$25.00 check for Airman of the Quarter.
- The Post will sponsor County Court-at-Law #2 Judge Stephens's Veterans Treatment Court graduation ceremony on June 5, 2023 at 1300.

First Vice Commander / ALR Director – Jay Grady:

- Discussed new member/transfer applications and upcoming events.
- Dinner Friday night is canceled.

Second Vice Commander – James Hollon:

- Hall rental contracts must go through the Second Vice Commander.

Adjutant – Gea Clausier:

- Installation of Officers is scheduled on June 17, 2023 at 1700. Bylaws require an Executive Committee meeting within 10 days, so the next Executive Committee meeting will be on June 22, 2023.

Finance Officer – Brad Henderson:

- Reviewing and resubmitting P&L following audit questions.
- Training Richard Smith to take over finance.

Chaplain – Charlie Clopper:

- Post Everlasting: There are two deceased members listed in the newsletter this month.

Historian – Kenneth Schatte:

- The 5k Run was a success. Scotty Dog did a writeup. The Bar Manager received \$50 for extra time. Certificates were presented to sponsors.

Service Officer – Dale Bennett:

- Elected and will be installed on June 17, 2023.

Golf Tournament Director – John Hannigan:

- Announced an upcoming ALR event - see Announcements.

5. **Unfinished Business:** None.

6. **New Business:**

- Boy Scouts would like to use the hall with potential for Legion to sponsor. James will contact leaders and ask them to present their proposal before the Executive Committee.
- MOTION by Charlie Clopper to have the person supervising Community Service receive \$50; SECONDED by Jay Grady. Motion PASSED.
- MOTION by Ken Schatte for the person having to set up / clean up receive \$50 per event to be paid by contract; SECONDED by Charlie Clopper. Motion PASSED.
- MOTION by Ken Schatte to have Gea Clausier and Jay Grady be the Post 179 delegates for Department Convention in July; SECONDED by James Hollon. Motion PASSED.

7. **Announcements:**

- Friday, June 16, 2023 – Boys State Legion Day, an e-mail will be sent to all for maximum participation.

8. **Closing:** Meeting was adjourned at 2009.

Submitted by:

Gea Clausier  
Adjutant

Approved by:

Ed Taylor  
Post Commander



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**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**(Mandatory within 10 Days of Installation of Elected Officers)**  
June 22, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** 1830 by Commander Gea Clausier.
2. **Roll Call:** There was not an official voting quorum. By established precedent, while discussions on various matters occurred, no official business could be conducted.
3. **Review/Approval of Previous Minutes:** Deferred.
4. **Officer and Committee Report Summaries:**

Commander – Gea Clausier:

- Forms were distributed delineating each officer's position and responsibilities. Request all read the Post 179 Constitution and Bylaws and become familiar with their contents.
- The Consolidated Post Report Worksheet was distributed for completion.
- Volunteers requested to open the hall for rental events.
- Three hundred ghost members are available for future possible membership. To date in 2023, the Post has gained over 40 new and transferred members.

First Vice Commander / ALR Director – Jay Grady:

- Announced an upcoming ALR event - see Announcements.

Second Vice Commander – James Hollon:

- Discussed the \$1,400 repair cost of the Club air conditioning system and the hole in the outside of the building where pests could possibly enter.

Adjutant – Ed Taylor:

- The PVC pipe with the electrical wiring for the POST sign was cut by the lawn mower and needs repair. John Hannigan suggested he and Pete Johnson could conduct repairs. Once done, they will better secure the wiring and recover the area with sod.

SAL Commander – Eddy Seegers:

- Discussed SAL membership and recent election. Two vacancies remain on SAL board.

Golf Tournament Director – John Hannigan:

- Discussed the software application, Event Caddy, being installed in the Post. The initial cost is \$999.00 and then \$299.00 for subsequent events. It provides online registration and sponsorship payment features and maintenance of sponsor and player emails. The Event Caddy team will help build the tournament and other event websites, online stores, sponsor lists, galleries, etc. More details will be provided at the Executive Committee meeting on July 6th.

5. **Unfinished Business:** None.

6. **New Business:** None.

7. **Announcements:**

- Friday, July 7, 2023 from 1900 to 2200 – The Riders are sponsoring a Bike Night event. Tamale Joe will serve food. There will be a 50/50 drawing and music by Joey Fender and the 55s. Membership and the public are invited.

8. **Closing:** Meeting was adjourned at 1930.

Submitted by:

Ed Taylor  
Adjutant

Approved by:

Gea Clausier  
Post Commander

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**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes on 01 June 2023**

Call the meeting to order at 1833 and confirm quorum.

Sick Call and Relief – None known at this time.

Review/Approval of Previous Minutes – Now posted on the website for review.

Commander's Comments

- a) Prepare a \$25.00 check for Airman of the Quarter.
- b) June 5th at 1300 the Post will sponsor County Court-at-Law #2 Judge Stephens's Veterans Treatment Court graduation ceremony.
- c) See the Post events calendar for other activities.

Committee Reports

- a) *First Vice Commander* – Jay Grady – New member/transfer applications. Riders have upcoming events.
- b) *Second Vice Commander* – James Hollon – Discussion on hall rental contracts and they need to go through him.
- c) *Adjutant* – Gea Clausier – Installation at 1700 on 17 June 2023 and by-Laws require an Executive Committee meeting within 10 days, so the next Executive Committee meeting will be on 22 Jun 23.
- d) *Finance Officer* – Brad Henderson – P&L had some questions, so Brad will review and resubmit.
- e) *Judge Advocate* – Spike Valencia – Excused.
- f) *Sergeant-at-Arms* – Deb Powers – Excused.
- g) *Chaplain* – Charlie Clopper – There are two deceased members listed in the newsletter this month.
- h) *Historian* – Kenneth Schatte – 5k Run was a success. Scotty Dog did a write up. \$50 to Trudy for her extra time. Certificates to sponsors.

