



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

## **General Membership Meeting Minutes**

13 January 2022

### **Opening**

Commander Don Ingram opened the meeting at 1900 hours and the invocation was given by Chaplain Ed Taylor. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Sgt-at-Arms Jay MacLeod draped the POW/MIA chair and we remembered those that we have lost or are still missing. The Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion was shown but not recited at this meeting.

### **Memorials/Post Everlasting**

Nothing to report at this time.

### **Installation of New Officers**

None at this time.

### **Roll Call**

Roll call was taken, and all executive staff members were present except for the following: Charlie Clopper, Zanti Lovar, and Mike Roberts were excused. A quorum was present.

### **Sick Call & Relief**

Pepper Mitchell's husband, Jim is in ICU.

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

Comrade Jay MacLeod made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ed Taylor seconded the motion and it approved via voice vote with amendment.

**Closed**

## **Guests/Prospective Members**

Monte Baird, USMC, Pepper Mitchell, USN, Steve Rafburn, USA, and Dick Mannes, USA, JJ Sadler, USMC.

## **Commanders Comments/Guest Speakers**

a. Commander Ingram presented the Post 179 Strategic Plan and Lower Lot “Valhalla Village” plans to the general membership. Comrade Ray Sanchez has been appointed as the project manager for the “Valhalla Village” plans and Comrade Jay MacLeod has been appointed as co-chair of implementation of the project. We are using our community to enhance good relations which is providing long term rentals for the hall and a continued income for the post. We are also in the process of evaluating and updating the standing rules. The Post CB&L has been update, sent for Department JAG review, and approved. Post Spring Clean-Up is 5 March 2022 from 0800-1700. See attached slides.

## **Adjutant Minute**

a. Membership Transfers will be official in myLegion.org in January 2022. It is because of the way the program for myLegion.org was set up. Please remember to get your volunteers hours and membership dues to Adjutant Stover.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Membership/Events: David Rohm**

1st Vice Commander David Rohm discussed membership numbers. Our goal has stayed the same with a membership of 590 people. We have a total of 591 members on our roster and 394 people that are part of the unassigned “ghost post” 345 that live in our local area. We have 360 members paid for the 2022 year which is 61.8% of our goal. The goal for December 2021 is 75%; we are slightly behind department goals.

The ALR Fasching Run is coming up on 26 February 2022 and the Four Chaplains will be done on 10 February 2022 by Comrade Ed Taylor.

**Finance:** Ed Fowler

Comrade Fowler stated that the general account has \$10,495.69 and there was a \$2.8K profit made. We lost \$1.8K in the club account, gaming \$4.9K, and hall rentals increased with \$2.1K. There were no monies moved from general account to club account during December 2021. Best month overall since COVID hit and the gaming income is up. We are down to one employee who wishes to downgrade to bartender due to illness. Bar manager is needed. The ALR bank balance is healthy at \$9,017.62 and the SAL account is doing well at \$3,686.80.

Comrade Jay MacLeod made a motion to accept the financial report as written and pending audit. It was seconded by David Rohm and was approved via voice vote.

**House/Maintenance:** Ed Taylor

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Ed Taylor stated that he has another roofer appraisal coming next week. The Lower Lot will be electricity project is completed and per Ed Fowler, the final payment has been made. Hall flooring needs to be sanded and resealed or stained in order to keep our main money maker in order. Tom Stover and John Jellison offered to do the labor of fixing the floor if the post will pay for the rental of the sander and sealant. City engineer assured post that all is ready for NBU to install meter but are waiting for the city engineer to sign the required permit before NBU finishes last details. New Braunfels National Guard wishes to do a 5K Run event for the post on/about 13 June 2022 and donate all monies to our post.

**VA&R:** Zanti Lover

Comrade Lovar was not available. There is nothing to report at this time.

**SAL:** John Jellison

Squadron Commander John Jellison stated that SAL donated 100 books to the New Braunfels Community Center. The next activity being planned is a Car/Bike Show during late summer or early fall. Currently, the SAL has 54 members and is at 75% of their goal.

**ALR:** Ken Gardner

Director Gardner stated the ALR had forty-three members in good standing, three supports and one honorary member. ALR will be having their Fasching Run on 26 February 2022. He reminded the general membership to buy their raffle tickets (5 tickets for \$20 or \$5 a piece) with three phenomenal prizes including a Springfield Hellcat Firearm, and it is not just for motorcycle riders. It has a great meal provided by the Faust Hotel, beer stein holding contest and lots of high end raffle/silent auction items.

**Auxiliary:** Sandi Schendel

Commander Ingram stated that we had been in negotiation with the Auxiliary for about 2 years over rent so that they had a legal venue in which to contribute to the post financially (per ALA department). The contract was brought to the Auxiliary for a vote and they have decided not to sign the contract. The Auxiliary has moved approximately 75% of their possession from the post including their pictures on the walls as well as their sign on the front of the post. They were not required to remove any pictures or signage; it was their preference to remove those items. They are not kicked out of the post; they decided to become a pay as you go customer like other hall rentals. **Closed**

**Review/Vote on New Members/Transfers:**

We did not have any new members or transfers at this time although there are several transfers waiting on myLegion.org or Department to update. Adjutant Stover will continue to push Department about transfers and as soon as the members are “officially transferred”, they will be voted on as new members/transfers. **Pending**

**Unfinished Business**

a. 2022 Golf Tournament

Comrade Fowler stated that a golf tournament planning committee meeting is upcoming. The tournament will be 9 September 2022 at Landa Park with a luncheon and awards ceremony following the tournament. Comrade Fowler stated that we have produced a slogan “Tee it up for Vets.” First planning meeting

will be held in 14 January 2022 at 1600 in order to work out timeline planning and sponsorship. He stated that we need to produce sponsorship packets to send out to the local potential sponsors. Comrade Fowler asked for any help from those that have planned a golf tournament and is also looking for volunteers for numerous “non-golf” areas. He needs team leaders for six teams. Pam Grady and Jay Grady are the marketing, sponsorship and public affair team leads. **(Pending)**

#### b. Post Cornhole League

Commander Ingram provided the updates on the Post Cornhole League. Cornhole is helping in bar sales at approximately \$350 each Monday. The next iteration of the Cornhole league will start 31 January 2022 and go through until 11 April 2022. The early session will be for beginner Cornhole players, and the later session will be for the experienced/advanced leagues. We have five teams signed up for the beginner’s league and five teams signed up for advanced league. Comrade Ingram wishes to have five more teams on each league with a potential for a summer league after the spring league. **(Pending)**

#### c. Boys State & Scholarships

Bill Morrison, Spike Valencia and Dave Stinson will be heading up the committee for Boys State starting in January 2022. Comrade Stinson stated that he has spoken to the Comal ISD POC and she will funnel information for Boys State to the local high schools. It is about \$330 in person to sponsor boys but we’d like to sponsor more by utilizing other people’s/group’s money. Comrade Ingram is looking for a volunteer to lead the scholarship program for 2022. Comrade Fowler stated that the scholarship checks had not been mailed and the \$1500 awarded had been put back into the general account.**(Pending)**

#### f. K-9 Tour of Honor

Comrade Jay MacLeod stated that he has been updating the Tour of Honor with the progression of Thor. They will request through the Texas state sponsor that Thor become a mandatory stop on the Texas Tour of Honor. We will

know if Thor is a mandatory stop on the Tour of Honor at Midnight on 1 April 2022. **(Pending)**

### **New Business**

a. Legionnaire of the Year:

Ken Gardner made to motion to defer the discussion of the Legionnaire of the Year and table until discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting. Ed Fowler seconded the motion and it was passed via voice vote. **(Pending)**

b. Department Quality of Life Fundraiser:

Jay Grady made the motion to buy one \$50 ticket for the fundraiser. Jay MacLeod seconded the motion, and it was approved via voice vote.

c. Mid-Winter Department Conference:

Ken Gardner made the motion to assign the Post Commander as the Delegate Chair to the mid-winter conference, 19-22 January 2022. Jay MacLeod seconded the motion, and it was approved via voice vote. Update from conference will be discussed at next general membership meeting. **(Pending)**

### **The Good of the Legion**

1. "50/50": The winner was Comrade Pepper Mitchell. (\$42.00)
2. "Big Kitty" Attendance Drawing: The winner was Mike Westin, #634. (Absent) The kitty will be \$1000.00 for the January 2022 drawing.

## **Closing**

We saluted while the Sgt-at-Arms recovered/retired the POW/MIA cover and flag. Chaplain Ed Taylor provided the prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 2045. The next general membership meeting will be 10 February 2022 at 1900 hours.

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Don Ingram  
Post 179 Commander

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Stacy Stover  
Post 179 Adjutant



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## **General Membership Meeting Minutes**

10 February 2022

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### **Memorials/Post Everlasting**

Maj Charles Conrad Monch, USMC & Capt. Thomas Wofford, USA

### **Installation of New Officers**

None at this time.

### **Roll Call**

Roll call was taken, and all executive staff members were present except for the following: Charlie Clopper, Stacy Stover, and Pam/Jay Grady were excused. Zanti Lovar, and Mike Roberts were absent. A quorum was present.

