



American Legion Post 326

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Date: January 2018

From: Adjutant

Subject: Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, 3 January 2018

Officers Present

Commander Phillip "Phil" Johnston; First Vice Commander Kenneth E. "Ken" Roe; Adjutant Floyd Clark; Finance Officer and Finance & Budget Committee Chair Tom Harder; Sergeant-at-Arms, Thomas L. "Larry" Hohl; Service Officer, Robert C. "Bob" Jordan; Historian and Membership Committee Chair, Robert J. "Bob" Pillmore; At-Large Officer and Veterans' Scholarships Committee Chair and Charitable Donations Committee Chair, Clyde W. Walls (Former Commander); At-Large Officer Charles R. "Bob" Caudill; At-Large Officer and High School Scholarships/Boy and Girls State Committee Chair; Dr. Ronald O. "Ron" Stried; At-Large Officer William A. "Bill" English.

Officers Absent

At-Large Officer Carl R. Becker.

Open Positions

Second Vice Commander and Chaplain

Agenda

Commander Phillip "Phil" Johnston called the meeting to order at 1630 hours.

Commander Johnston asked for status of minutes of previous meetings. He was told that the draft minutes of the December meeting had been circulated for corrections and the final version had been sent to Executive Committee members. He made a motion for approval for the minutes to be posted to our Web Site. Motion was seconded and passed.

Commander Johnston discussed the problem of the speaker's podium at the meeting/dining room. The quality of the system has long been sub-standard. Onion Creek Club Management is in turbulence and correction of the problem may be long term.

Commander Johnston asked Finance Officer and Finance & Budget Committee Chair Tom Harder for his report. There was a long discussion about aspects of the Golf Tournament finances and the Post's Annual Budget. Commander Johnston restated the membership of the

Budget Committee as being Clyde W. Walls, Dr. Ronald O. "Ron" Stried, Robert C. "Bob" Jordan, and chaired by Tom Harder.

Commander Johnston and Finance Officer Tom Harder discussed accuracy of the financial comments in the Golf Tournament brochure, the task of soliciting donors, and discussed various aspects of the Golf Tournament budget. Commander said this will be a subject of the Golf Tournament Committee on Tuesday, January 23rd.

Tom Harder questioned several items in proposed annual budget. He will issue a \$500 check to PAWS for Veterans which had been previously approved, and Clyde Walls will provide Tom Harder with necessary details (such as name and address). Also, Tom Harder will adjust proposed budget based on comments and agreements made about Scholarships. Motion to approve Budget was made by Dr. Ronald O. "Ron" Stried as discussed. Motion was seconded and passed. Tom Harder will update the proposed 2017-18 Budget to reflect all corrections and additions approved by the Committee, give this finalized Budget to Commander Johnston for creating a 1-page Excel Budget, and will bring the Budget status to all future Executive Committee meetings. Golf Tournament budget was approved as presented.

Commander Johnston asked Service Officer Bob Jordan for his status report. Bob Jordan said he had a sad report about the death of Legionnaire and our former Commander Fred McCarthy on December 30, 2017. A copy of his obituary that was printed in the Austin American Statesman newspaper is attached to these minutes. Bob Pillmore will distribute by email the obituary and directions to the Mass will be held on Friday, January 5, at 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Ron Stried discussed a situation at Elan senior residential living home. A veteran recently died and his widow requested a folded national flag for memorial purposes. Dr. Stried will follow up and obtain the flag for presentation purposes. It was recommended that the flag will be provided in a presentation box.

Dr. Ron Stried reported on the status of the High School Scholarship program. He gave the status of his coordination with the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and the schedule for applications. He said the application process is now open and will close on March 31st. The selection process will then begin.

Dr. Ron Stried said Boys and Girls State schedule and estimated costs is in the annual budget.

Commander Johnston and Clyde Walls noted recent request for a charitable donation. The requestor seemed to fade away without responding to our outreach. Possible action was terminated.

Commander Johnston asked about our open position for Chairman of the High School Oratorical program and noted that the state wide program is underway. Bob Pillmore reminded him that Bob Carroll had expressed an interest in the position.

Our Chaplain position is open. Commander Johnston is looking for a person to fill this position.

Commander Johnston asked Historian and Membership Committee Chair, Robert J. "Bob" Pillmore for his report. He said we have 126 current members. He also noted that several members are qualified for Membership Recruiting Award pins. He said Bob Jordan has recruited eight new members which qualifies him for a 5 new member pin, Clyde Walls earned a

20 new member pin and Legionnaire Rebecca Larson has recruited 13 new members which qualifies her for a 10 new member pin.