- i) *SAL Commander* – Eddy Seegers – Excused.
- j) *Auxiliary* – Anita Bishop – Excused.
- k) *ALR Director* – Jay Grady – Dinner Friday night is canceled.
- l) *Service Officer* – Newly elected to be installed on the 17<sup>th</sup>: Dale Bennett.
- m) *Executive Committee Member* – Bill Morrison – Excused.
- n) *Executive Committee Member* – James Hollon – NSTR.
- o) *Executive Committee Member* – David Rohm – Excused.
- p) *Security Manager* – Tim Powers – Excused.
- q) *Hubmaster* – Cliff Ormiston – Excused.
- r) *Golf Tournament Director* – John Hannigan – June 6<sup>th</sup> at 1830 is the next committee meeting.

Unfinished Business – NSTR.

New Business

- a) Boy Scouts would like to use the hall, potential for Legion to sponsor. James will contact leaders and ask them to present before the Executive Committee.
- b) Boys State Legion Day is Friday 16 June 23. An e-mail will be sent to all to get maximum participation.
- c) Charlie Clopper made a motion to have the person supervising Community Service get \$50. Jay Grady seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- d) Ken Schatte made a motion for person having to set up/clean up receive \$50 per event to be paid by contract. Charlie Clopper seconded. Motion passed.
- e) Brad will be training Richard Smith to take over finance.
- f) Department Convention in July. Ken made a motion to have Gea Clausier and Jay Grady be the Post 179 delegates. James Hollon seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting closed at 2009.

**Walton F. Hoffmann Memorial Post 179**  
**410 West Coll St.**  
**New Braunfels, TX 78130**

**(Mandatory within 10 Days of Installation of Elected Officers) Executive  
Committee Meeting Minutes on 22 June 2023**

- 1) 1830 – Commander Gea Clausier called the meeting to order. Six of the 2023–2024 elected members of the Board were not in attendance; therefore, without a quorum it was stipulated that no official business could be conducted.
- 2) Eddy Seegers, Commander of the Sons, volunteered to do the opening prayer.
- 3) Roll Call – Not done.
- 4) Sick Call and Relief – Not mentioned.

5) Commander's Comments

Forms were passed around the table delineating each officer's position and responsibilities. The Commander requested those present to read the Post 179 Constitution and by-Laws and become familiar with their contents.

The Consolidated Post Report worksheet was passed around with the request that it be filled out to the best of our knowledge. Also passed out was a monthly calendar with a request for volunteers to open the hall for rental events with the advisory that setups would not be required, whether contracted to do so or by historical tradition.

300 ghost members are available for future possible membership. To date in 2023, the Post has signed up over 40 new and transferred members.

6) Officer Reports

- a) *1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander* – Jay Grady reported that the Riders were sponsoring a Bike Night event from 1900 to 2200 on Friday, 7 July. Tamale Joe will serve food. There will be a 50/50 drawing and music by Joey Fender and the 55s. Membership and the public are invited.
- b) *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander* – James Hollon discussed the \$1,400 repair cost to the Club air conditioning system and the hole in the outside of the building where, during the wintertime, rats may have entered the Club area seeking food and warm shelter.
- c) *Adjutant* – Ed Taylor discussed that due to the spring rains, the PVC pipe with the electrical wiring going from the building to the lit sign had been exposed, driven over, and cut by the lawn mower and now needed to be repaired. John Hannigan mentioned knowing of this and suggested that he



and Pete Johnson could conduct repairs. Once done, they would recover the area with sod to better secure the wiring.

- d) *Historian* – Ken Schatte discussed his pending Army retirement ceremony at Fort Sam Houston on 27 June at 1400.
- e) *Golf Tournament Director* – John Hannigan discussed the software application he is acquiring and having installed in the Post system whereby participants can register and sponsors can make payments. John will hopefully have more details in that regard by the next Executive Committee meeting on 6 July.

The software is an online application called *Event Caddy*. Using it will require an initial cost of \$999.00 and then \$299.00 for subsequent new events. The features it provides include online registration and sponsorship, including maintaining sponsor and player team e-mails which carry over year after year. It's an easier way to manage the tournament and provides the convenience of copying event setup details going forward. The Event Caddy team will help build the tournament and other event websites, online store, sponsor lists, galleries, etc.

- f) SAL Commander – Eddy Seegers talked about his group's membership and recent election of all but two vacancies on its board.

At 1930 the meeting was closed with Eddy Seegers, Commander of the Sons, volunteering to do the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted for posting to the website on 24 June 2023 by

**J. E. (Ed) Taylor**  
*Adjutant*





**WALTON F. HOFFMAN MEMORIAL POST 179**  
410 W. Coll Street  
New Braunfels, TX 78130-5619

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
July 6, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** 1830 by Commander Gea Clausier.
2. **Roll Call:** There was not an official voting quorum (two committee members present were not installed until the General Membership meeting on July 13, 2023). By established precedent, while discussions on various matters occurred, no official business could be conducted.
3. **Review/Approval of Previous Minutes:** Deferred.
4. **Officer and Committee Report Summaries:**  
  
Commander - Gea Clausier:
  - Noted will be out of the state from July 14 - 21, 2023.  
First Vice Commander / ALR Director – Jay Grady:
  - Searching for new members from the Austin ghost chapter with a local zip code.
  - Next scheduled ALR meeting is July 27, 2023.  
Second Vice Commander – James Hollon:
  - Interviewing new bartenders following resignation of Bar Manager. Qualified member volunteers are filling in during transition.  
SAL Commander – Eddy Seegers:
  - Discussed SAL membership.
  - Next scheduled SAL meeting is July 20, 2023.
5. **Unfinished Business:** None.
6. **New Business:** None.
7. **Announcements:** None.
8. **Closing:** Meeting was adjourned at 1930.