### **Sick Call & Relief**

None at this time.

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

Comrade Jay MacLeod made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ken Gardner seconded the motion and it approved via voice vote. **Closed**

### **Guests/Prospective Members**

None at this time.



## **Commanders Comments/Guest Speakers**

a. Commander Ingram stated that he made two appointments this past month. Jay MacLeod and Ray Sanchez as co-chairs for the lower lot plan of “Valhalla Village.” The other was Ed Fowler as the Chairman of the Golf Tournament. The Executive Committee recommends approval of appointments. Ken Gardner made the motion for appointments to stay as proposed. Ed Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion was approved via voice vote.

b. Four Chaplains Presentation by Ed Taylor

## **Adjutant Minute**

a. Nothing at this time.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Membership/Events: David Rohm**

1st Vice Commander David Rohm discussed membership numbers. We have a total of 591 members on our roster and a lot of people that are part of the unassigned “ghost post” 345 that live in our local area. We have 413 members paid for the 2022 year which is 73% of our goal. The goal for March 2021 is 75%; we are right in line with district goals.

The ALR Fasching Run is coming up on 26 February 2022. The AoQ on 9 March 2022, German American Society in the house monthly. Scholarships, medals, awards, and Boys State are on the forefront for Apr-Jun 2022. American Legion family (SAL, ALR, & Legionnaires) are hosting a Car/Bike Show culminating in a Sock Hop on 25 June 2022.

### **Finance: Ed Fowler**

Comrade Fowler stated that the general account has received \$19K from Vanguard came into general account and we transferred \$6K to savings account to replace monies lost during COVID, and gaming is \$3.6K. We had a large amount of taxes that needed to pay. We bought two new computers and are installed. The Schlatter Fund is down to \$10K. The club account is holding their own, there was no money moved over. The Inventory is too high, but this is due to

hall rentals requesting special beers/wines. The ALR bank balance is healthy at \$9,017.62 and the SAL account is doing well at \$3,686.80.

Comrade Jay Macleod made a motion to accept the financial report as written and pending audit in 2022. It was seconded by Pete Johnson and was approved via voice vote.

**House/Maintenance:** Ed Taylor

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Ed Taylor stated that the insurance adjuster along with two roofing companies looked at the roof. The insurance company is coordinating with Comrade Fowler.

**VA&R:** Zanti Lovar

Comrade Lovar sent in his letter of resignation and Commander Ingram stated it is semi-empty position as of now. He is trying to get Zanti to stay as the Service Officer until elections.

**SAL:** John Jellison

Squadron Commander John Jellison invited all for the Superbowl party sponsored by SAL. The next activity being planned is a Car/Bike Show with Sock Hop is 25 Jun 2022. Currently, the SAL has fifty-five members and is at 75% of their goal.

**ALR:** Ken Gardner

Director Gardner stated the ALR had thirty-nine members in good standing, three supporters, two pending members, and one honorary member. ALR will be having their Fasching Run on 26 February 2022. He reminded the general membership to buy their raffle tickets (5 tickets for \$20 or \$5 a piece) with three phenomenal prizes including a Springfield Hellcat Firearm, and it is not just for motorcycle riders. It has a great meal provided by the Faust Hotel, beer stein holding contest and lots of high end raffle/silent auction items.

**Auxiliary:** Sandi Schendel

No one from Auxiliary to represent their membership. Tabled until next meeting. **Closed**

## **Review/Vote on New Members/Transfers:**

Transferring members is still an issue with mylegion.org. New members are going into the system fine. We will not be able to transfer in new members until Department and mylegion.org get it together. **(Pending)**

## **Unfinished Business**

### a. 2022 Golf Tournament

Comrade Fowler stated that a golf tournament planning committee meeting is upcoming. The tournament will be 9 September 2022 at Landa Park with a luncheon and awards ceremony following the tournament. Comrade Fowler stated that we have produced a slogan “Tee it up for Vets.” He stated that we need to produce sponsorship packets to send out to the local potential sponsors. The drafts have been looked at but are not exactly what they want. They wish to have it done by next week. It will give potential sponsors six months to get on board. We are trying to get an online system for registration and payment. Comrade Fowler stated that he felt they were on schedule. Comrade Fowler asked for any help from those that have planned a golf tournament and is also looking for volunteers for numerous “non-golf” areas. He needs team leaders for six teams. Pam Grady and Jay Grady are the marketing, sponsorship and public affair team leads. **(Pending)**

### b. Boys State & Scholarships

Bill Morrison, Spike Valencia, and Dave Stinson will be heading up the committee for Boys State starting in January 2022. Comrade Stinson stated that his team sent out the information to all the schools and they will have until 27 March 2022 to get one page resumes back to the Boys State committee. The post is sponsoring 3 boys and the ALR is sponsoring two boys, SAL is sponsoring one boy, Comrade Johnson is sponsoring one boy currently for Boys State. Comrade Ingram is working to get the Lion’s Club to sponsor a boy for Boys State. Comrade Fowler stated he could earmark a portion of the gaming money for the Boys State Program for next year which would increase the number of boys that the legion could sponsor. Comrade Ingram stated that Comrade Rohm will be Scholarship Chairperson and he will need a committee to review and present these awards. **(Pending)**

c. ANG Fun Run Fundraiser:

We are still planning to have an Army National Guard Fun Run on 11 June 2022. The date is influx until the Guard returns from deployments. More to come. **(Pending)**

d. C&BL Approval:

Comrade Gardner stated the hubmaster sent out the C&BL to the public, but department wished a change to remove the percentage of members notified to be removed. Comrade Stover removed requested number and new C&BL was provided at the General Membership Meeting for approval prior to being sent to district and department. Comrade Bill Morrison made the motion to approve the 2022 C&BL as written and to forward up the chain. Comrade James Hollon seconded the motion, and it was approved via voice vote. **UPDATE:** Approved C&BL has been forwarded to District Commander Tony Lopez, Department JAG, J.D. Langley and 3<sup>rd</sup> Division JAG, Jay Grady.

f. K-9 Tour of Honor

Comrade Jay MacLeod stated that he has been updating the Tour of Honor with the progression of Thor. They will request through the Texas state sponsor that Thor become a mandatory stop on the Texas Tour of Honor. We will know if Thor is a mandatory stop on the Tour of Honor at Midnight on 1 April 2022. **(Pending)**

### **New Business**

a. Legionnaire of the Year:

Comrade Pete Johnson was selected as the Post Legionnaire of the Year and will be forwarded as the nominee for District Legionnaire of the Year. Comrade Johnson has accepted the nomination and package has been written. Comrade Spike Valencia made the motion to accept the nominee as chosen by the Executive Committee. Ken Gardner seconded the motion, and it was accepted via voice vote. **(Pending)**

b. E-Vote on Bar Manager:

Executive Committee hired a new Bar Manager, Eli Amadoro and is currently training with Lisa Rector. **UPDATE:** Eli Amadoro received a job offer in his career field and put in his 2 week notice. Thomas Stover volunteered to step into the Bar Manager Shoes. Another E-vote went out to the Executive Committee to hire him. It was a tentative yes provided he passes his background checks. He has his TABC training and has been volunteering as bartender. **(Pending)**

c. Post Spring Clean-Up:

There will be a post clean up on 5 March 2022 from 0800-1500 hours.

d. JBSA New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce Airman of the Quarter/Year:

JBSA Airman of the Quarter & Year will be held on 8 March 2022 from 1700-1900 hours. It is hosted by the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce and a wonderful time is had by all. Come out and support our future military leaders in their successes.

e. Post Rummage Sale & Food Truck Rally:

There is a Post Rummage Sale on 19 March 2022 from 0900-1400 hours. There is the potential for a Food Truck Rally in our lower lot for the same day. Comrade Hollon is still working on the Food Truck Rally coordination.

f. SAL/Post Car & Bike Show with Sock Hop:

Comrade Jay MacLeod is the Chairperson of the Car/Bike Show. It will be a different decade each year. ALR will be the kings of the food. Sock Hop is put on by the Legion and Comrade Stover is the Chairperson for the Sock Hop. It will be 25 Jun 2022. Car/Bike show is 0900-1500 and Sock Hop starts at 1830. Period Dress is requested. Car/Bike show entry is \$30 and will receive one pass to sock hop. Sock Hop only is \$10 and snack food will be served.

### **The Good of the Legion**

1. "50/50": The winner was Comrade David Rohm . (\$40.00)
2. "Big Kitty" Attendance Drawing: The winner was Jared McClinton #378. (Absent) The kitty will be \$1000.00 for the January 2022 drawing.

### **Closing**

We saluted while the Sgt-at-Arms recovered/retired the POW/MIA cover and flag. Chaplain Ed Taylor provided the prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 2030. The next general membership meeting will be 10 March 2022 at 1900 hours.

