

AMERICAN LEGION POST 543  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 26, 2017  
ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CENTER

Commander Fegan called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Color Guard Advanced the Colors

Gary Crowden, Chaplin offered the opening prayer

Commander Fegan Recognized the POW/MIA Empty Chair

Commander Fegan led in the Pledge of Allegiance

Commander Fegan led the reading of the Preamble to American Legion Constitution

Commander Fegan presided over the roll call of officers. 2nd Vice Commander Quashne Absent

Commander Fegan introduced new guests and welcomed them to the membership meeting

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded and passed to approve the Minutes of June 28

Adjutant Dan Bennett reported as of this meeting we had 76 renewals of membership

Service Officer Paul Witmer gave his monthly report on how successful the VBAC was in Wilmington and how much money was rewarded to the many veterans of Brunswick County Paul is working with other Service Officers to resolve some of the veteran issues within the different posts.

Paul is always looking for help when he goes to visit these veterans.

Doug Pratt Finance Officer presented the finance report for 2016-2017 final report. All accounts were in order.

Commander Fegan spoke about our successful Military Appreciation Day and we made enough money to successfully run all the projects in this years budget. Mike thanked all the people who were involved and helped to make it another successful tournament.

Bill Morgan spoke on another successful 4th of July parade. We had the Color Guard, our float with 15 members on it, and a Bagpiper.

Commander Fegan thanked Rick Sessa for bringing the Letters From Home Group to entertain at the Community Center during the 4th of July Festival.

Doug Pratt Finance Officer presented the 2017-2018 budget. All accounts are in order.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded and passed to approve 2017-2018 budget.

First Vice Commander Rick Sessa spoke on membership renewals to get them in as soon as possible. Rick also said if you like what we are doing, talk it up to neighbors and friends to see if we can't recruit them.

Commander Fegan spoke on the Pier Fishing Event which will take place on October 6, 2017. There will be a signup sheet at the next meeting.

Chuck Blackburn gave his Pillar Report that everything was completed in June.

Commander Fegan will be looking to fill a Chairman position for the Oratorical Committee

Rick Sessa gave his report on Children and Youth, and that everything is moving along nicely with two events completed.

Bill Morgan reported on the Honor Guard will be performing Full Military Honors for an Air Force Veteran on Saturday in Shallotte. Bill also announced the St. Phillips Men's Club is looking for someone to retire the colors from 8/13- 8/20 downtown Southport. There will be a signup sheet if anyone is interested.

John Muuss Historian gave his Media Report, 19 press releases this month. John also stated that he is working on the Post's third History Book.

Commander Fegan reported on three meetings he's attended, the Executive meeting which he appointed Don Cunningham Web Master. Don will attend Executive Meetings from time to time. Mike will have Judge Advocate Art Liberty look in to the paperwork for the \$75.00 fee for application for charities, which the Executive Committee approved. Mike will look at beverages after each membership meeting.

Mike will not continue a monthly newsletter, but wants to get each post member to use the web site.

Mike attended the District 9 meeting chaired by Nelson Anderson District 9 Commander. Nelson will be visiting our post in August. At the meeting it was announced that another VBAC will be in the spring in Wilmington. There was a big push for new and younger members.

The Brunswick Coalition met on July 12TH. The next meeting is September 12th.

Pom Pomeroy presented our out going Commander Gary Crowden a Memory Book to him for his service as Commander.

Commander Fegan had closing ceremony.

Meeting was adjourned by Commander Fegan at 8:52 P.M.