Submitted by:

Ed Taylor  
Adjutant

Approved by:

Gea Clausier  
Post Commander

**Walton F. Hoffmann Memorial Post 179**  
**410 W. Coll St.**  
**New Braunfels, TX 78130**

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes on 06 July 2023**

1. At 1830, Commander Gea Clausier called the meeting to order.

It has been brought to the Executive Committee's attention that two committee members present were not installed until the General Membership meeting on 13 July 2023; therefore, without an official voting quorum, no official business could be conducted. By established precedent, while discussions on various matters could occur, all motions and votes on issues have been determined to be null and void during this session.

2. Eddy Seegers, Commander of the Sons, volunteered to lead the opening prayer.

3. Roll Call – Not done.

4. Sick Call and Relief – Not mentioned.

5. Commander's Comments

The Commander will be out of the State between 14 July and 21 July.

6. Officer Reports

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander** – Jay Grady discussed searching for new members primarily from the Austin ghost chapter who are shown to have a local ZIP code address. Announced that the next scheduled meeting for the ALR is 27 July.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander** – James Hollon referred to the resignation of the Club Manager and interviewing new bartender replacements, plus member volunteers as backup substitutes.

**Adjutant** – NSTR.

**Historian** – Ken Schatte discussed his pending Army retirement ceremony at Fort Sam Houston on 27 July at 1400.

**SAL Commander** – Eddy Seegers talked about his group's membership and next scheduled meeting on 20 July.

At 1930, the meeting was closed. Eddy Seegers, Commander of the Sons, volunteered to lead the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. (Ed) Taylor  
**Adjutant**



**WALTON F. HOFFMAN MEMORIAL POST 179**  
410 W. Coll Street  
New Braunfels, TX 78130-5619

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
August 3, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** 1830 by Commander Gea Clausier.
2. **Roll Call verified for Quorum:** List of attendees attached.
3. **Review/Approval of Previous Minutes:** Deferred pending revision of minutes to comply with Robert's Rules of Order.

**4. Officer and Committee Report Summaries:**

Commander - Gea Clausier:

- Noted will be out of state from August 14 - 21, 2023.
- The President of Wreaths Across America requested assistance from Post 179 in laying the wreaths at Comal County Cemetery on the December 16, 2023 at 1100. Contact the Commander if interested in coordinating or participating.
- Reviewed upcoming events on the Post calendar.

Second Vice Commander – James Hollon:

- Discussed the need and cost for new barstools for the bar.

Adjutant – Ed Taylor:

- Working with the state office to obtain access to MyLegion.org to process dues-paying members.

Finance Officer – Rick Smith:

- For July, the beginning balance was \$51,412; monthly income was \$6,135; expenses were \$8,298; the ending balance was \$49,250.

Historian – Kenneth Schatte:

- Comal ISD requested Post 179 Honor Guard provide U.S. and Texas flags for and participate in dedication ceremonies of two new schools:
  - Farias-Spitzer Elementary School - Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 1800; and
  - Comal Creek Elementary School - Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 1730.

Service Officer – Dale Bennett:

- A female homeless veteran called in need of assistance. Ramon Jimenez, the San Antonio, VA Service Officer, also called about services for homeless female veterans available in New Braunfels. The Adjutant, in the Service Officer's absence, researched and compiled a list of services and will coordinate with the Service Office to provide assistance for the veteran. For more information about available veteran's services, contact the Service Officer.

5. **Unfinished Business:** None.

6. **New Business:**

- Pastor Daniel Seydler and four members of the Board of Trustees for Season Church asked Officers in attendance about their feelings regarding having the church continue as a long-term tenant under current arrangements. The general discussion by all members was favorable.
- MOTION by James Hollon to purchase and install a television antenna and cancel Spectrum cable TV account; SECONDED by Ken Schatte; PASSED following discussion.
- MOTION by James Hollon to create a Legacy Capital Improvement Fund for purpose of replacing the current facility; SECONDED by Bill Morrison; PASSED following discussion.

7. **Announcements:**

- Tuesday, August 22, 2023 – Team RWB, an organization working to prevent veteran suicide and PTSD depression, will host a 2.2 mile walk on 22 August 2023. Its halfway point will be at the Post.
- Friday, August 25, 2023 – The ALR will have a chicken quarter leg sale.
- Friday, September 8, 2023 – ALR is sponsoring a Bike Night.
- Saturday, September 9, 2023 – There will be a Retiree Appreciation Day at Randolph Air Force Base.
- Monday, September 11, 2023 – The Post is planning for Patriot Day. Ken Schatte and Spike Friday, Valencia volunteered to lead this effort.
- Friday, September 15, 2023 – The Post will host its 2nd Annual Golf Tournament.
- Friday - Sunday, September 22 - 24, 2023 – The Department Executive Committee (DEC) will be held in Austin.
- Friday, September 29, 2023 – The Post will participate in the Comal County Fair Parade. Let the Commander know if you are interested or have ideas regarding our involvement or the float.

8. **Closing:** Meeting was adjourned at 2030.