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### **Memorials/Post Everlasting**

Major General LeRoy Svendson, USN, WWII  
Vernon A. Seiler, USN, Signalman, WWII  
Jose "Joe" Morales, Sr., USA, Field Artillery, WWII & Korea  
Robert E. Michalski, USAF, Civil Engineering, Vietnam  
Major Charles C. Monch, USMC, Weatherman & Helicopter Pilot, Vietnam  
Captain Thomas Wofford, USAF, Vietnam Era

### **Installation of New Officers**

None at this time.

### **Roll Call**

Roll call was taken, and all executive staff members were present except for the following: Stacy Stover, Ken Gardner and Zanti Lovar are excused, and Pam/Jay Grady & Mike Roberts were absent. A quorum was present.

### **Sick Call & Relief**

Bryan Comeaux, SAL, involved in very serious accident. He is at BAMC.

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

Comrade Jay Macleod made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Comrade Ed Fowler seconded the motion and it approved via voice vote. **Closed**

## **Guests/Prospective Members**

David Bush, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, Go Army!  
John Smollen, USMC & USN Reserve

## **Commanders Comments/Guest Speakers**

- a. Commander Ingram stated that we are in urgent need for a finance officer. Please consider taking this position.
- b. We need a new Golf Tournament Chair to finish the preparation for the September 2022 Golf Tournament.

## **Adjutant Minute**

- a. Nothing at this time.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Membership/Events: David Rohm**

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1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Rohm provided the upcoming events-

19 Mar: Rummage Sale & Food Truck

29 Mar: Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Day

--BAMC: 1030-1330 & Post : 1830

1 Apr: Connections Movie Night

1 Apr: Tour of Honor Kickoff

16 Apr: Post Easter Egg Hunt



23-24 Apr: 14<sup>th</sup> District Convention

12 May: Post Elections

11 Jun: ANG Fun Run

23 Jun: Post Officer Installation

25 Jun: Car/Bike Show & Sock Hop

9 Sep: Golf Tournament

**Finance:** Ed Fowler

Comrade Fowler stated that February 2022 has been the best month ever for the post and the club. Gaming is starting to pick back up towards pre-COVID totals and Hall Rentals are soaring. Cornhole is doing great bar sales. The general account has a balance of \$15,184.85 The club account is holding their own and had a profit of \$1K. The inventory is back to normal. Tom Stover was introduced as the new Bar Manager. The ALR bank balance had a great month due to Fasching and the raffle sales with a balance of \$15,557.27. The SAL account is doing well at \$3,164.42. For more information, see attached finance report.

Comrade Ed Taylor made a motion to accept the financial report as written and pending audit in 2022. It was seconded by Jay MacLeod and was approved via voice vote.

**House/Maintenance:** Ed Taylor

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Ed Taylor thanked everyone who helped out on Spring Cleaning party. Comrade Taylor stated that the post looks great. JJ Sadler received special recognition for his work on the Conex. Comrade Taylor spoke about Executive Committee Strategic Planning Meeting. Comrade Johnson stated the ALR donated industrial dishwasher will be arriving next week. Commander Ingram stated that we are waiting for the insurance to approve the estimate for the roof repair.

**VA&R:** Zanti Lovar

Comrade Lovar sent in his letter of resignation and Commander Ingram stated that he convinced Comrade Lovar to stay until May 2022.

**SAL:** John Jellison

Squadron Commander John Jellison stated that the SAL has a donation bucket in the club room for Brian Comeaux, his medical expenses, and his family. Currently, The SAL has 50 members and is at 95% of their goal. They are looking for eight good men. Karaoke is on 29 March 2022 at 1800 and celebrating everyone's birthday in March. The SAL Car/Bike Show & Sock Hop is 25 June 2022.

**ALR:** Ken Gardner

Assistant Director MacLeod stated the ALR had 50 members in good standing, three supporters, and one honorary member. ALR will be having a chicken plate sale on 25 May 2022 from 1100-1400. Schulenburg Black Bean Run is 2 April 2022.

**Auxiliary:** Sandi Schendel

No one from Auxiliary to represent their membership. Tabled until next meeting. **(Closed)**

**Review/Vote on New Members/Transfers:**

Jay MacLeod made the motion to accept the transfer of Comrade David Bush as a new member. Comrade Clopper seconded the motion, and it was approved via voice vote. **(Pending)**

**Unfinished Business**

a. 2022 Golf Tournament

Comrade Fowler stated that a golf tournament planning committee meeting is upcoming. The tournament will be 9 September 2022 at Landa Park with a luncheon and awards ceremony following the tournament. Comrade Fowler stated that we have produced a slogan "Tee it up for Vets." Sponsorships Packages will be finished the week of the 14<sup>th</sup>. Pam Grady and Jay Grady are the marketing, sponsorship and public affair team leads. **Update:** The sponsorship packages are complete, and some have been handed out to committees. Next Golf Tournament meeting is 23 March 2022 at 1900 hours. **(Pending)**

b. Boys State & Scholarships

Bill Morrison, Spike Valencia, and Dave Stinson will be heading up the committee for Boys State starting in January 2022. Comrade Valencia stated that his team sent out the information to all the schools and they will have until 27 March 2022 to get one page resumes back to the Boys State committee. After reviewing the resumes, the committee will conduct interviews. The post is sponsoring 3 boys and the ALR is sponsoring two boys, SAL is sponsoring one boy, Comrade Johnson is sponsoring one boy currently for Boys State.

Comrade Ingram is working to get the Lion's Club to sponsor a boy for Boys State. Comrade Fowler stated he could earmark a portion of the gaming money for the Boys State Program for next year which would increase the number of boys that the legion could sponsor. Comrade Rohm stated that he is in constant contact with Comal County ISD and New Braunfels ISD regarding scholarships. Comrade Rohm stated that we need to establish the amount of scholarship, how many scholarships we can do and where the scholarships will go. Comrade Rohm has contacted all of the JROTC detachments and asked for dates to present their medals. He is still looking at the elementary and middle school award. **Update:** We have ordered the JROTC medals, the middle school Scholastic Award coins, and certificates for the elementary schools. **(Pending)**

c. ANG Fun Run Fundraiser:

We are still planning to have an Army National Guard Fun Run on 11 June 2022. The date is influx until the Guard returns from deployments. More to come. **(Pending)**

d. Post Improvements:

The roof repair is with the insurance company at this time. Comrade Ingram stated that he has spoken with the Sophienberg Historic Commission, and they will meet on 12 April 2022 to discuss the request to begin work on the Post lower lot. After approval, the project will then need the permits to accomplish the work in the lower lot. We already have a donor (Cemetex) to pour the concrete pad in the lower lot and Comrade Ingram spoke with Jimmy Evans Construction; they will come in and level/grade the area as a donation. Spring Clean up emptied the storage space which will allow us to revamp the area and use it as viable.

rented space. Comrade Ingram stated Season Church wishes to help renovate the upstairs space so they can use it.

e. C&BL:

Comrade Stover has sent a finalized and signed copy of the Post's Constitution & By-Laws to the district, division, and department JAG for approval and appropriate signatures. **(Closed)**

f. Car/Bike Show & Sock Hop:

The SAL will be hosting a Car/Bike Show & Sock Hop on 25 June 2022. The Car/Bike Show will be from 0900-1500. Sock Hop will be held in the hall on the same day at 1830-2200. More to come. POC for Car/Bike Show is Jay MacLeod and POC for Sock Hop is Stacy Stover. SAL will handle the car/bike show portion of the day. ALR has graciously offered to prepare the food at "Big Dog's Diner from 1100-1400. Ed Taylor will be handling the Ice Cream Floats and Tom Stover will handle Lower Lot beverage sales. The Legion will oversee the Sock Hop in the evening. Sock Hop meeting on 15 Mar 2022 at 1800 in the Hall.

**New Business**

a. Legionnaire of the Year:

Comrade Pete Johnson was selected as the Post Legionnaire of the Year and will be forwarded as the nominee for District Legionnaire of the Year. Comrade Johnson has accepted the nomination and package has been written. Comrade Spike Valencia made the motion to accept the nominee as chosen by the Executive Committee. Ken Gardner seconded the motion, and it was accepted via voice vote. **(Pending)**

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c. Post Rummage Sale & Food Truck Rally:

There is a Post Rummage Sale on 19 March 2022 from 0900-1400 hours. There is the potential for a Food Truck Rally in our lower lot for the same day. Comrade Hollon is still working on the Food Truck Rally coordination. We will be setting up for the rummage sale on 18 March 2022 from 1800-2000. **(Pending)**

d. 14<sup>th</sup> District Convention:

The 14<sup>th</sup> District Convention is happening on 23-24 April 2022 in Rockport, Texas. Special rates at Marriott in Rockport but the Post will need a Chairman of the Delegates and Delegates. **(Pending)**

e. Post Elections & Officer Installation:

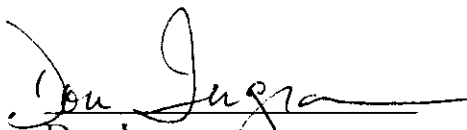
Commander Ingram asked for volunteers to take on the Nomination Chair Position to facilitate nominees for the election in May 2022. **(Pending)**

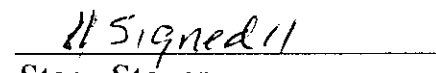
**The Good of the Legion**

1. "50/50": The winner was Comrade David Rohm. (\$37.50)
2. "Big Kitty" Attendance Drawing: The winner was Buck Schott, #503. (Absent) The kitty will be \$1000.00 for the March 2022 drawing.

