



ONION CREEK AMERICAN LEGION POST 326

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Executive Committee Meeting on 3 November 2021 at 1630 hour Meeting by Video Conferencing

Attendance

Bob Pillmore	✓	<u>Stan Lipinski</u>	✓	<u>Tom Harder</u>	A
Bill Welch		Mike Jackson	✓	Bob Caudill	✓
Larry Hohl		Chuck Teague	✓	Jerry Patterson	✓
		Emmett Thomason	✓		

A = Absent

N = Unable to attend

✓ = Present

G = Guest

The online meeting was called to order at 4:35PM by Commander Stan Lipinski. The meeting agenda is attached

• **Meeting Minutes**

- Commander Lipinski (Stan), asked for comments to the September 30 meeting minutes published with the meeting invitation.
- Bob Caudill pointed out that the Turkey Distribution at Fort Hood will be November 17 rather than November 22.
- There being no further changes the Minutes were accepted by the EC.

• **November General Membership Meeting.**

- Mike Jackson met with the OCC Event Planner and is working with Chuck Teague for the AV setup.
- Snacks, coffee and iced tea will be purchased for 20 people at \$8/person for snacks, \$50 for coffee and \$40 for tea. There will be no bar service provided. An 8 foot screen will be provided for video presentation at \$100. Chuck will provide his own projector.
- Bob Pillmore will set up the room facing the TV to accommodate the ZOOM meeting
- There are currently 15 responses on the sign up.
- Bob Pillmore will send out another announcement with more information on the meeting agenda and presentation.
- Cost for the meeting will run approximately \$300 which will be assumed by the Post.
- Bob Pillmore added that the election of a Judge Advocate should be included on the agenda.

• **December Holiday Party**

- Mike has scheduled the meeting in the Demerit Room for December 1. He has not worked out any details beyond that at this time.

- Bob Pillmore asked if we shouldn't be planning the meeting in this meeting due to the short time before the party. Stan stated that the plan was to do the detailed planning at the November 11 General Membership Meeting.
- Mike said that the entertainment would be some Christmas music either using a DJ or a streaming service.
- The decision on the meal will be deferred until the next meeting.
- Bob Pillmore will add the meeting to the website events calendar with "Details to Follow."
- **Appointments to Annual Review Committee**
 - Stan Lipinski announced that in addition to Chuck Teague, Debbie Dubois and Floyd Clark make up the Annual Review Committee
 - Input of financial information has been requested from Tom Harder.
- **Potential Officers/Committee Persons**
 - Nobody has replied to his request. Bob Pillmore made some comments on the proposed letter. He also suggested that the opening for Service Officer be added.
 - Bob reminded the meeting that we need to include the election of Judge Advocate in the Nov. 11 meeting agenda.
 - Mike will update the letter and send to the Post by email.
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- **Officer Reports**
 - Adjutant-Webmaster Report – Bob Pillmore
 - Bob still plans to move from the area in the spring of 2022. He would like to move forward with his replacement starting with the membership record management. Ron Dubois has expressed an interest and Bob will follow up with him.
 - The revised Constitution and By-Laws were submitted this week to the Department Adjutant and Judge Advocate for approval. There has been no response to date.
 - Current 2022 membership stands at 74, well below the Post budgeted goal of 118. Only 2 renewals were received in the last month. The cutoff date for the national and Department is in the May-June 2022 timeframe.
 - Webmaster:
 - Stan needs to update the text for the Commander section.
 - Need a head & shoulder photo from Chuck Teague and Jerry Patterson for the Executive Committee photo array.
 - Minutes are posted to date. Bob will replace the draft minutes with the corrected minutes approved today.
 - Bob Caudill asked for the names of anyone who will participate in the November 17 turkey distribution at Fort Hood. Mike Jackson will go.
- **Golf Tournament/Operation Jumpstart**
 - Stan expressed concern that we do not have enough active members at this time to support a golf tournament.
 - Mike advised that the OCC policy on golf tournaments has changed to only hold non-OCC tournaments on Mondays.
 - Mike has not yet contacted tournament companies but will do so.
 - Jerry Patterson made the point that we need to hold a tournament, or we will lose momentum in our ability to raise funds.
 - Whether we use an outside firm or not we will still need to perform the fundraising and provide the manpower for that. For conduct of the tournament itself, OCC will do the bulk of the work to

- make the tournament happen. We would need to staff the enrollment of players. The basic tournament will generate \$5,000-\$6500 just from the player fees less OCC costs.
- There was discussion of starting Jumpstart in December. Stan expressed the need to have a fund-raising chairman.
 - Mike will check with OCC to see what is required to reserve a date and what dates might be available.
- **Budget**
 - Bob Pillmore reported that he spoke with Ron Stried and confirmed that Ron will make a donation in January to support the Patriot PAWS and ROCK Vets Equine Therapy donations.
 - There was no further discussion of the budget.
 - **Thanks to Bob Jordan and Bill Baron**
 - Stan wanted to make an official thankyou from the Post to Bob Jordon and Bill Baran for their service to the Post. Bob is leaving for Arkansas and Bill is stepping down for personal reasons.
 - Bob Jordon's responsibility for the High School scholarship program will need to be reassigned.
 - **New Business**
 - Stan advised that the veteran who was referred to the Post by the VA for assistance will be helped by Ken Bell, the Service Officer for the Buda AMVETS post. The Veteran needed help with completing paperwork required for requesting assistance.
 - Stan introduced the idea of changing the Executive Committee meeting time from 4:30PM to 7:00PM. The conclusion was to move the meeting to Tuesday at 7:00 PM to accommodate the members of the committee and Post members who may wish to attend.
 - After additional discussion it was agreed that the General Membership meeting would be held on even numbered months and EC meetings on Odd numbered months.
 - Due to the holidays the next EC meeting will be held on January 11, 2022 at 7:00PM
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 - **Meetings and Meeting Format:**
 - The EC proposed that the General Membership Meetings include a business meeting as well as a program. There was a general feeling that business only meetings would not generate participation by the members.
 - Mike Jackson will contact OCC to attempt to reserve meeting dated for future membership meetings. He will try to reserve a date for a holiday meeting in December. It was suggested that he discuss far in advance as well to attempt to get to a regular schedule.
- There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:29PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Robert Pillmore
Adjutant

ONION CREEK AMERICAN LEGION POST 326
Executive Committee Meeting November 3, 2021
4:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes
2. November General Membership Meeting: Review
3. December Holiday Party: Planning Committee, format etc
4. Appointments to Annual Review Committee
5. 1st Vice Commander's Report on potential officers/committee persons
6. Officer Reports
7. Turkey Distribution at Fort Hood
8. Golf Tournament/ Jumpstart
9. Budget: Confirmation of budget items sponsored by Ron Stried
10. Thanks to Bob Jordan and Bill Baron
11. New Business:
 - Change ExComm meeting time to 7:00 PM