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Ed Taylor  
Adjutant

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Gea Clausier  
Post Commander

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2023

### List of Attendees

Commander	Gea Clausier
Second Vice Commander	James Hollon
Adjutant	Ed Taylor
Finance Officer	Rick Smith
Judge Advocate	Spike Valencia
Sergeant-at-Arms	Deb Powers
Chaplain	Charlie Clopper
Historian	Ken Schatte
Executive Committee / Director of Boys State Program	Bill Morrison
Hubmaster	Cliff Ormiston
Member	Ken Dalfonso
Guests	Pastor Daniel Seydler and four members of the Board of Trustees for Season Church

**Walton F. Hoffmann Memorial Post 179**  
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**New Braunfels, TX 78130**

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes on 03 August 2023**

1. At 1830 Commander Gea Clausier called the meeting to order.
2. Chaplain Charlie Clopper gave the opening prayer.
3. Roll Call – The following were in attendance:
  - Commander – Gea Clausier
  - First Vice Commander – *Absent*
  - Second Vice Commander – James Hollon
  - Adjutant – Ed Taylor
  - Finance Officer – Rick Smith
  - Judge Advocate – Spike Valencia
  - Sergeant-at-Arms – Deb Powers
  - Chaplain – Charlie Clopper
  - Historian – Ken Schatte
  - Director of Boys State Program – William (Bill) F. Morrison, II
  - Member – Ken Dalfonso
  - Guests – Pastor Daniel Seydler and four members of the Board of Trustees for Season Church also joined in the meeting.
4. Sick Call and Relief – Not mentioned.
5. Commander's Comments

The Commander will be out of the state between 14 and 21 August. The President of Wreaths Across America requested participation and assistance from Post 179 in its laying of the wreaths at Comal County Cemetery at 1100 on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, 2023, and any other local activity it might sponsor. The Commander asked for a volunteer to act on behalf of the Post as a coordinator with the President in this endeavor. No one on the Board stepped forward to volunteer. The Commander indicated that she would handle the project for the time being.
6. Calendar Review

Team RWB will host a 2.2 mile walk on 22 August 2023. Its halfway point will be at the Post. During the time of the 5k Run, Ed Eaton, President of Team RWB, met with Eddy Seegers and discussed working with the Sons on having some kind of break for lunch. It would behoove the Post to support these folks as its primary purpose is to prevent veteran suicide and PTSD depression.



On the 25<sup>th</sup> of August, the ALR will be having a quarter leg chicken sale.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of September, ALR will sponsor a Bike Night event.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of September, there will be a Retiree Appreciation Day at Randolph AFB.

The Commander again called for a committee and volunteers to plan for Patriot Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September. Ken Schatte and Spike Valencia volunteered to head this program.

The proposed target for paid membership of 50% is set for the 13<sup>th</sup> of September.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual American Legion Post 179 Golf Tournament is scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. John Hannigan organized it well and now needs support in both drumming up team participation to play in the tournament and garnering additional sponsor involvement.

From the 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup> of September, the Department Executive Committee will be held in Austin.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of September, the Comal County Fair Parade will occur. The Commander would like for the Post to participate in the parade. Let the Commander know if you are interested and have any ideas as to what we could do in terms of a float or other involvement.

## 7. Committee Reports

**First Vice Commander** – No report; not present.

**Second Vice Commander** – Discussed the cost of new barstools for the bar. Made the motion that we purchase and install a television antenna on the second level and if determined to function satisfactorily to cancel the Spectrum cable TV account.

- Motion seconded by Ken Schatte.
- Motion passed.

Made the Motion that Post 179 create a Legacy Capital Improvement Fund for the future purpose of replacing the current facility. No funds allocated for this purpose may be used for electrical, plumbing, or ancillary repairs of equipment such as air conditioning, heating, or appliances.

- Motion seconded by Bill Morrison.
- Motion passed.

**Adjutant** – Reported that the state office still had not provided access to MyLegion.org in order to process dues-paying members. Membership cards still cannot be forwarded to them at this time. It is anticipated that the necessary corrections to the site will be made within the foreseeable future.

**Finance Officer** – Noted that the beginning account balance for the month of July was \$51,412. Income for the month was \$6,135, while expenses were \$8,298, leaving a bank balance of \$49,250 at the end of the month.

**Judge Advocate** – No report.

**Sergeant-at-Arms** – No report.

**Chaplain** – No report.

**Historian** – Discussed the upcoming Golf Tournament. Post 179 has a request from Comal ISD to provide flags for the dedication ceremonies of two new schools. The following are details provided thus far:

Salwa Lanford  
210.887.6468  
[salwa.lanford@comalisd.org](mailto:salwa.lanford@comalisd.org)

Michele Stephens  
830.221.2000  
[michele.stephens@comalisd.org](mailto:michele.stephens@comalisd.org)

Tuesday, 15 August:

1730 – Doors open.

1800 – Dedication ceremony at Farias-Spitzer Elementary School, 1475 State Highway 46, New Braunfels 78130.

Thursday, 17 August:

1700 – Doors open.

1730 – Dedication ceremony at Comal Creek Elementary School, 233 Hubertus Road, Schertz 78154.

Comal ISD would like Post 179 to provide a set of U.S. and Texas flags to be flown at the schools. The Honor Guard would simply make the presentations, be recognized, and have pictures taken. Comal ISD ROTC students would do the actual raising of the flags in a separate presentation.