**Closing**

We saluted while the Sgt-at-Arms recovered/retired the POW/MIA cover and flag. Chaplain Charlie provided the prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 2000. The next general membership meeting will be 7 May 2022 at 1900 hours.

  
Don Ingram  
Post 179 Commander

  
Stacy Stover  
Post 179 Adjutant



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New Braunfels, TX 78130-5619**

## **General Membership Meeting Minutes**

14 April 2022

### **Opening**

Commander Don Ingram opened the meeting at 1900 hours and the invocation was given by Chaplain Ed Taylor. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Sgt-at-Arms Jay MacLeod draped the POW/MIA chair and we remembered those that we have lost or are still missing. The Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion was recited.

### **Memorials/Post Everlasting**

Merton "John" Stover, USA, January 24, 1945-March 1, 2022

Everett Larry Crowell, USCG, September 20, 1935-March 24, 2022

### **Installation of New Officers**

None at this time.

### **Roll Call**

Roll call was taken, and all executive staff members were present except for the following: Stacy Stover, David Rohm, Jay Grady, and Charlie Clopper were excused. Zanti Lovar resigned his office and Mike Roberts were absent. A quorum was present.

### **Sick Call & Relief**

Bryan Comeaux, our SAL comrade, passed away due to burn injuries and his celebration of life will be held in the post hall on 5 May 2022. Stacy Stover is recovering from a double roll over of her Mini, "Esmeralda," and shoulder surgery.

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

Comrade Ken Gardner made a motion to accept the March 2022 minutes as written. Comrade Jay MacLeod seconded the motion and it approved via voice vote.

## **Guests/Prospective Members**

None at this time.

## **Commanders Comments/Guest Speakers**

- a. Commander Ingram stated that we are in urgent need for a finance officer. Comrade Pete Johnson has stepped up to cover post finances until we can find a permanent solution. The finance officer must be a legionnaire. Please consider taking this position.
- b. We need a new Golf Tournament Chair to finish the preparation for the September 2022 Golf Tournament. **Update:** Rick Smith has graciously taken over as the new Golf Tournament Chairperson in conjunction with Pam & Jay Grady as PAO and Sponsorship Chair. We still need help in a variety positions.
- c. Commander Ingram stated that he met with the New Braunfels City Managers, and they are checking with city lawyers to see if actual city funds could be used to help us reach our goals for Valhalla Village. The city leadership wishes for us to stay in our current location.

The city managers also pledged to Comrade Ingram that they would absorb all of the city permit fees to bring this project to fruition. They will set the post up with the planning committee of New Braunfels and historic district. We do not need special use permit because the lower lot will be a "non-conformed" use. The special use permit would be used for new uses like small concerts. The city managers will contact all of the "abatement" neighbors and our job would be to "warm" up the city council for any special use projects. We will need engineering drawings before we can move forward. (See attachment in agenda).

We will need an ADA ramp by the stairs to the lower lot. We will need parking to ensure enough spaces for the amount of people allowed in hall and club room as well.

## **Adjutant Minute**

Ow! It hurts.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Membership/Events: David Rohm**

1st Vice Commander David Rohm discussed membership numbers. We have a total of 591 members on our roster and a lot of people that are part of the unassigned “ghost post” 345 that live in our local area. We have 467 members paid for the 2022 year which is 79% of our goal. Post 179 is leading the district

1st Vice Commander Rohm provided the upcoming events-

16 Apr: Post Easter Egg Hunt

23-24 Apr: 14<sup>th</sup> District Convention

12 May: Post Elections

2 Jun: Post Officer Installation

11 Jun: ANG Fun Run

25 Jun: Car/Bike Show & Sock Hop

9 Sep: Golf Tournament

### **Finance: Pete Johnson**

Comrade Johnson stated that March 2022 has been the best month ever for the post and the club. He stated that we are “marginally” solvent. Games, Hall Rentals and Rummage Sale were all successful. Some expenses were \$727 for the medals and academic coins for the JROTC and Scholastic Achievements. Total expenses were \$13K, part of which, \$6K was put back into the savings account. Final tallies for the hall & general funds is about \$10K and the club sales was \$4.2K and the total expenses for the club was \$4.7K. We did not have to transfer from the general fund. The ALR spent money for the post dishwasher, but we will be getting a \$400 back for in-transit damages. The SAL has \$5K and are doing fine. For more information, see attached finance report.



Comrade Ed Taylor made a motion to accept the financial report as written and pending audit in 2022. It was seconded by Charlie Clopper and was approved via voice vote.

**House/Maintenance:** Ed Taylor

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Ed Taylor stated that insurance claim for the roof is denied by the insurance company. The roof was researched and evaluated with a potential of \$4K for the patching of the roof. Comrade Taylor stated that the building is sinking which is hurting our plumbing and there is buckling of the floor.

**VA&R:** Zanti Lovar

Comrade Lovar sent in his letter of resignation and Commander Ingram stated that he convinced Comrade Lovar to stay until May 2022. There is nothing to report at this time.

**SAL:** John Jellison

Squadron Commander John Jellison stated that the SAL has 38 members with 4 new potential renewal memberships and is at 80% of their goal. Once the SAL hits 100%, Squadron Commander Jellison will be nominated as Squadron Commander of the Year for 14<sup>th</sup> District. The SAL will manage parking on 7 May 2022 for the New Braunfels Wein Tasting. Karaoke is on 29 April 2022 at 1800 and celebrating everyone's birthday in April. The SAL Car/Bike Show & Sock Hop is 25 June 2022. We have all the trophies for the Car/Bike Show as well as several vendors.

**ALR:** Ken Gardner

Assistant Director MacLeod stated the ALR had 53 members in good standing, three supporters, and one honorary member. ALR will be having a chicken plate sale on 25 May 2022 from 1100-1400. ALR is supporting the Easter Egg Hunt and the post is doing a Bluebonnet Saturday ride.

**Auxiliary:** Sandi Schendel

No one from Auxiliary to represent their membership. Tabled until next meeting. **(Closed)**

**Review/Vote on New Members/Transfers:**

None at this meeting. **(Closed)**

## **Unfinished Business**

### a. 2022 Golf Tournament

Comrade Fowler stated that a golf tournament planning committee meeting is upcoming. The tournament will be 9 September 2022 at Landa Park with a luncheon and awards ceremony following the tournament. Comrade Fowler stated that we have produced a slogan “Tee it up for Vets.” Sponsorships Packages will be finished the week of the 14<sup>th</sup>. Pam Grady and Jay Grady are the marketing, sponsorship and public affair team leads. **Update:** Rick Smith will be taking over as the Chairperson for the Golf Tournament. The sponsorship packages are complete, and some packet have been handed out to committee members. Next Golf Tournament meeting is 9 May 2022 at 1800 hours. **(Pending)**

### b. Boys State & Scholarships

Bill Morrison, Spike Valencia, and Dave Stinson will be heading up the committee for Boys State starting in January 2022. Comrade Morrison stated that his team sent out the information to all the schools and they will have 5 boys from 7 schools who are going to Boys State. We have 18 nominations out of the schools. Interviews will be 11-14 April at the remainder of the schools. The post is sponsoring 3 boys and the ALR is sponsoring two boys, SAL is sponsoring one boy, Comrade Johnson is sponsoring one boy currently for Boys State. Boys State is 12-17 June 2022.

Comrade Ingram is working to get the Lion’s Club to sponsor three boys for Boys State. Comrade Rohm stated that he is in constant contact with Comal County ISD and New Braunfels ISD regarding scholarships. Comrade Rohm stated that we need to establish the amount of scholarship, how many scholarships we can do and where the scholarships will go. Comrade Ingram asked if there will be a breakfast or after action report from the boys.

Comrade Rohm has contacted all of the JROTC detachments and asked for dates to present their medals. He is still looking at the elementary and middle school awards. Middle School winners will be receiving a scholastic coin award and the elementary school winners will be getting a certificate. **Update:** We have ordered the JROTC medals, the middle school Scholastic Award coins, and certificates for the elementary schools. The winners have been picked and JROTC Awards are being passed out. **(Pending)**

c. Cornhole League:

The cornhole spring league finale was 11 April 2022. We netted approximately \$ 2.3K in league dues and bar sales. Next league will be end of summer or early fall.

d. ANG Fun Run Fundraiser:

We are still planning to have an Army National Guard Fun Run has been put on hold indefinitely due to the ANG doing Border Interdiction. The date is influx until the Guard returns from deployments. More to come. **(Pending)**

e. Post Improvements:

The roof repair is with the insurance company at this time. Comrade Ingram stated that he has spoken with the Sophienberg Historic Commission, and they will meet on 12 April 2022 to discuss the request to begin work on the Post lower lot. After approval, the project will then need the permits to accomplish the work in the lower lot.

