



The American Legion  
Riddle – Hutcheson Post 0077  
POB 2084  
Bentonville, Arkansas 72712

Meeting Minutes  
01 Aug 2022

**Opening Prayer:** Performed by Chaplain

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by SAL member in attendance

**MIA/POW ceremony:** Observed a moment of silence

**Meeting Called to Order at 1833.**

**Roll Call of Officers:**

- Officers present: Commander; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice/Adjutant; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice; Finance Officer/Chaplain. A quorum was attained.
- Officers absent: VSO; Historian
- Auxiliary: President; Vice Pres; Secretary.
- SAL: Finance Officer; Parliamentarian

**Reading of minutes of last meeting:** Minutes had been posted on our website. Commander asked for a motion.

Finance Officer moved to accept as posted, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, motion passed unanimously.

**Finance Report:** Finance Officer gave a brief update on finances.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** None at this meeting.

**Cub Scouts:** Informed the general membership that for many reasons the EOC has decided to not renew our charter with Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and pursue an alternative scouting organization called Outdoor Service Guides. This program reflects the BSA program only going back to the grass roots of scouting. More emphasis on the outdoor survival skills that were originally taught to young people in scouting. We will requesting audience with the leaders of this organization in the near future to learn our way ahead.

**Events:**

- Sep 10 – Centerton Days, 7-3ish, will need volunteers throughout the day, please see Commander or 1<sup>st</sup> Vice for information.
- Oct 8 – Fall Fling, Center for Non-profits, the time is TBD
- Nov 12 – Veterans Breakfast of pancakes and saus/bacon, Veterans eat free – all others by donation. Auxiliary will be crowning a Mr./Ms. Poppy, 7 – 10/11?,
- Dec 10 – Veterans Children “Sleigh Through” Christmas party. Will be at the Center for Non-profits and time is yet to be determined. Caldwell Banker will hopefully sponsor us again. Volunteers needed to help set up, help during and help cleaning up, see Michelle Henning or 1st Vice Rodney for more information.

**Commanders Report:** None at this meeting

**Old Business:**

- **In work** – Constitution, By-laws and SOP review underway. Have set Feb/Mar 2023 as a deadline to have these looked at and updated for general membership approval.
- **In Work** - Committee will be formed to design a form and outline procedures for processing vet assistance requests.
- **On going** – If you see ANY building for sale/lease that could be a good home let us know and we will look into it.
- **On hold** – A possible yard sale at the Center for Non-profits.

- **On hold** – The City Hall proposal in the hands of city council.
- 50/50 drawing possible in the near future.
- **In work** – Donation jars, still ongoing and will progress toward getting them out in the near future.
- **In work** – Talked about getting all the new schools their In God We Trust posters set up and delivered. Auxiliary Madame Pres is currently working with the State Senator in charge of this project. Will update as she gets updates.

#### **New Business:**

- We had Mr. Jay Stout of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) speak to us. He told us about the 5<sup>th</sup> grade flag education program. He is the coordinator for the NW Arkansas area for this program. What he is asking for is a few volunteers to help teach and some funding to help offset the cost of the lapel flag pins given to each 5<sup>th</sup> grader. Looking for 2 adults to go into the classrooms to teach the program. Lesson plans are already written just tweak it to make it fit you. He handed us a flier and a brochure (will be kept in historical binder). He did take questions, and gave sufficient answers to them. The NJROTC program director at the high school is a member of the MOAA.
- Socks n Cookies has invited all members to their 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday party at the Center for Non-profits in Rogers from 10am – 1pm. She also has eight tickets to the NWA Naturals ball game for 2 Aug. just need to drop by her office and pick them up.
- Outreach Committee, this will be a standing committee that will have representatives from all members of the post family. The members will be at least one member of each: Post, Auxiliary and SAL, then a member at large. There can be more members as needed. They would be the focal point to any person reaching out for help from the post. There is a contact information form that we will be establishing soon that can be used by anyone in the post to gather needed information and then passed on to the committee. The committee would then make the decisions required and will help with whatever we can.

#### **Good of the Legion:**

- None at the meeting.

#### **Sons of the American Legion (SAL):**

- Nominations are still being taken. Elections will be held this coming Saturday, Aug 6, 10 am at the Center for Non-profits in Rogers.
- Dues are now being collected for Membership Year 2023.

#### **American Legion Auxiliary (ALA):**

- We had four siblings that received the Good Deed Award for taking time on April 30, 2022 at the Fayetteville National Cemetery to clean headstones. When asked why they did this, their answer was “To honor the veterans who are buried here.”
- An award was presented to a JR Auxiliary member for volunteering over 30 hours to help the post family events over the summer. Well done young lady, well done.
- “Back to School” event has been a success. Collected multiple carts worth of school supplies and over \$200 dollars cash. The cash was used to purchase more school supplies. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice also reached out to a local company and was told that they would be able to give quite a few supplies. There will be a school supply drop off event tomorrow, 2 Aug at Vaughn Elementary school at 5:30pm. Please stop by, if you able, to help unload supplies and to take pictures.
- Silent Auction recap. Collected 161 pairs of socks to be given to Socks n Cookies for care packages. A goal of 100 items for the auction, was far exceeded with a donation of 156 items donated. The monetary goal for the event was set at \$1000 dollars and after all fees had been paid they raised nearly \$2000 dollars that will be used to help fund the Children's Christmas party.
- We are also working on a little pantry which will be placed at the Centerton Dog Park, but have been asked to hold off placing it until the parking lot and playground. It will be about 4 ft wide and almost 2 ft

deep, it will have multiple divisions inside for food, toiletries, animal goods, movies, games and others.

The post is looking at placing a flag drop-off box at the same location.

**Remembering the Sick, Injured, or Passing of Members:**

**Next Meeting Set:** Next meeting set for 5 Sep 2022 at city hall.

**Closing Prayer and Memorial:** None at this meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned at 1914 hours.**

**Minutes Prepared and Submitted by:**

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Rodney Robinson, Adjutant

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Date approved

ATTENDEES OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEETING OF 5 JULY 2022 WERE AS FOLLOWS:

Officers in Attendance:

TAL Commander; SAL Parliamentarian Shawn Henning	ALA Madame President Michelle Henning
TAL 1st Vice / Adjutant; ALA Vice President; SAL Finance Officer Rodney Robinson	
TAL 2nd Vice Michael Commet	ALA Secretary Cathy Schraeder
Finance Officer Robert Anderson	

Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members in attendance:

Ray Schreader	Cindy Harding	Alena Mae Anderson
Colin Miles	Chloe Miles	Owen Harding
Molly O'Connell		

Guests in attendance:

Heather Commet	Patrick Boehm	Vickie Boehm
Christine Nance	Lindi Miles	April Kettner
Meleighia Kettner	Jerry Kettner	Tenyshia Vasey
Samantha Shaffer		