**SAL Commander** – No report; not present.

**ALR Director** – No report; not present.

**Service Officer** – Victoria Osborne, a female homeless veteran, called in need of assistance. She provided her contact information to Service Officer Dale Bennett, who responded that he was out of state, would not return until around the 15<sup>th</sup>, and would not be able to be of assistance. Simultaneously, Ramon Jimenez, the San Antonio VA Service Officer, called wanting to know what services were available in New Braunfels for homeless female veterans. The Adjutant was able to determine the following:

- a) The National Call Center for Homeless Veterans is 877.424.3838. However, the call center simply refers to a local Post with its contact number and address. It also provides similar VFW information. No local assistance for homeless female veterans is specifically provided.
- b) The Crisis Center of Comal County at 655 Landa Street, across the street and just down from the new City Hall, stated that all homeless females must call the local police and be escorted into the premises for security reasons.
- c) Tree of Life Church located at 5513 Interstate 35 frontage road has service officers who will meet with and determine whether assistance will be provided to homeless females, veteran or otherwise.
- d) First Footing Program has an arrangement similar to the Tree of Life.  
Kellie Stallings, Director  
1414 North San Antonio Street  
New Braunfels 78130  
830.629.6371  
[kellie@nbhousingpartners.org](mailto:kellie@nbhousingpartners.org)

The Service Officer also mentioned that he has not been allocated any cash to use for assistance purposes. He does not know the appropriate procedures he should undertake to determine how he is to receive funds.

**Hubmaster** – No report; not present.

**Auxiliary President** – No report; not present.

8. Unfinished Business – None discussed.

9. New Business

As mentioned, Pastor Daniel Seydler and four members of the Board of Trustees for Season Church joined in the meeting. After his presentation, he asked that each officer in attendance inform him and the church group about their feelings regarding having the church continue as a long-term tenant under current arrangements. The general discussion by all members was favorable. No dissent was presented.

10. Closing – At 2030 Chaplain Charlie Clopper gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. (Ed) Taylor  
**Adjutant**



**WALTON F. HOFFMAN MEMORIAL POST 179**  
410 W. Coll Street  
New Braunfels, TX 78130-5619

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
September 7, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** 1830 by Commander Gea Clausier.
2. **Roll Call verified for Quorum:** List of attendees attached.
3. **Review/Approval of Previous Minutes:** Deferred pending revision of minutes to comply with Robert's Rules of Order.
4. **Officer and Committee Report Summaries:**

Commander – Gea Clausier:

- The ALR chicken quarter leg sale at the Post on August 25, 2023 was very successful.
- Will check with the City of New Braunfels regarding the 9/11 parade and ceremony.
- Reviewed upcoming events – see Announcements.

First Vice Commander / ALR Director – Jay Grady:

- Reviewed upcoming ALR events – see Announcements.

Second Vice Commander – James Hollon:

- A health inspection is anticipated within the next couple of months and have scheduled a kitchen clean up project – see Announcements.
- Amanda was promoted to Bar Manager.
- Reviewed additional upcoming events – see Announcements.

Adjutant – Ed Taylor:

- The Post is once again able to process membership entries in mylegion.org. New membership cards are being sent to those that have paid 2024 dues. To date Post 179 has 220 paid, 55 transmitted, and 33 recently entered.
- Service Officer Dale Bennett has a report of sources of assistance for veterans available for anyone upon request.
- Sarah Hennessy, the Development Ambassador of the Comal County Habitat for Humanity, asked if the Post would like to partner with Habitat on any future events and is available to make presentations as requested.

Finance Officer – Rick Smith:

- A financial statement has not been completed due to a technical issue, but will be provided at the General Membership meeting next week. All accounts are positive. The General Fund has a balance of about \$50,000.00.

Chaplain – Charlie Clopper:

- Post Everlasting: William L. Kovar, Jr. passed away on August 19, 2023.

Sgt-At-Arms – Deb Powers:

- Requested two new flags be purchased to serve as replacements when needed.
- Post will contact Heavenly Paws regarding retirement arrangements for several unserviceable flags.

Historian – Kenneth Schatte:

- Discussed an upcoming 5k walk/run. More details will follow.

Service Officer – Dale Bennett:

- Built a wheelchair ramp for a disabled veteran at his home.

SAL Commander – Eddy Seegers:

- Current paid membership is 37.
- Because the Post Hall is booked for Thanksgiving Day, a pick-up/to-go option is being considered for this year's Post Thanksgiving meal.

Hubmaster – Cliff Ormiston:

- Will add upcoming events to e-mail blasts to the membership.

**5. Unfinished Business:** None.

**6. New Business:**

- **MOTION by James Hollon to Return Honor Wall plaques requested by two individuals without dollar reimbursement; SECONDED by Charlie Clopper. Motion PASSED following discussion.**

**7. Announcements:**

- Friday, September 8, 2023 – ALR is sponsoring a Bike Night.
- Saturday, September 9, 2023 – Post kitchen cleanup project – contact James Hollon to volunteer.
- Saturday, September 9, 2023 – Retiree Appreciation Day at Randolph Air Force Base – we will have a table to sign up new members. If you'd like to volunteer to help at the table, let the Commander know.
- Friday, September 15, 2023 – The 2nd Annual Golf Tournament – there is still time to sign up to participate or volunteer.
- Friday, September 22, 2023 – The Building Legacy Fund drawing will be held.
- Friday - Sunday, September 22 - 24, 2023 – The Department Executive Committee (DEC) will be held in Austin. Contact the Commander for details if you wish to attend.
- Saturday, September 23, 2023 – There is a Blessing of the Bikes in League City.
- Friday, September 29, 2023 – The Post will participate in the Comal County Fair Parade. Let the Commander know if you are interested or have ideas regarding our involvement or the float.