We already have a donor (Cemex) to pour the concrete pad in the lower lot and Comrade Ingram spoke with Jimmy Evans Construction; they will come in and level/grade the area as a donation. Spring Clean-up emptied the storage space which will allow us to revamp the area and use it as viable, rented space. Comrade Ingram stated Season Church wishes to help renovate the upstairs space so they can use it.

f. C&BL:

Comrade Stover has sent a finalized and signed copy of the Post's Constitution & By-Laws to the district, division, and department JAG for approval and appropriate signatures. **(Closed)**

g. Post Clean-Up: This went very well, and we have much more space and organization for utilization of activities. **(Closed)**

h. Car/Bike Show & Sock Hop:

The SAL will be hosting a Car/Bike Show & Sock Hop on 25 June 2022. The Car/Bike Show will be from 0900-1500. Sock Hop will be held in the hall on the same day at 1830-2200. More to come. POC for Car/Bike Show is Jay MacLeod and POC for Sock Hop is Stacy Stover. SAL will manage the car/bike show portion of the day. ALR has graciously offered to prepare the food at “Big Dog’s Diner” from 1100-1400. Ed Taylor will be managing the Ice Cream Floats and Tom Stover will manage Lower Lot beverage sales. The Legion will oversee the Sock Hop in the evening. Period Dress is requested. Car/Bike show entry is \$30 and will receive two tickets to the sock hop. Sock Hop only is \$10 and snack food will be served. Sock Hop meeting on 22 April 2022 at 1800 in the Breakout Room. **(Pending)**

i. Legionnaire of the Year:

Comrade Pete Johnson was selected as the Post Legionnaire of the Year and will be forwarded as the nominee for District Legionnaire of the Year. Comrade Johnson has accepted the nomination and package has been written. Comrade Spike Valencia made the motion to accept the nominee as chosen by the Executive Committee. Ken Gardner seconded the motion, and it was accepted via voice vote. **(Pending)**

j. Post Rummage Sale & Food Truck Rally:

There is a Post Rummage Sale on 19 March 2022 from 0900-1400 hours. There is the potential for a Food Truck Rally in our lower lot for the same day. Comrade Hollon is still working on the Food Truck Rally coordination. We will be setting up for the rummage sale on 18 March 2022 from 1800-2000. Update: The post made \$1K at the rummage sale. **(Closed)**

k. 14th District Convention:

The 14th District Convention is happening on 23-24 April 2022 in Rockport, Texas. Special rates at Marriott in Rockport but the Post will need a Chairman of the Delegates and Delegates. **(Pending)**

l. Post Elections & Officer Installation:

Commander Ingram asked for volunteers to take on the Nomination Chair Position to facilitate nominees for the election in May 2022. **(Pending)**

m. Vietnam Veteran Welcome Home:

The Vietnam Veteran Welcome Home at BAMC was outstanding. We met many new people and even signed up some new Legionnaire members thanks to Mrs. Comrade Sharon Ingram. The post event was excellent. We decided to do this event again next year. **(Closed)**

n. Connections Movie Night:

The Connections Movie Night was a lot of fun and the kids appreciated it. It was decided by the Executive Committee to continue to hold this event every other month. The next movie night will be June 2022. **(Pending)**

## **New Business**

a. Elections:

Elections are held at the appropriate meetings in May 2022. General Membership nominees at this time are Commander Don Ingram, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander MacLeod, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Ed Taylor or James Hollon, Adjutant Stacy Stover, Finance Officer Pete Johnson, JAG Spike Valencia, Service Officer-No Nominees, Chaplain Charlie Clopper, Sgt-at-Arms JJ Sadler, Historian-No Nominees, Exec Committee Mbr #1 Jay Grady, Exec Committee Mbr #2 David Rohm, Exec Committee Mbr #3 Pete Johnson, APO (appointed) Pamela Grady. There will be nominations from the floor on the day of the next general membership meeting on 12 May 2022 at 1900, Auxiliary elections is 12 May 2022 at 1930, SAL on 19 May 2022, and ALR on 26 May 2022.

b. Standing Rules:

The Executive Staff rewrote the Standing Rules. No longer offering honorary paid up for life unless presented in written format to the executive committee. Anyone who has been expelled or suspended from the post must reapply at the post. The Post Commander will be paid a stipend along with the Adjutant and Finance Officer.

The Executive Committee discussed how a member will be paid per diem, mileage, entry fees, etc. and adjusted the rules to reflect the current economy. We increased the amount of money the Commander is allowed to spend during an emergency. The PAO and Service Officers are allowed to spend their account money as needed to accomplish their jobs. They will update the executive committee and more especially, the finance officer, at the next meeting and will present receipts. Comrade Johnson recommended that the Finance Officer, Adjutant, and Post Commander be paid an "in area" mileage due to the volunteer

ours. Comrade Ed Taylor made a motion to accept the new standing rules with the amendment that the Post Commander, Adjutant, and Finance Officer also receive “in area” mileage. Comrade Ken Gardner seconded the motion, and it was approved via voice vote. **(Closed)**

c. Comal County Veterans: Tabled until next month. **(Tabled)**

d. On-Call Bartender:

Pam Grady is the on-call bartender and will be a paid employee at \$10 per hour. This way we have a current person should the Bar Manager or Bartender are out ill or have an emergency. **(Closed)**

e. Memorial Day Events:

Commander Ingram stated that we will be having memorial day events in conjunction the New Braunfels VFW, Chamber of Commerce, and City Affairs Group. The Honor Guard will participate in the flag holding ceremony and the Post will assist by placing flags at the Comal County Cemetery.

f. Post Officer Installation: This will be held on 23 June 2022 at the post hall with all arms of the family attending. **Update:** The installation will be held on 2 June 2022. **(Pending)**

#### Upcoming Events:

-29 April 22~ Karaoke and Italian Potluck

-16 April 22~ Post Easter Egg Hunt

-May 2022~ A lot of school medals and awards

-28 May 2022~ Placement of Flags at Comal County Ceremony

-30 May 2022~ Memorial Day Event

-25 June 2022~ Car/Bike Show (0900-1500) sponsored by SAL with catered food (sponsored by ALR) by our own Chef Ramsey (Scott Karcher) at Big Dogs Diner.

-25 June 2022-Sock Hop (1830-2200) sponsored by the Post. Period Dress HIGHLY recommended. Prizes, finger foods, and 1950s Karaoke.

-9 September 2022~ Sponsored by the Walton F. Hoffman Memorial Post.

## **The Good of the Legion**

1. “50/50”: There was no 50/50 drawing.
2. “Big Kitty” Attendance Drawing: The winner was James Holder, #269 .  
(Absent) The kitty will be \$1000.00 for the May 2022 drawing.

## **Closing**

We saluted while the Sgt-at-Arms recovered/retired the POW/MIA cover and flag. Chaplain Charlie provided the prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 2000. The next general membership meeting will be 12 May 2022 at 1900 hours.

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Don Ingram  
Post 179 Commander

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Stacy Stover  
Post 179 Adjutant



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## **General Membership Meeting Minutes**

12 May 2022

### **Opening**

Commander Don Ingram opened the meeting at 1900 hours and the invocation was given by Chaplain Charlie Clopper. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Sgt-at-Arms Jay MacLeod draped the POW/MIA chair and we remembered those that we have lost or are still missing. The Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion was recited.

### **Memorials/Post Everlasting**

Not at this time.

### **Installation of New Officers**

None at this time.

### **Roll Call**

Roll call was taken, and all executive staff members were present except for the following: Mike Roberts were absent. A quorum was present.

### **Sick Call & Relief**

None

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

Comrade Ken Gardner made a motion to accept the April 2022 minutes as written. Comrade Jay MacLeod seconded the motion and it approved via voice vote.

### **Guests/Prospective Members**

None at this time.



## **Commanders Comments/Guest Speakers**

- a. Commander Ingram stated he wanted to say thanks to Mark Hester, Tom Stover, and Pete Johnson for their work on the new dishwasher installation with the accompanying electrical and plumbing updates.

## **Adjutant Minute**

Bear with the Adjutant while she waits for blank member cards and for mylegion.org to bend to her commands.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Membership/Events: David Rohm**

1st Vice Commander David Rohm discussed membership numbers. We have 476 members paid for the 2022 year which is 80.76% of our goal. Post 179 is leading the district.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Rohm provided the upcoming events:

2 Jun: Post Officer Installation

11 Jun: ANG Fun Run

25 Jun: Car/Bike Show & Sock Hop

9 Sep: Golf Tournament

### **Finance: Pete Johnson**

Comrade Johnson stated that the Post has met all of its financial obligations for April 2022. We made \$3K in Golf Tournament Sponsorships, Club Room games are returning to normal prior to COVID. We are doing well in hall rentals. The initial insurance bill was due this month and took a large chunk of our funds but should settle down next month. Comrade Johnson stated that he accidentally paid two months of the NBU bill, but it should level off in June. We did not have to transfer from the general fund to the club account. There were \$4K used for 11 scholarships. The club did well with \$1400 and made payroll on its own. The ALR is holding its own and spent \$3K for its Legacy Run. SALs have been doing well and still have a positive balance. For more information, see attached finance report.

