



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

General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** 1900 by Commander Gea Clausier.
2. **Roll Call verified for Quorum.** List of attendees attached.
3. **Review/Approval of Previous Minutes:** MOTION by Bill Morrison to approve previous months' minutes; SECONDED by James Hollon. Motion PASSED.

4. Officer and Committee Report Summaries:

Commander – Gea Clausier:

- Recognized George Zavala for his assistance in repairing the burst pipe in the Post.

Second Vice Commander / Executive Committee Member – James Hollon:

- Reviewed upcoming events – see Announcements.
- Noted a Boy Scout pursuing an Eagle Scout patch is coordinating a project to paint the hall with the Post.

Finance Officer – Rick Smith:

- Provided an overview of the financial report which is available to members in the office at the Post. MOTION by Pete Johnson to approve the financial report pending audit; SECONDED by Bill Morrison. Motion PASSED.

Director of Boys State Program – Bill Morrison:

- Discussed this year's Boys State application and interview timeline. Applications are typically received from six of the nine area schools. Two primary and an alternate candidate will be selected from each school.
- Noted the New Braunfels and Garden Ridge Lions Clubs approved grants for four Boys State scholarships each. Moving forward the New Braunfels Lion Club will make their support of Boys State an annual scholarship so we will not need to apply for a grant every year.

Director of Scholarship Program – Kwame Tawiah:

- Noted he will be participating in the Boys State interview process.

SAL Commander – Eddy Seegers:

- Provided an update of SAL membership renewals.
- Noted he will be attending the American Legion Legislative Conference February 24 - 27, 2024 to meet with Congressmen and participate in wreath laying ceremonies at various war memorials.

Security Officer – Tim Powers:

- Noted he is in the process of soliciting quotes for changing locks at the Post.

5. **Unfinished Business:**

- Post Bar Enhancements - Lighting for the outdoor seating area and bar flooring is being priced / evaluated: Not discussed.
- Volunteers Needed for Various Events - There was discussion about volunteers needed for planned events, including Folkfest, which is scheduled Saturday, April 13 - Sunday, April 14, 2024. James Hollon indicated he was developing a schedule to determine when and how many volunteers were needed.

6. **New Business:**

- MOTION to hold a burger burn or similar event at the Post following the Veterans Day Parade in November; Motion TABLED.
- MOTION by James Hollon to approve Jeff Coulter's transfer to Post 179; SECONDED by Spike Valencia. Motion PASSED.
- Noted there is a 5K race to raise funds for the New Braunfels High School JROTC. See Announcements for details.

7. **Announcements:**

- Friday (Weekly) - Veteran's Breakfast at Taqueria Guadalajara 105 I 35 Frontage Rd, New Braunfels, TX 78130
- Saturday, February 10, 2024 - ALR Fasching Run - kickoff at 9:00 a.m. and lunch begins at 12:00 p.m.
- Sunday, February 11, 2024, 12:30 p.m. - Soldiers and Songs at the Redbird Listening Room 1260 Elliot Knox Blvd, New Braunfels, TX 78130
- Sunday, February 11, 2024, 3:00 p.m. - Super Bowl Party in the Post bar.
- Saturday, February 24, 2024, 8:00 a.m. - Monthly Kitchen Cleanup. Contact James Hollon to volunteer.
- Saturday, February 24, 2024 - Seventh Annual Semper Fi-Ve K to support the New Braunfels High School JROTC - visit <https://www.athleteguild.com/event/new-braunfels-tx/2024-seventh-annual-semper-fi-ve-k> for the schedule and to sign up for the race.
- Saturday, March 23, 2024, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Auxiliary Rummage Sale; donations accepted at the Post bar area daily after 4:00 p.m.

8. **Closing:** Meeting was adjourned at 1952.

Submitted by:

Deborah Powers
Sergeant At Arms

Approved by:

Gea Clausier
Post Commander

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List of Attendees

Commander
Second Vice Commander /
Executive Committee Member
Finance Officer
Judge Advocate
Sergeant At Arms
Service Officer
Executive Committee Member /
Director of Boys State Program
Executive Committee Member /
Director of Scholarship Committee
SAL Commander
Members and Guests

Gea Clausier
James Hollon

Rick Smith
Spike Valencia
Deborah Powers
Dale Bennett
Bill Morrison

Kwame Tawiah

Eddy Seegers
Pete Johnson
Dennis Moreland
Michaelle Davis
George Zavala
Brad Mynatt
Rich Vassi
Deb Bryan
Jeff Coulter
Wayne Bauer
Joe Tambunga
One Additional Attendee (Signature Not
Legible)