The currency of our Web Site was discussed. Bob Pillmore reported that the meeting minutes and golf tournament updates have been completed. Commander Johnston said the Executive Committee members should review their areas of interest to assure that the site is up to date and accurate.

Other Business

Commander Johnston announced the speaker for the February 2018 membership meeting. It will be Judge Mike Denton, who presides over the Travis County Veterans Court. A short biography of him is attached to these minutes.

Commander Johnston noted that our next membership meeting is to have a Valentine's Day theme.

Commander Johnston also provided a schedule for the next three months, leading up to the Golf Tournament.

This completed the Commander's agenda items. He said in closing that the Post needs more members. Our Post's finalized 2017-18 Budget projects a 150-person membership by 30 June.

Meeting was adjourned around 1810 hours.

Respectfully submitted.

Floyd Clark, Adjutant

Attachments:

1. Commander's Agenda
2. Post Schedule of Activities for 2017-2018, emailed by Commander.
3. Biography of guest speaker for February membership meeting.
4. Obituary of Legionnaire Frederick Joseph McCarthy

MEETING on 03 JAN 2018 at 4:30 PM

1630 CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Attendees – 03 JAN 2018 Meeting

Phil Johnston	√	Ken Roe	√	Floyd Clark	√
Tom Harder	√	Bob Pillmore	√	Larry Hohl	√
Bob Jordan	√	Ron Stried	√	Bob Caudill	√
Clyde Walls	√	Carl Becker	A	Bill English	√

A = Absent

N = Unable to attend

√ = Present

Minutes of prior meetings: Floyd Clark

- Discuss the status of the minutes of all previous meetings not already approved and posted to website
- Website to be updated to include all minutes

COMMITTEE & OFFICER REPORTS

30th Annual Memorial Golf Tournament

- We will have a Fundraising Committee meeting on **January 23rd** at the Onion Creek Club to nail down the required schedule and actions and to find out who will be on the Fundraising Committee
- Need to establish the members, volunteers and kick off the effort.

Adjutant: Floyd Clark

1. Minutes of previous meetings - status

1st Vice Commander Ken Roe

Finance Officer: Tom Harder (Jim Stolp)

1. Audit, turnover, and status of final budget for 2017-2018
2. Next steps for RiverStone Wealth Management account/investments
3. Form 802 for Texas Secretary of State (non-profit org certification) check with Jim Stolp for final status
4. Final budget approval for Golf Tournament

FINANCIAL REPORT (TOM HARDER)

This is the final Finance Report for 2017. I have not yet received the December Velocity Credit Union statements; but, according my current records, the balances for our three accounts are as follows:

Operating Account \$14,620.63

- November & December had 8 checks issued totaling \$2,541.20 and 4 deposits totaling \$1,093.00

Scholarship Account \$13,500.00

- November & December had 2 checks issued to student veterans totaling \$2,000.00

Golf Account \$1,263.96

- November & December had 2 checks issued totaling \$125.10 and 1 donation deposit for \$1,000.00

Velocity Savings Account \$78,000.00

- Also, we moved \$78,000.00 from Riverstone Wealth Funds to our savings account at Velocity C.U. on 11/13/17.
- I have been acquiring information from several financial institutions to help us determine the best investment option for these monies during 2018.

Riverstone Investments \$21,000.00

- There is still about \$21,000 invested at Riverstone.

Membership, Webmaster & Historian Bob Pillmore

1. Membership status & recommendations for "AL pin awards" for sponsors of new members
2. Updates for website concerning the golf tournament

Service Officer Bob Jordan

Sad news-we have been on the go and I finally checked my voicemails today. I received a voicemail from Rosemary Irwin on Sunday afternoon stating her that her brother and longtime AL member and former Commander, Fred McCarthy, had passed away Saturday night at approximately 11:30 pm. He had been under hospice care for about a week. Rosemary did not leave any details on funeral arrangements. Perhaps one of you has received additional information by now. Email from Tony Nuccio

High School Scholarship Chairman: Dr. Ron Stried

1. Status of coordination with JROTC groups at the high schools
2. Schedule for applications, reviews, selections for this year's scholarships

Boys/Girls State Dr. Ron Stried

1. Schedule and estimated costs

Veteran Scholarship Chairman: Clyde Walls

- Status of scholarships from 2017
- Schedule for application, review, selections for 2018 awards

Charitable Donations: Clyde Walls

1. Recent activity

High School Oratorical: TBD

- I would like to get the word out early to the high schools
- How about we get a participant this year?