**8. Closing:** Meeting was adjourned at 2030.

Submitted by:

Ed Taylor  
Adjutant

Approved by:

Gea Clausier  
Post Commander

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
September 7, 2023

**List of Attendees**

Commander  
First Vice Commander  
Second Vice Commander  
Adjutant  
Finance Officer  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
Chaplain  
Historian  
Service Officer  
Hubmaster  
Golf Tournament Director  
Sons of the American Legion

Gea Clausier  
Jay Grady  
James Hollon  
Ed Taylor  
Rick Smith  
Deb Powers  
Charlie Clopper  
Ken Schatte  
Dale Bennett  
Cliff Ormiston  
John Hannigan  
Eddy Seegers

**Walton F. Hoffmann Memorial Post 179**  
**410 W. Coll St.**  
**New Braunfels, TX 78130**

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes on 07 September 2023**

1. At 1830, Commander Gea Clausier called the meeting to order.

2. Chaplain Charlie Clopper gave the opening prayer.

3. Roll Call – The following were in attendance:

- Commander ..... Gea Clausier
- First Vice Commander ..... Jay Grady
- Second Vice Commander ..... James Hollon
- Adjutant ..... Ed Taylor
- Finance Officer ..... Rick Smith
- Judge Advocate ..... *Absent*
- Sergeant-at-Arms ..... Deb Powers
- Chaplain ..... Charlie Clopper
- Historian ..... Ken Schatte
- Service Officer ..... Dale Bennett
- Director of Boys State Program ..... *Absent*
- Hubmaster ..... Cliff Ormiston
- Golf Tournament Director ..... John Hannigan
- Sons of the American Legion ..... Eddy Seegers
- Auxiliary ..... *Absent*

4. Sick Call and Relief – Thankfully, none known at this time.

5. Commander's Comments

ALR had a chicken quarter leg sale at the Post on 25 August that was very successful.

Retiree Appreciation Day at Randolph Air Force Base will occur on Saturday, 9 September. We will have a table to sign up new members. If you'd like to volunteer to help at the table, let me know.

The Commander is going to check with the City of New Braunfels regarding particulars on the 9/11 parade and ceremony.

From the 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup> of September, the Department Executive Committee (DEC) will be held in Austin. Any member wishing to attend should please contact the Commander for details.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of September, the Comal County Fair Parade will occur. The Commander would like for the Post to participate in the parade. Let the Commander know if you are interested and have any ideas about what we could do, whether regarding the float or other involvement.

Our big event will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, 15 September. Please come out to volunteer if you are not a golfer; if you are a golfer, there is still time to sign up.

6. Committee Reports

**First Vice Commander/ALR Director** – There will be an ALR Bike Night on Friday, 8 September. There is a *Blessing of the Bikes* in League City on Saturday, 23 September.

**Second Vice Commander** – Motioned to give back the Honor Wall plaques, which had been requested without dollar reimbursement, to two individuals. Charlie Clopper seconded the motion; the motion carried. Requested volunteers to assist with a kitchen cleanup project at 0800 on the 9<sup>th</sup>. A health inspection is anticipated within the next couple of months. Amanda has been designated as the new Bar Manager. The Building Legacy Fund drawing will be held on 22 September.

**Adjutant** – The Post is now set up in mylegion.org with the ability to process membership entries. For those that have paid 2024 dues, new membership cards are being sent out. As of this meeting, Post 179 is credited with 220 paid, 55 transmitted into the program, and 33 recently entered. A review is now underway of those paying online and once confirmed, membership cards will be mailed.

In keeping with the homeless female veteran issue of last month, Service Officer Dale Bennett has received a report of sources of assistance available. This report is available to anyone upon request. Sarah Hennessy, the Development Ambassador of the Comal County Habitat for Humanity, has asked if the Post would like to partner with Habitat on any future events. She is available to make presentations as requested.

**Finance Officer** – A financial statement has not been completed but will be provided at the General Membership meeting next week. All accounts are positive. The General Fund has a balance of about \$50,000.

**Judge Advocate** – No report.

**Sergeant-at-Arms** – Requested approval to purchase two new flags needed as replacements. Will contact Paws of Plenty regarding retirement arrangements for



unserviceable flags.

**Chaplain** – Post Everlasting: William L. Kovar, Jr. passed away on 19 August 2023.

**Historian** – Discussed an upcoming 5k walk/run. More particulars will follow.

**SAL Commander** – Eddy Seegers announced that the currently paid membership stands at 37. The Post Hall is booked for Thanksgiving Day. Other arrangements will be considered regarding cooking and accepting of food donations traditionally provided by the Barth Realty Group.

**Service Officer** – Built a wheelchair ramp for a disabled veteran at his home.

**Hubmaster** – Reported adding upcoming event features to his e-mail blasts to the membership.

**Auxiliary President** – No report; not present.

7. Unfinished Business – None discussed.
8. New Business – See Committee Reports above.
9. Closing – At 2030, Chaplain Charlie Clopper gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. (Ed) Taylor  
**Adjutant**



**WALTON F. HOFFMAN MEMORIAL POST 179**  
410 W. Coll Street  
New Braunfels, TX 78130-5619

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
October 5, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** 1830 by Commander Gea Clausier.
2. **Roll Call verified for Quorum:** List of attendees attached.
3. **Review/Approval of Previous Minutes:** Deferred pending revision of minutes to comply with Robert's Rules of Order.
4. **Officer and Committee Report Summaries:**

Commander – Gea Clausier:

- Noted minutes for meetings were being reviewed for compliance with Robert's Rules of Order.
- Post 179 participated in Retiree Appreciation Day at Randolph Air Force Base on Saturday, September 9, 2023.
- Seventeen teams participated in the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, September 15, 2023. The tournament generated a profit of approximately \$4,000.00 and a vendor contributed an additional \$2,000.00.
- Attended the Department Executive Committee (DEC) which was held in Austin September 22 - 24, 2023.
- Post 179 participated in the Comal County Fair Parade on September 29, 2023.

First Vice Commander / ALR Director – Jay Grady:

- Commented on membership status and that several new members joined recently.
- Noted there was a "Blessing of the Bikes" in League City on Saturday, September 23, 2023.

