



**American Legion Post 326
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Date: April 2018

Subject: Minutes of Membership Meeting, 4 April 2018

Commander Phillip “Phil” Johnston presented the invocation, and led the membership with the Pledge of Allegiance and recitation of the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution. He then confirmed that we had a quorum.

He then called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Commander Johnston, who is also Co-Chairman of the Golf Tournament Committee, introduced guests, new members and named our guest speaker; including new member Dr. Carl J. Van Aacken from Texas State University’s Veterans Academic Success Center; new members Glen and Nanci Jordan and William Rinehardt.

Legionnaire Brooke Hergert thanked the post for our \$500.00 donation to the Windy25 Foundation. It is a memorial to the 18 servicemen aboard a Chinook helicopter that was lost in Afghanistan and which was a part of her combat unit. She had requested a donation to help the foundation and our Post responded with the \$500.00 donation. She expressed appreciation for the contribution and said the funds were used to help the families of fallen service men and women.

Commander Johnston asked for a motion to not read the previous meetings minutes. The motion was made, seconded, and passed.

Adjutant Floyd Clark made a motion to approve the past meeting’s minutes, which were coordinated with the Executive Committee and is available for posting on our web site. Motion was seconded and was passed.

Finance Officer and Finance & Budget Committee Chair Tom Harder presented the monthly financial status of the Post, including status of the Golf Tournament’s donations. His report (which was also published in the newsletter):

As of March 15, the Operating Fund has \$13,478.71 after issuing four checks during February and March, totaling \$1,084.22 and receiving \$1,063.50 in dinner, raffle,

and memberships fees. We donated \$250.00 to Windy 25 Memorial Fund/Foundation to help support deceased Navy SEAL Members' families.

The Scholarship Fund currently has \$4,500 after issuing \$6,000 in grant checks since February 15. These monies went to nine universities or veteran students for the spring semester.

The Golf Tournament Fund currently has \$5,953.60 after receiving 23 separate cash donations toward our May 10 fund-raising event. We need considerably more in order to meet our 2018 goal. He said that if you have not yet contributed, please do so as soon as possible. Also, he asked the members to please volunteer to work on the day of the tournament.

The Investment Funds currently contain about \$99,255 at Velocity Credit Union and Riverstone Wealth Management.

Commander Johnston praised the outstanding work of Tony Nuccio for his work to assure the success of past golf tournaments. He also mentioned Tony Nuccio's role to assure continuous donations by Wal Mart to the Post for the golf tournament.

Historian and Membership Committee Chair, Robert J. "Bob" Pillmore reported that we now have 147 members, with the addition of new member Daniel Keyser and Carl Van Aacken. He then presented special awards to three members who each had recruited three new members this year. Awards were presented to Service Officer Bob Jordan, At Large Officer, Veterans' Scholarships Committee Chair and Charitable Donations Committee Chair Clyde Walls, and Rebecca Larson (in absentia).

Adjutant Floyd Clark announced that American Legion, Department of Texas, 10th District will have their annual convention this Saturday, 7 April 2018, in Lockhart, Texas. Prospective attendees should let him know this evening (because of the necessary paperwork). One person said he wanted to attend—Michael Gonzalez. Note: after the meeting paperwork was accomplished so he could attend the convention.

At Large Officer, Veterans' Scholarships Committee Chair and Charitable Donations Committee Chair Clyde Walls reported on the status of veterans scholarships. He said we now have seven applications from UT veterans, and one from Texas State. The scholarships will be awarded about May 1st.

Sergeant-at-Arms Larry Hohl announced that on June 14th (Flag Day) we will retire old and/or tattered U. S. national flags. That will be our "burn" day in cooperation with the Manchaca Volunteer Fire Department.

Commander Johnston said he needed three members for a Nominations Committee to find members to run for positions in the Executive Committee.

Commander declared a break in the meeting (at 19:30 hours) for dinner, and then declared the meeting open again at 20:00 hours

Commander Johnston introduced our guest speaker: past Texas State Land Commissioner and Post 326 member Jerry Patterson. Jerry Patterson' biography is printed in our Post's Newsletter. He spoke about some rare facts about Texas history.

Following the speakers remarks, Commander Johnston asked the Sergeant-at-Arms Larry Hohl to conduct the raffle, which was done.

Commander Johnston discussed our post's cooperation with the UT Student Veterans Association is collecting non-perishable food to support the UT Student Emergency Services Pantry. This was published in the Post's April newsletter. Members brought a "load" of food in support of this project.

He then presented the closing prayer, and adjourned the meeting at 2030 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

Floyd Clark, Adjutant

Attachment:
Commander's Agenda

**American Legion Post 326
General Meeting - 04 April 2018 - Agenda**

1900 Invocation (uncover), Pledge of Allegiance, Preamble to our Constitution

Meeting is called to order; Confirmation that we have a quorum

Introduction of guests & new members (by table)

Minutes from most recent Executive Committee meeting Floyd Clark, Adjutant

Executive Committee Reports - please refer to the April Newsletter at each table

1 st Vice Commander	Ken Roe
2 nd Vice Commander	Position is open
Finance Officer	Tom Harder
Golf Tournament Co-Chairmen	Phil Johnston & Ken Roe
Membership Chairman; Historian	Bob Pillmore
Adjutant	Floyd Clark
H/S Scholarships; Boys/Girls State	Dr. Ron Stried
Vets Scholarship; Charitable Contributions	Clyde Walls
Sergeant at Arms	Larry Hohl
Chaplain	Position is open

Please Uncover and enjoy your meal

Reconvene the meeting

Guest Speaker - Jerry Patterson

Announcements & Upcoming Events

- District Convention this coming Saturday at the Lockhart Post
- Golf Committee & Fundraising meetings to be scheduled
- Aikens High School JROTC awards presentation on April 25th at Aikens high school
- Hays High School JROTC awards presentation on May 1st
- Next Executive Committee Meeting is on Wednesday, 2nd of May at 1630 at the OCC
- Lehman High School JROTC awards presentation on Wednesday, May 2nd
- Dinner & Silent Auction on Wednesday, 9th of May from around 6 to 9 pm
- Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, 10th of May with registration at 0700
- Bowie High School JROTC awards presentation on May 11th at Bowie High School
- Next General Meeting is on Wednesday, 4th of June at 1800 at the OCC
- Election of next year's Post 326 Officers in June to be installed in August
- Flag Retirement ceremony in June
- Preparation for 4th of July parade and picnic

Raffle **Larry Hohl, Floyd Clark**

Closing Prayer (uncover)

Final Comments & Adjourn the Meeting