Chaplain: Not filled

Sergeant-at-Arms: Larry Hohl

- Status, updates

SPEAKER FOR GENERAL MEETING

The speaker for the FEBRUARY General Meeting is be Judge Denton from the Veterans Court

We need to find a speaker for the April meeting, and the June meeting.

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT 3 MONTHS

- Golf tournament will be a big focus - Early fund raising for major companies AND PLAYERS needs to move forward this month for the 30th Annual Memorial Golf Tournament
 - Brochure update, print out, mail out
 - Letters update, mail out

January

- ***Golf related schedule is on the next page***
- WEBSITE UPDATES NEEDED
- 15th - Newsletter FOR FEBRUARY inputs are due. Please send the inputs to me via email, and to Cathy Miller

February

- 7th at 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm – General Meeting & Dinner at the OCC

March

- 7th at 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm - Exec Committee Meeting

Summary

Is there any other business to discuss?

PLAYER ACQUISITION ACTIONS - JANUARY 2018

Recommended updated action plan for both players and sponsors/contributors:

- Schedule the private dining room (PDR) at the OCC for fundraising kick-off meeting on 1/23/18 from 10-noon (Action: Phil by 12/29/17)
 - ✓ OCC email sent - waiting for confirmation
- **Identify fundraising team members** (Action: Phil by 12/19/17)
 - ✓ Email request for team members sent out on 12/20/2017 by PJ
 - ✓ Chair: Phil Johnston
- **Complete final proof of the 2018 golf brochure** (Action: All by 1/5/18)
 - ✓ Golf Brochure should already be final as of 12/20/2017 based on initial print out
 - ✓ Jim Stolp is reviewing the final numbers for what we spent during the past fiscal year as part of the IRS tax return. His initial numbers are higher than the current brochure and it might be good to use them.
- **Complete initial fundraising team assignments** (Action: Phil by 1/5/18)
- Purchase box of envelopes (#10 security 4 1/8" * 9 1/2") (recommend box of 1000 from Office Max for both players and previous sponsors/contributors and thank you letters) (Action: Larry by 1/12/18)
- Purchase 700 stamps (7 rolls of 100 with US flag)(for both players and previous sponsors/contributors)(any extras can be used for thank you letters) (Action: Tom by 1/12/18)
- Arrange for printing of 800 copies of the final 2018 golf tournament brochure (for both the players and previous sponsors/contributors)with pick-up date of 1/12/18 (Action: Phil by 1/8/18)
- Arrange for printing 300 player general letters and Z-fold with pick-up date of 1/12/18 (Action: Phil by 1/8/18)
- Arrange for printing 400 sponsor/contributor general letters and Z-fold with pick-up date of 1/12/18 (Action: Phil by 1/8/18)
- Arrange for printing 100 new sponsor/contributor general letters and Z-fold and light blue paper with pick-up date of 1/12/18 (Action: Phil by 1/8/18)
- Complete update any missing or unverified data (highlighted in yellow) in respective databases for invited player and previous sponsors/contributors (as a minimum we need a good mailing address)(Action: Larry/Tony by 1/12/18)
- Invite volunteers to fundraising kick-off meeting (Action: Phil by 1/12/18)
- Arrange for 3-5 mail stuffing" volunteers (Action: Larry by 1/12/18)
- Print labels (to and from) for previous sponsor/contributors (Action: Tony by 1/17/18)
- Print labels (to and from) for invited players (Action: Larry by 1/17/18) (Note: Tony I can help Larry as needed)
- Complete special letters to key sponsors/contributors for signature of the Commander (Action: Tony by 1/17/18)
- Complete initial update of fundraising package for review and comments (Action: Tony by 1/12/18)
- Assemble player invitation and sponsor/contributor packages (labels, envelopes, stamps, player invitation and sponsor/contributor letters, and golf brochures) (Action: Larry by 1/19/18)
- Mail player and sponsor/contributor packages (Action: Larry by 1/19/18)
- Arrange for the printing of TBD copies of the fundraising kick-off –off team package (Action: Phil by 1/19/18)
- Conduct fundraising kick-off meeting (Action: Phil by 1/23/18)

The meeting is concluded



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Schedule Information

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FY 2017-2018 Schedule

General Meetings & Member Dinners

These occur on the first Wednesday of every other month with a social hour from 6 to 7 pm and the meeting and dinner starting at 7 pm. Guest speakers are normally invited to present veteran related information. The venue is the Onion Creek Club.

