



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

General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m. by Commander Gea Clausier.

2. **Introduction of Boys State Scholarship Recipients:** Boys State Committee Chairman Bill Morrison introduced the Texas Boys State Statesman the Post is sponsoring this year. There are three boys being sponsored in addition to the 14 listed on the attached attendance sheet:

- Grant Deming – St. John Paul II High School
- Talmage Powell – New Braunfels High School
- Andrew Bonner – Smithson Valley High School

Following the introductions, the boys and their families were dismissed.

3. **Roll Call verified for Quorum.** List of attendees attached.

4. **Review / Approval of Previous Minutes:** MOTION by James Hollon to approve March General Membership Meeting minutes; SECONDED by Pete Johnson. Motion PASSED.

5. Officer and Committee Report Summaries:

Commander – Gea Clausier:

- Noted Comal County Community Service inadvertently removed the Post from the Community Service program list. We will be getting community service people again in the near future.
- Noted she would be attending the 14th District Spring Convention in Sequin, TX District 14 Convention the weekend of April 13 - 14, 2024 and would offer Post 179 to host the event next year.
- Noted the Post is seeking a candidate for the Security Officer position next year.

First Vice Commander / ALR Director – Jay Grady:

- Noted the Post has 502 paid / current members.
- The Riders will participate in the Legacy Run on April 13, 2024 and a barbecue cook-off on April 20, 2024.
- The Riders are also sponsoring a band for the Post on May 17, 2024 (see Announcements for more information).

Second Vice Commander – James Hollon:

- Noted the fire extinguisher inspection will take place Friday, April 11, 2024, and the Fire Department inspection of the building will take place the following week.
- Noted upcoming bar events – see Announcements.

Finance Officer – Rick Smith:

- Provided an overview of the financial report which is available to members in the office at the Post. **MOTION by Jay Grady to approve the financial report pending audit; SECONDED by Dan Oliver. Motion PASSED.**

Executive Committee Member / Boys State Scholarship Committee Chairman – Bill Morrison:

- Thanked everyone for allowing the Texas Boys State Statesmen to introduce themselves and noted they will return in August to talk about their experiences.
- Thanked Dale Bennett, Spike Valencia, and Kwame Tawiah for their assistance in the selection of the boys for Texas Boys State.

SAL Commander – Eddy Seegers:

- Noted the Sons will provide food for the April 19, 2024 band event.
- Noted the Sons are scheduled to lead the cleaning of the Post on April 20, 2024.
- Noted an overseas commissary is asking for manufacturers coupons be mailed to them to assist in the cost of items at the Commissary and will have the info published on the Post web page.

6. Unfinished Business:

- Post Bar Enhancements - Lighting for the outdoor seating area and bar flooring is being priced / evaluated, Pete Johnson will be working on the electric line to the sign in the front of the building on the Friday after the meeting.
- Volunteers Needed for Various Events - Not discussed.

7. New Business:

- A bike program known as Hero Ride has invited the Post to help serve lunch as part of their program. Following membership offers to support the effort, the Commander indicated she would notify them the Post will assist.
- Officer elections will take place during the May General Membership Meeting. Early nominations were made as follows:
 - Commander – James Hollon
 - 1st Vice Commander – Gea Clausier
 - 2nd Vice Commander – Dan Oliver
 - Adjutant – Kwame Tawiah
 - Finance Officer – Richard Smith
 - Chaplain – Lynn Knupp
 - Sergeant at Arms – Deb Bryan
 - Historian – Tim Powers
 - Judge Advocate – Spike Valencia
 - Service Officer – Dale Bennett
 - Executive Committee Members (3 needed)
 - Charlie Clopper
 - Bill Morrison
 - Dennis Moreland
 - Bill Nichol

8. Announcements:

- April 19, 2024 - Big State Blues Band will play from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.; the Sons will supply food for purchase beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- April 20, 2024, 8:00 a.m. - Post and Kitchen cleanup - Sons will be leading the cleanup this month.
- April 27, 2024, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Pop-up Market at the Post Bar - Do a little evening shopping with local vendors and enjoy some food, drink, and great company. The Riders will be grilling burgers for the event.

- May 17, 2024, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Sam Platts and the Plainsman will be performing at the Post.
- May 25, 2024, 10:00 a.m. - Unveiling of the Price of Freedom Statue, VFW Post 9186, 650 VFW Blvd, San Antonio, TX.

9. **Closing:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Submitted by:

Deborah Powers
Sergeant At Arms

Approved by:

Gea Clausier
Post Commander

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List of Attendees

Commander	Gea Clausier
First Vice Commander / ALR Director	Jay Grady
Second Vice Commander / Executive Committee Member	James Hollon
Adjutant	Absent
Finance Officer	Rick Smith
Chaplain	Charlie Clopper
Judge Advocate	Spike Valencia
Service Officer	Dale Bennett
Executive Committee Member / Boys State Committee Chairman	Bill Morrison
Executive Committee Member / Scholarship Committee Chairman	Kwame Tawiah
SAL Commander	Eddy Seegers
Golf Tournament Chairman	Dan Oliver
Members and Guests	Jim Sullivan, Post 79
Boys State Statesman	Full Attendee List Unavailable
	Joseph Rodriguez – Canyon High School
	David Dunn – Canyon High School
	Tyson King – Canyon High School
	Conner Starjak – Davenport High School
	Christian Oden – Davenport High School
	Raithe Fox – Davenport High School
	Adam Elza – Davenport High School
	Travis Migura – St. John Paul II High School
	Justin Hilbig – St. John Paul II High School
	Wesley Trim – Memorial Early College High School
	Everrett Garrett – Memorial Early College High School
	Jaxon Hurse – Memorial Early College High School
	William Tobias – New Braunfels High School
	Andrew Hoyt – New Braunfels High School
	Talan Fowler – Smithson Valley High School