Comrade Jay MacLeod made a motion to accept the financial report as written and pending audit in 2022. It was seconded by Comrade JJ Sadler and was approved via voice vote.

**House/Maintenance:** Ed Taylor

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Ed Taylor stated the best cost option to fix the roof is \$9554.69 and will begin work this coming week. It was approved by the Executive Committee to forward to the General Membership. Jay MacLeod made the motion that the General Membership approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee to repair the roof immediately. Ken Gardner seconded the motion, and it was approved via voice vote. The Installation Dinner will be held on 2 June 2022 in the Post Hall. Social Hour is 1800 and Dinner is at 1900. The standard of dress should be business casual. No shorts, flip flops, etc.

**VA&R:** Zanti Lovar

There is nothing to report at this time.

**SAL:** John Jellison

Squadron Commander John Jellison was elected as the 14<sup>th</sup> District SAL Vice Commander. stated that the SAL has 45 members and is at 95% of their goal. Karaoke is on 27 May 2022 at 1800 and celebrating everyone's birthday in May. The SAL Car/Bike Show & Sock Hop is 25 June 2022. We have all the trophies for the Car/Bike Show as well as several vendors.

**ALR:** Ken Gardner

Director Gardner stated the ALR had 54 members in good standing, three supporters, and one honorary member. New ALR SCTX Advisor is Comrade Bob Wolff. Bastrop ALR BBQ Cook-off went well. We took 1<sup>st</sup> place in chicken and brisket and 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall.

**Auxiliary:** Sandi Schendel

No one from Auxiliary to represent their membership. Tabled until next meeting. **(Closed)**

**Review/Vote on New Members/Transfers:**

None at this meeting. **(Closed)**

## **Unfinished Business**

### a. Lower Lot:

Comrade Ingram stated that once we get an “official” engineering plan completed, we will push forward with our plans to update and utilize our lower lot discussed in previous meetings. The engineering plan is essential in order for us to move forward to apply for our permits and the city stated that they would waive the permit fees for the Post. **(Pending)**

### b. 2022 Golf Tournament

The tournament will be 9 September 2022 at Landa Park with a luncheon and awards ceremony following the tournament. Comrade Fowler stated that we have produced a slogan “Tee it up for Vets.” Sponsorships Packages will be finished the week of the 14<sup>th</sup>. Pam Grady and Jay Grady are the marketing, sponsorship and public affair team leads. Rick Smith will be taking over as the Chairperson for the Golf Tournament. The sponsorship packages are complete, and some packet have been handed out to committee members. Next Golf Tournament meeting is 9 May 2022 at 1800 hours. **(Pending)**

### c. Boys State & Scholarships:

Bill Morrison, Spike Valencia, and Dave Stinson will be heading up the committee for Boys State. We have 18 nominations out of the schools and will be sending 13 boys to Boys State. The post is sponsoring five boys and the ALR is sponsoring two boys, SAL is sponsoring one boy, Comrade Johnson is sponsoring one boy and the Garden Ridge Lions Club is sponsoring 4 boys to attend Boys State. Boys State is 12-17 June 2022. The post provided 11 scholarships throughout the county. **(Closed)**

### d. ANG Fun Run Fundraiser:

We are still planning to have an Army National Guard Fun Run has been put on hold indefinitely due to the ANG doing Border Interdiction. The date is influx until the Guard returns from deployments. More to come. **(Tabled)**

### e. Car/Bike Show & Sock Hop:

The SAL will be hosting a Car/Bike Show & Sock Hop on 25 June 2022. The Car/Bike Show will be from 0900-1500. Sock Hop will be held in the hall on the same day at 1830-2200. More to come. POC for Car/Bike Show is Jay

MacLeod and POC for Sock Hop is Stacy Stover. SAL will manage the car/bike show portion of the day. ALR has graciously offered to prepare the food at “Big Dog’s Diner” from 1100-1400. Ed Taylor will be managing the Ice Cream Floats and Tom Stover will manage Lower Lot beverage sales. The Legion will oversee the Sock Hop in the evening. Period Dress is requested. Car/Bike show entry is \$30 and will receive two tickets to the sock hop. Sock Hop only is \$10 and snack food will be served. Sock Hop meeting on 31 May 2022 at 1830 in the Breakout Room. **(Pending)**

### **New Business**

a. Elections:

General Membership Election nominees at this time are (winners highlighted in red):

Commander: **Don Ingram**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: **Jay MacLeod**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: **Ed Taylor** or Jay Grady (Tie on 1<sup>st</sup> Vote/Ed Taylor wins on 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote)

Adjutant: **Stacy Stover**

Finance Officer: **Pete Johnson**

JAG: **Spike Valencia**

Service Officer: **James Hollon**

Chaplain: **Charlie Clopper**

Sgt-at-Arms: **JJ Sadler**

Historian: **Ken Schatte**

Exec Committee Mbr #1 **JJ Sadler**

Exec Committee Mbr #2 **David Rohm**

Exec Committee Mbr #3 **James Hollon**

APO (appointed) Pamela Grady.

Hubmaster (appointed) Tom Stover

~Elections for SAL officers on 19 May 2022, and ALR officers on 26 May 2022.  
**(Pending)**

b. Comal County Veterans: Tabled until next month. **(Tabled)**

c. Memorial Day Events:

Commander Ingram stated that we will be having memorial day events in conjunction the New Braunfels VFW, Chamber of Commerce, and City Affairs Group. The Honor Guard will participate in the flag holding ceremony and the Post will assist by placing flags at the Comal County Cemetery. The flag placement will start at 0630 on 28 May 2022. Bring a long handled screwdriver to help place flags. **(Pending)**

### **Upcoming Events:**

-28 May 2022~ Placement of Flags at Comal County Ceremony

-30 May 2022~Memorial Day Event

- 2 June 2022~ Post Installation Dinner

-14 June 2022~Retirement of Colors Ceremony

-25 June 2022~ Car/Bike Show (0900-1500) sponsored by SAL with catered food (sponsored by ALR) by our own Chef Ramsey (Scott Karcher) at Big Dogs Diner.

-25 June 2022~Sock Hop (1830-2200) sponsored by the Post. Period Dress HIGHLY recommended. Prizes, finger foods, and 1950s Karaoke.

- 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022~ New Braunfels Parade. The Post has an entry in the event.

-9 September 2022~ Sponsored by the Walton F. Hoffman Memorial Post.

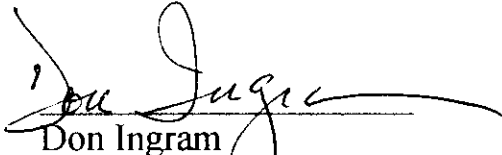
### **The Good of the Legion**

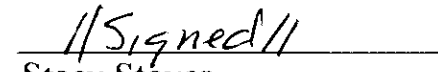
1. "50/50": There winner was George Zavala with \$43.00.

2. "Big Kitty" Attendance Drawing: The winner was Mark Bueche (Absent). The kitty will be \$1000.00 for the May 2022 drawing.

## Closing

We saluted while the Sgt-at-Arms recovered/retired the POW/MIA cover and flag. Chaplain Charlie Clopper provided the prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 2000. The next general membership meeting will be 9 June 2022 at 1900 hours.

  
Don Ingram  
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## **General Membership Meeting Minutes**

9 Jun 2022

### **Opening**

Commander Don Ingram opened the meeting at 1900 hours and the invocation was given by Chaplain Charles Clopper. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Sgt-at-Arms Grady draped the POW/MIA chair and we remembered those that we have lost or are still missing. The Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion was recited.

### **Memorials/Post Everlasting**

N/A

### **Installation of New Officers**

None at this time.

### **Roll Call**

Roll call was taken, and all executive staff members were present except for the following: Stacy Stover, Ken Schatte'. A quorum was present.

### **Sick Call & Relief**

None at this time.

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

Review of the previous meeting minutes was deferred until Jul. (**Pending**)

### **Guests/Prospective Members**

Gea Clausier (transfer)

## **Commanders Comments**

Commander Ingram thanked everyone who made it out to the Memorial Day event downtown as well as those who attended the installation dinner. He also gave a special shout-out to all those who helped to make this year's JROTC, scholarship, awards, and Boys State programs a huge success!

Commander Ingram made mention of certain appointment he had made, and the executive committee had ratified to include:

Security Manager: Tom Stover

Hubmaster: Robert Velez (pri); Cliff Ormistor (alt)

Lower Lot Committee Chair: Ray Sanchez

Scholarship and Awards Committee Chair: David Rohm

Boys State Committee Chair: Bill Morrison

Golf Tournament Committee Chair: Rick Smith

Long Range Strategic Planner: Ed Taylor

Public Affairs Officer: Pamela Grady

Finally, the Commander addressed the recent disagreement that led to some key resignations within the Legion, ALR, Son's, and ALA over the standards the Post expected on wear of the ALR vest. The Commander expects the ALR Director to implement the decision of the executive committee and to press forward.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Membership:** Vacant

The Commander relayed that there were approximately 469 members in good standing. He also reminded the membership of the upcoming 14 Jun Flag Day ceremony to be held in the lower lot, as well as the Car/bike show and sock hop on 25 Jun. The Commander also reminded the membership that the ALR was hosting a "Spargle" dinner on 17 Jun at 1800.