- October 4th
- December 6th
- February 7th 2018
- April 4th 2018
- June 6th
- August 1st

Executive Committee Meetings

These occur on the first Wednesday of the alternate months and start at 4:30 pm unless otherwise agreed. The venue is the Onion Creek Club

- September 6th
- November 1st
- January 3rd
- March 7th
- May 2nd
- July 4th ?????? - need to discuss and probably reschedule this meeting

30th Annual Memorial Golf Tournament

Preparation and assignment of the Golf Committee Chairman and the members of the Golf Committee needs to start in the early October 2017 timeframe in order to organize our approach for seeking donations from the larger sponsors who normally require an online request and at least a six month notice to review and evaluate the request.

- The tournament is scheduled to take place on 10 May 2018
- Rain out date is 24 May 2018
- Close coordination and preparation is required with General Manager, Head Pro and the Events Director
 - John Ferguson
 - Kirk Dillen
 - Amy Maulding

All the best,

Phil Johnston

Commander

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The Honorable Mike Denton professional biography

Judge Denton presides over the Travis County Veterans Court, as well as Travis County Court Law number 4 for Domestic Violence.

He began his career by graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1973. After completing his military service in the U.S. Army, he went on to the University Of Texas Law School, graduating in 1984.

Judge Denton speaks regularly for enhancing and continuing education on judicial skills in domestic violence cases, as well as an advocate for veterans in the criminal justice system. He has given presentations on State Judicial Domestic Violence in Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Louisiana, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, and Washington and regularly attends conferences, such as the NDAA Annual Domestic Violence Conferences. Additionally, he has served as Co-Chair of Travis County Family Violence Task Force and as President of Criminal Law and Procedure Section and was a Volunteer for the Austin Rape Crisis Center.

**McCARTHY,
Frederick Joseph**

Life's journey for Frederick Joseph McCarthy of Austin was completed December 30, 2017, at age 94.



Fred, an Austin resident since 1992, is survived by his wife, Leora Callahan Wilson McCarthy of Austin; daughter and son-in-law, Tara Jeanine Munoz and Stacy Munoz of Forsan, Texas; stepson, Michael Alan McCarthy of Duluth, Minn.; sister, Rosemary Irwin of Austin; grandchildren, Alisa Munoz, Tonie Munoz, Travis McCarthy, and Casey McCarthy; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dennis and Rose McCarthy; brother, Dennis McCarthy; sister, Nancy McCarthy; first wife, Karen Adams McCarthy; and second wife, Joan James McCarthy.

Few can say they enjoyed the life of a scholar, pilot, priest, attorney, educator, and husband... but they weren't Fred McCarthy.

Born April 15, 1923, in Chicago, Ill., Fred grew up steeped in Midwest values in Springfield, Ill. After graduating from Springfield's Cathedral High School, he attended Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. Fred served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1945 as a B-24 co-pilot for the 8th Air Force, which included 35 bombing missions from England.

Upon conclusion of World War II, he returned to school and earned a degree from Georgetown University Law School in Washington, D.C. He passed the Illinois Bar in 1948, but put his law career on hold.

Alternatively, Fred leaned into his Roman Catholic upbringing, education and thirst for social justice, choosing to study ministry in Baltimore, Md. That decision resulted in Fred being ordained as a priest in the Catholic Church-Roman Rite, serving from 1953 to 1968. He ministered to numerous faithful in Illinois for a dozen years, followed by a three-year mission in Peru.

Upon leaving the priesthood in 1968, he turned to his training as an attorney for the next phase of his life. He moved to the Four Corners region of New Mexico and Arizona, working as an attorney in a variety of public and private capacities until retiring in 1991.

In 1992, Fred arrived in Austin to be closer to family members. He met Leora while teaching an adult Bible study class at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church. On Feb. 14, 1998, he and Leora were married, launching a 19-year loving companionship that ended with his passing.

An Irish descendent to the fullest, Fred's unique combination of humor, wit, charm and charisma will be missed by all who knew him. He thoroughly enjoyed his associations with Corpus (an association of married priests), American Legion members, family and friends alike. A memorial Mass celebrating his life will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, January 5, at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Austin. A private burial service will be held at a later date at Assumption Cemetery in Austin.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Benedictine College (attn: James Kew, Office of Advancement, 1020 North Second Street, Atchison, KS 66002-1499). Sincere appreciation goes to the assisted living staff at Village on the Park at Onion Creek, his physical therapist Jessica from TheraCare, and all who assisted with helping Fred enjoy life's journey to the very end.

For those desiring, you may also access the online guest registry and obituary at www.wcfish.com.

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