Second Vice Commander – James Hollon:

- The upcoming Irreverent Warriors run/walk event will stop at the Post.
- Discussed giving back the Honor Wall plaques requested by two individuals.
- Requested ideas for fundraising for the Building Legacy Fund.

Adjutant – Ed Taylor:

- Noted paid 2024 memberships are being entered into MyLegions.org and new membership cards are being sent.
- Announced Sarah Hennessy, Development Ambassador with the Comal County Habitat for Humanity, asked if we would like to partner with them on any events. She is available to make a presentation.
- Proposed the Second Vice Commander consider a lighting project for the outdoor patio.

Chaplain – Charlie Clopper:

- Inquired about process for identifying members who have passed away. The Adjutant shared that he reviews Obituaries and Life Tributes sections of the Herald/Zeitung newspaper daily

and compares with the membership roster. Funeral homes have also been asked to notify the Commander and the Adjutant when a Veteran has passed.

Sgt-At-Arms – Deb Powers:

- Distributed Member Spotlight Questionnaires for review and for officers to complete for inclusion in future newsletters.

Historian – Kenneth Schatte:

- Discussed an upcoming 5k walk/run. More details will follow.
- Inquired about long term hall rental contracts for the Marion Group and the German American Society that were recently cancelled as a result of hall rental price increases.

5. **Unfinished Business:** None.

6. **New Business:** None.

7. **Announcements:**

- Sunday, October 29, 2023 – Post kitchen cleanup project – contact James Hollon to volunteer.
- Wednesday - Thursday, November 22 - 23, 2023 – Thanksgiving to go meals to be prepared and distributed as hall has been rented on Thanksgiving Day.

8. **Closing:** Meeting was adjourned at 2030.

Submitted by:

Ed Taylor  
Adjutant

Approved by:

Gea Clausier  
Post Commander

## **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

October 5, 2023

### **List of Attendees**

Commander	Gea Clausier
First Vice Commander / American Legion Riders Director	Jay Grady
Second Vice Commander	James Hollon
Adjutant	Ed Taylor
Judge Advocate	Spike Valencia
Sergeant-at-Arms	Deb Powers
Chaplain	Charlie Clopper
Historian	Ken Schatte
Service Officer	Dale Bennett
Director of Boys State Program / Executive Committee Member	Bill Morrison
Hubmaster	Cliff Ormiston
Golf Tournament Director	John Hannigan
Sons of the American Legion	Eddy Seegers
Members	Kwame Tawiah
	Dan Oliver
	Art Hernandez, Jr.



**WALTON F. HOFFMAN MEMORIAL POST 179**  
410 W. Coll Street  
New Braunfels, TX 78130-5619

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
02 November 2023

1. **Call to Order:** 1830 by Second Vice Commander James Hollon.
2. **Roll Call verified for Quorum.** List of attendees attached.
3. **Review/Approval of Previous Minutes:** Deferred pending revision of minutes to comply with Robert's Rules of Order.

**4. Officer and Committee Report Summaries:**

Second Vice Commander – James Hollon:

- Distributed card in honor of 93rd birthday of Shelby Colby.
- Distributed invitation to event honoring all veterans at County Line Elementary School.
- Replacement for the bar flooring is being priced.

Adjutant – Ed Taylor:

- Noted the Post is updating [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org) and sending out new membership cards to those who have paid their 2024 dues.

Finance Officer – Rick Smith:

- At the end of October, the general account balance was \$47,173.90; the SAL account balance was \$3,380.00; the ALR account balance was \$9,408.66 and the two Vanguard account balances were \$10,693.06 and \$9,588.36.

Chaplain – Charlie Clopper:

- While there were no Sick Call and Relief or Post Everlasting to report, the process for identifying members who have passed away was discussed. Currently the Adjutant reviews Herald Zeitung obituaries and cross references with the membership roster daily. Deceased members are reported to the Chaplain.

Hubmaster - Cliff Ormiston:

- The Post website is significantly underutilized by Officers and members, and several issues need to be urgently addressed:
  - Events are not being effectively communicated. It is critical that events be communicated to the Hubmaster in advance so the calendar can be an accurate resource for members and the public.
  - Photos of events are currently posted to Facebook rather than the website — the official history of the Post. Photos should be shared with the Hubmaster via an online archive (e.g., Dropbox, Google Drive) or provided via a thumb drive. Downloading photos from Facebook requires significant unnecessary effort.
  - Hubmaster emails and requests for website suggestions and content are frequently unanswered. All should seek ways to utilize this important Post informational resource, and

timely responses are essential to ensure the website accurately represents the Post to the world.

- The Hubmaster has contributed significant effort editing and improving every page of content during his tenure. But the above issues have caused such frustration, he asked another member to assume Hubmaster duties. While that individual declined, he asked the Executive Committee whether he should be replaced. There was general agreement the website is needed, and Cliff is doing a great job managing and enhancing the site. The Second Vice Commander encouraged Cliff to continue in his duties as Hubmaster.

#### 5. **Unfinished Business:**

- Post Bar Enhancements - Lighting for the outdoor seating area is being priced /evaluated.
- Legacy Building Fund - Any ideas for fundraising are welcome. The Second Vice Commander noted the condition of the building continues to deteriorate and acknowledged the need for an eventual replacement. A special committee with general membership participation is needed to develop proposals for the building replacement and financing. The Judge Advocate participated in a previous study for this purpose which may be used as a starting point for the new committee. At the time of the previous study, members felt that the existing building could be maintained. But the increasing number of issues with the building is changing minds, and the Post needs to accelerate planning for building replacement.