### **Finance:** Pete Johnson

Pete Johnson reported that we had another good month. Although the P&L shows a net loss of \$4,383.22, that was due mostly to paying for the roof



repair (\$9,554.69). Hall rentals were strong, and we had good revenue from the games. For the 5<sup>th</sup> month in a row, we did not transfer money from the general account into the club account to cover salaries. The club account had a total profit of 694.30, while the ALR and Son's accounts were deemed stable.

**House/Maintenance:** Ed Taylor

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander presented an estimate for a sprinkler system installation at \$6550.00. the committee discussed possible alternatives to a water-based system such as rock or desert style plants (cactus, etc.) Comrade Taylor reported he had been in contact with HMT engineering, and they will be working with us to provide services for the building and lower lot. **(Pending)**

**VA&R:** James Hollon

James Hollon reported he had assisted a fellow member of the post to submit a claim to the VA. He also attended an event at the SS America to gather information to support his duties.

**SAL:** Vacant

**ALR:** Jay Grady

Director Grady stated the ALR held its first Executive Committee meeting the past week to prepare for the upcoming calendar synchronization meeting on 15 Jun. Comrade Grady also informed the executive committee that due to recent officer resignations; he was appointing interim officers until an election could be held in August. Comrade Grady also invited the membership to attend the "Spargle" pot luck on 17 Jun in the Legion Hall beginning at 1800.

**Boys State:** Bill Morrison/Spike Valencia/Dave Stinson

Prior to the meeting, Commander Ingram welcomed 6 of the 13 young men attending Boys State this year. The Commander presented them a certificate and thanked them for their willingness to learn more about our system of government, he then asked them to return after Boys State and provide feedback from the course and their impressions of the program. **(Pending)**

**Unfinished Business**

a. Lower Lot Project: Commander Ingram reiterated the good news that we had a point of contact within HMT to work towards a permit! **(Pending)**

b. Commander Ingram announced that the Post would be picking up flags placed at Veteran gravesites in the Comal County cemetery on 16 Jun at 0800.

c. Car/Bike Show and Sock Hop: Commander Ingram stated he had met with organizers of the Car/bike show and everything is a "Go" for a great event. The sock hop is on track as well to provide a fun-filled evening on 25 Jun.

d. Department Convention: the convention will be held from 13-17 July in Austin. If you would like to attend, please contact the Commander. **(Pending)**

e. Golf Tournament: The Golf Tournament is on-track for 9 September at Landa Park Golf Course. Still need volunteers and sponsors! **(Pending)**

### **New Business**

a. The Commander said he had talked with our sister Post 245 in Seguin about a joint event between our two Posts. Anyone with an idea of a get together, please let the Commander know. Looking for any/all ideas. **(Pending)**

b. Nominations for Executive & Post Officer Elections: Due to the recent resignations of some key Legion officers, the Post will have nominations for the positions of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Sgt-at-Arms, and executive Committee member in Jul with elections following in August. **(Pending)**

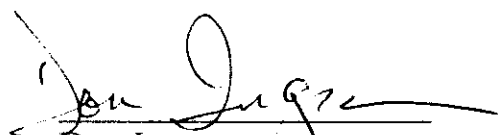
### **The Good of the Legion**

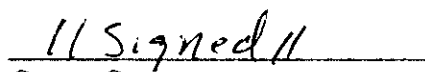
1. "50/50": The winner was Comrade Tom Stover (\$35)

2. "Big Kitty" Attendance Drawing: The winner was not present. The kitty remains at \$1000.00 for the July drawing.

### **Closing**

We saluted while the Sgt-at-Arms recovered/retired the POW/MIA cover and flag. Chaplain Clopper provided the prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 1900. The next general membership meeting will be 14 Jul 2022 at 1900 hours.

  
Don Ingram  
Post 179 Commander

  
Stacy Stover  
Post 179 Adjutant



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## **General Membership Meeting Minutes**

13 October 2022

### **Opening**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Ed Taylor opened the meeting at 1900 hours and the invocation was given by Chaplain Charlie Clopper. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and Sgt-at-Arms Debbie Bryan draped the POW/MIA chair and we remembered those that we have lost or are still missing. The Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion was recited.

### **Memorials/Post Everlasting**

Frank Resario passed on 22 September 2022 at Brook Army Medical Center.

### **Roll Call**

Roll call was taken, and all executive staff members were present except for the following: Eddy Seegers and James Hollon were absent. A quorum was present.

### **Sick Call & Relief**

None

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

Comrade Charlie Clopper made a motion to accept the September 2022 minutes as written. Comrade Bill Morrison seconded the motion and it approved via voice vote.

### **Guests/Prospective Members**

None at this time.

### **Commanders Comments/Guest Speakers**

In the essence of time – to be deferred for now. Happy Birthday Navy!

**Adjutant Minute**

Nothing at this time.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership/Events:** Jay Grady

Cornhole league will be beginning again this month.

Wurst Run Oct 29

Wedding Oct 30

Trunk or Treat Oct 31 with 3 bags of stuffed animals provided by Sharon Ingram. There were 200 children last year.

**Finance:** Pete Johnson

Comrade Johnson stated that the Post has met all of its financial obligations for September 2022. We did not have to transfer from the general fund to the club account.

Comrade Don Ingram made a motion to accept the financial report as written. It was seconded by Comrade Wayne Krause and was approved via voice vote.

**House/Maintenance:** Ed Taylor

Will discuss under Old Business.

**SAL:** Eddy Seegers

Excused absence.

**ALR:** Jay Grady

There are 32 vetted members. Granzin donated meat for the Wurst Run. Jessica Cavanaw donated a Harley Davidson Rug approximately 55X55 to auction.

**Auxiliary:** Anita Bishop

Not present.

### **Review/Vote on New Members/Transfers:**

Karl Perron, Harold Karn, Brent Strahm, Dale Bennett. Jay Grady made the motion to accept, Bill Morrison seconded, voted and passed.

### **Old Business**

a. Lower Lot Development Project – Commander Ed Taylor met with Jody Baker, Architect, who can get the permit to commence work on the project. His charge will be \$75 per hour with an estimated 10 hours of actual work time. However, he has already discussed with the city planning and permitting department the need to have a survey of the property prior to issuing a work permit. Contact has been made with Amerisurveyors with an initial contingent fee of \$2,500 to \$3,800. The city has previously agreed to waive its (\$2,000+) fee at this time. No commitment has been made, except that we will need some presentation for fund raising eventually, whether for building repairs or new building, regardless. Historic Committee has approved these changes.

### **New Business**

- a. Hero Honor Event – The Executive Committee agreed to a \$500 funding which entitles the Post to a table for 10 at a San Antonio location. Details will be published on the website. If you are interested in attending, see the Adjutant for details. Don Ingram made a motion to spend the money, Bill Morrison seconded, voted on and passed.
- b. Don Ingram has been appointed to the position of Security Officer.
- c. Due to the resignation of Don Ingram for health reason as the Commander, an election for new Commander will be held at the November General Membership meeting. Nominations can be made from the floor at this meeting, with the adjutant during the ensuing period between meeting and on November 10 by text message, by mail, by phone, or in person, and also from the floor at that meeting. Jay Grady nominated Ed Taylor for Commander, James Hollon for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander.

### **Closing Comments by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander**

Briefly, I want to acknowledge the stellar effort on behalf of this Post that was made by Commander Don Ingram. For those of you that don't know,

Commander Ingram worked tirelessly within the Post virtually seven days a week and throughout the community. His list of accomplishments are without a doubt of the most significant since back in the days of Walton F. Hoffman. He stepped in and filled the big boots of Tom Holman and moved us forward with very progressive thinking and actions. His big flip-flops are going to be hard to fill. Fortunately, Commander Ingram moves to the position of Past Commander, with continued authority and responsibility as such for advice and counsel to those who will follow. Quickly, I'd like for all of you to stand at attention and let's give a worthy salute to Commander Ingram.

### **The Good of the Legion**

1. "50/50": The winner was Sharon Ingram.
2. "Big Kitty" Attendance Drawing: The winner was Mark Hestor. The kitty will be \$1000.00 for the next drawing.
3. Charlie Clopper will be out of the country 22 October to 5 November so next months newsletter will be delayed until his return.

### **Closing**

We saluted while the Sgt-at-Arms recovered/retired the POW/MIA cover and flag. Chaplain Charlie Clopper provided the prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 2013. The next general membership meeting will be 10 November 2022 at 1900 hours.