#### 6. **New Business:**

- **MOTION by Ed Taylor to appoint Kwame Tawiah to the Executive Committee and to replace David Rohm as Director of the Scholarship Committee; SECONDED by Spike Valencia. Motion PASSED.**

#### 7. **Announcements:**

- Thursday and Friday, November 9th and 10th - Wurstfest Booth Opportunity - Contact the Second Vice Commander for additional details.
- Friday, November 10th - ALR Bike Night
- Saturday, November 11th - Veteran's Day Parade
- Saturday, November 11th - Montana Mike's is serving a free steak dinner to veterans.
- Thursday, November 23rd - Sons are coordinating a Thanksgiving Take-out meal. Volunteers are needed, contact Eddy Seegers for more information.

#### 8. **Closing:** Meeting was adjourned at 2048.

Submitted by:

Ed Taylor  
Adjutant

Approved by:

Gea Clausier  
Post Commander

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
02 November 2023

**List of Attendees**

Second Vice Commander / Executive Committee Member	James Hollon
Adjutant	Ed Taylor
Finance Officer	Rick Smith
Judge Advocate	Spike Valencia
Chaplain	Charlie Clopper
Historian	Ken Schatte
Service Officer	Dale Bennett
Executive Committee Member / Director of Scholarship Committee	Kwame Tawiah
Hubmaster	Cliff Ormiston



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**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
December 7, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** 1830 by Commander Gea Clausier.
2. **Roll Call verified for Quorum.** List of attendees attached.
3. **Review/Approval of Previous Minutes:** MOTION to approve the minutes for June through November which were updated to comply with Robert's Rules of Order; SECONDED by Kwame Tawiah. Motion PASSED.

**4. Officer and Committee Report Summaries:**

Commander – Gea Clausier:

- Noted a building key was issued to a second member of Season Church because there was no Post member willing / able to open the building for them. There was general consensus the Commander has the discretion to do this followed by a brief discussion about plans for the Security Manager to review requirements for building access and investigate changing the locks in the near future.

Second Vice Commander – James Hollon:

- Noted the former bar manager indicated she was owed for opening the hall for five events.
- Discussed bonus recommendations for the current bar manager.

Adjutant – Ed Taylor:

- Noted Major General Jeannie Levitt, the first U.S. female combat fighter pilot, recently moved to New Braunfels with her family.
- Noted park personnel approached the Post to take responsibility for selling / maintaining honorary bricks surrounding the memorial statue in Prince Solms Park. The Post had done this in the past, but several years ago the park decided it was within their purview and assumed the role.

Finance Officer – Rick Smith:

- Provided an overview of Post finances.

Chaplain – Charlie Clopper:

- Noted there were no Sick Call and Relief or Post Everlasting to report.

Historian – Ken Schatte:

- Noted General Tex Brown holds a veterans social event the first Tuesday of every month at Krause's Cafe.



Director of Scholarship Program – Kwame Tawiah:

- Noted he has been contacting elementary and middle school advisors regarding the spring scholarship awards.

Public Affairs Officer – Pam Grady:

- Noted she has been exploring options for signage to help patrons find the Post bar.

SAL Commander – Eddy Seegers:

- Submitted a written report of SAL updates.
- Noted the need for a new cooler for the Post and discussed fundraising ideas for this endeavor.

Auxiliary President – Anita Bishop:

- Commented that the Auxiliary supports the Post and our American Legion family should work together.

**5. Unfinished Business:**

- Post Bar Enhancements - Lighting for the outdoor seating area and bar flooring is being priced / evaluated.

**6. New Business:**

- MOTION by James Hollon to formally transition responsibility for the AL Auxiliary key from the Auxiliary President to the Auxiliary Secretary / Treasurer per their request; SECONDED by Kwame Tawiah. Motion PASSED.
- MOTION by Ken Schatte to pay the former Bar Manager up to \$250.00 subject to Finance Officer verification of the amount owed; SECONDED by James Hollon. Motion PASSED.
- MOTION by Rick Smith to approve a \$500.00 bonus for the current Bar Manager; SECONDED by Ken Schatte. Motion PASSED.
- MOTION by Ken Schatte to offer an honorary Post membership to Major General Jeannie Levitt; SECONDED by Charlie Clopper. Motion PASSED.
- MOTION by Ken Schatte for the Post to explore selling honorary bricks around the Prince Solms Park Memorial; SECONDED by Kwame Tawiah. Motion FAILED.
- Pastor Daniel of Season Church and members of his Board of Trustees gifted the Post with 25 patriotic handmade quilts.

**7. Announcements:**

- Friday - Sunday, December 8 - 10, 2023 - Renaissance Faire - Contact the Second Vice Commander for additional details or to volunteer.
- Saturday, December 16, 2023 - Wreaths Across America - Ceremony and wreath laying at Comal County Cemetery - Contact the Commander for additional details or to volunteer.

**8. Closing:** Meeting was adjourned at 2015.

Submitted by:

Ed Taylor  
Adjutant

Approved by:

Gea Clausier  
Post Commander

## **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

December 7, 2023

### **List of Attendees**

Commander	Gea Clausier
Second Vice Commander / Executive Committee Member	James Hollon
Adjutant	Ed Taylor
Finance Officer	Rick Smith
Chaplain	Charlie Clopper
Sergeant At Arms / Newsletter Editor / Publisher	Deb Powers
Historian	Ken Schatte
Executive Committee Member / Director of Scholarship Committee	Kwame Tawiah
Public Affairs Officer / Auxiliary First Vice President	Pam Grady
SAL Commander	Eddy Seegers
Auxiliary President	Anita Bishop
Auxiliary Treasurer / Secretary	Mary Jane Repp
Guests	Pastor Daniel of Season Church and members of his Board of Trustees