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Ed Taylor  
Post 179 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander

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Gea Clausier  
Post 179 Adjutant



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## **General Membership Meeting Minutes**

11 November 2022

### **Opening**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Ed Taylor opened the meeting at 1900 hours and the invocation was given by Chaplain Charlie Clopper. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and Sgt-at-Arms Debbie Bryan draped the POW/MIA chair and we remembered those that we have lost or are still missing. The Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion was recited.

### **Memorials/Post Everlasting**

None at this time.

### **Roll Call**

Roll call was taken, and all executive staff members were present except for the following: Jay Grady, Gea Clausier, Pete Johnson, Debbie Bryan, Eddy Seegers were absent. A quorum was present.

### **Sick Call & Relief**

None

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

Comrade Charlies Clopper made a motion to defer reading the October 2022 minutes as written. Comrade Kenneth Schatte seconded the motion and it approved via voice vote.

### **Guests/Prospective Members**

Ken Dalfonso, Harmony Coburn, Ben Coburn, Frank Nasto, Mary Stuhler, and Thomas Stuhler. Motion to accept motioned by Bob Perkins, seconded by Spike Valencia, voted unanimously.

## **Commanders Comments/Guest Speakers**

In the essence of time – to be deferred for now. Happy Birthday Marines!

## **Adjutant Minute**

Excused absence.

## **Committee Reports**

**Membership/Events:** Jay Grady

**Finance:** Pete Johnson

Comrade Johnson stated that the Post has met all of its financial obligations for October 2022. We did not have to transfer from the general fund to the club account.

Comrade Kenneth Schatte made a motion to accept the financial report as written. It was seconded by Comrade David Rohm and was approved via voice vote.

**House/Maintenance:** Ed Taylor

**SAL:** Eddy Seegers

Excused absence.

**ALR:** Jay Grady

**Auxiliary:** Anita Bishop

Not present.

## **Old Business**

- a. Officer elections. Nominated for Commander is Ed Taylor. No further nominations. Judge Advocate Spike Valencia appointed Ed Taylor by acclimation of the members. Nominated for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander James Hollon. No further nominations. Judge Advocate Spike Valencia appointed James Hollon 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander by acclimation of the



members. With that having been determined, 14<sup>th</sup> District Judge Advocate, Jay Grady, has informed Ed Taylor that the swearing in ceremony will occur just prior to the beginning of the Veteran's Day parade.

- b. Lower lot development project – Ed Taylor and Don Ingram met with Jody Bake, Architect and received a set of proposed plan which includes a resizing of the impact area to be 80X35 feet. More to come on that as further information develops.

### **New Business**

- a. Friday morning Nov 11 at 1200 will be a Veterans Day ceremony on the Main Plaza in New Braunfels.
- b. Friday afternoon at Hope Hospice 611 N Walnut will be a Veterans Day ceremony and flag pole dedication at 1430.
- c. Friday between 100 and 1400 at the Spark Small Business Center 940 W San Antonio St there will be a special cookout event.
- d. In Lockhart, Texas (216 S Main Street) at the Gaslight Baker Theater with performances at 1400 and 1900 on Saturday November 12 and again on Sunday November 13, there will be a variety show, comedy and musical routines with free admission for Veterans and families.
- e. Tuesday November 15 from 1730 to 1830 in the Chamber of Commerce Honors Hall 390 S Sequin Ave, the Military Affairs Committee will be honoring the Airman of the Quarter – A1C Khalil Monroe. Participate and congratulate to represent Post 179.
- f. The announcement for Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving day meal for veterans and families.
- g. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice discussed PACT Act overview for veterans and provided informational handout.
- h. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice identified Healing Waters Fly Fishing event Nov 18 in Martindale, TX for Veterans.

### **The Good of the Legion**

1. "50/50": The winner was Thomas Stuhler.
2. "Big Kitty" Attendance Drawing: The winner was Joe Ginn. The kitty will be over \$1000.00 for the next drawing.

### **Closing**

We saluted while the Sgt-at-Arms recovered/retired the POW/MIA cover and flag. Chaplain Charlie Clopper provided the prayer, and the meeting was adjourned. The next general membership meeting will be 08 December 2022 at 1900 hours.

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Ed Taylor  
Post 179 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander

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Gea Clausier  
Post 179 Adjutant



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## **General Membership Meeting Minutes**

08 December 2022

### **Opening**

Commander Ed Taylor opened the meeting at 1900 hours and the invocation was given by Past Commander Don Ingram. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and Sgt-at-Arms Debbie Bryan draped the POW/MIA chair and we remembered those that we have lost or are still missing. The Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion was recited.

### **Memorials/Post Everlasting**

None at this time.

### **Roll Call**

Roll call was taken, and all executive staff members were present except for the following: Charlie Clopper, Eddy Seegers were absent. A quorum was present.

### **Sick Call & Relief**

None

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

Comrade Kenneth Schatte made a motion to defer reading the November 2022 minutes as written. Comrade Pepper seconded the motion and it approved via voice vote.

### **Guests/Prospective Members**

Walter Hastings, Diane Young, James Miday, Pepper (Patricia) Mitchell, and Mike Hansen. Don Ingram made a motion to accept, Ken Schatte seconded, motion carried.

### **Commanders Comments/Guest Speakers**

In the essence of time – to be deferred for now. Yesterday was Pearl Harbor Day.

### **Adjutant Minute**

Reminder to complete form including signature if transferring since these are processed at Department level.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Membership/Events: Jay Grady**

Though we do not have to vote at this time be aware National and Department have increased membership dues effective 01 July 2023.

#### **Finance: Pete Johnson**

Comrade Johnson stated that the Post has met all of its financial obligations for November 2022. We did not have to transfer from the general fund to the club account.

Comrade Jay Grady made a motion to accept the financial report as written. It was seconded by Comrade Kenneth Schatte and was approved via voice vote.

#### **House/Maintenance: James Hollon**

Signs have been approved to be posted with hours of operation on front and bar doors.

#### **Building Planning Committee: Rick Stivers**

Report will be posted to website.

#### **SAL: Eddy Seegers**

Excused absence.

#### **ALR: Jay Grady**

Wreaths will be laid at Ft Sam and Comal Cemetery on December 17. Feb 18 will be Faushing Run, tickets for drawing to be held are 5 for \$20.

#### **Auxiliary: Anita Bishop**

Excused absence.

#### **Public Affairs: Pam Grady**

Pam is admin for Post 179 FaceBook page.

### **Old Business**

- a. The meeting with the city planning/permit department regarding the lower lot project has not yet occurred but is in the process of being scheduled. It will go on the Post calendar of events on the website once it is.
- b. The Executive committee did vote to designate Trudy Kraft as the new club manager. She now enters a 90-day probation period in that capacity, which concludes on March 1, 2023.
- c. The Executive committee also approved having more permanent signs with building hours placed on the front and club doors.
- d. The Executive committee also approved the installation of an awning over the club door, subject to price approval and design along with an open neon type sign.
- e. The Executive committee also discussed installing a protective cover to prevent rain from getting into the mailbox by the front door. Anyone with skills and a willingness to undertake that chore, please step forward.
- f. The Executive committee also approved the purchase of the Space Force flag for the newest of our military units. That project is underway.
- g. The Executive committee discussed purchasing a table runner, pop-up tent and/or umbrella with or without the American Legion logo for offsite used. Those are on-going discussion items for the board.

### **New Business**

- a. Don Ingram announced Cornhole league will begin again January 23 for 10 weeks. There will also be a spring league.
- b. Barring inclement weather make note that there will be a 2023 planning calendar meeting on January 3 at 1000. Everyone having or knowing of any event should be noted for the first six months of the year. If you cannot attend please sent your requests to the Adjutant or Commander. Email [adjutantpost179tx@gmail.com](mailto:adjutantpost179tx@gmail.com)
- c. The Post Christmas party will be this coming Saturday with social hour beginning at 1700, dinner at 1800. The liquor cabinet is in need of restocking. If you have a preferred brand, please do not hesitate to bring it and leave behind if you desire. During the social hour mixers, beer and wine will be available at no charge to you or your guest. After 1800

- regular prices will go into effect. Festive attire is recommended. Holiday scenery photographs will be taken. Upon arrival you and your guest will be given a raffle ticket for prizes. There will also be Christmas bingo with prizes provided by the Auxiliary.
- d. The bar is in need of volunteers until an additional bartender can be hired. Please speak to James Hollon for questions about training that is needed.

### **The Good of the Legion**

1. “50/50”: The winner was Don Ingram.
2. “Big Kitty” Attendance Drawing: The winner was Erwin Braun. The kitty will be over \$1000.00 for the next drawing.
3. Pepper made a motion to write letters on behalf of the Marine that has been in Russia for 6 years and yet to be released. Ken seconded the motion and was passed. Pepper is to write the letter and present to all before going forward.

### **Closing**

We saluted while the Sgt-at-Arms recovered/retired the POW/MIA cover and flag. Chaplain Charlie Clopper provided the prayer, and the meeting was adjourned. The next general membership meeting will be 12 January 2023 at 1900 hours.

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Ed Taylor  
Post 179 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander

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Gea Clausier  
Post 179 Adjutant