

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 543  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
MAY 23, 2018**

**1) Call to Order: Mike Fegan, Commander**

**Commander Fegan requested the Color Guard to Advance and Post the Colors.**

**Chaplain Gary Crowden offered the Opening Prayer.**

**2) POW/MIA Chair Recognition**

**Commander Fegan recognized the POW/MIA chair**

**3) Pledge of Allegiance**

**Commander Fegan led the Post in the Pledge of Allegiance**

**4) Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion**

**Commander Fegan led in reciting the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion.**

**5) Roll call of Officers**

**All Officers were accounted for except Doc Liberty, Judge Advocate who had surgery today.**

**6) Welcome to Veterans here for the first time.**

**Commander Fegan asked if there were any new veterans here for the first time to stand and state their name and branch of service.**

**Commander Fegan wanted to keep Roy Anderson, who is still out on Sick Call, in our prayers.**

**7) Approval of Minutes of April 26, 2018**

**The membership approved the Minutes of April 26, 2018.**

## **8) Election of Officers for 2018-2019**

**The Membership elected the following Officers for 2018-2019:**

**Commander, Mike Fegan  
Adjutant, George Freeman  
1st Vice Commander, Dan Bennett  
Finance Officer, Doug Pratt  
Judge Advocate, Doc Liberty  
2nd Vice Commander, Rick Sessa  
Sgt. at Arms, Chuck Blackburn  
Historian, John Muuss  
Chaplain, Tom Bednarczyk  
Service Officer, Paul Witmer  
Member at Large, Steve Muir**

## **9) Election of Delegates to NC Department Convention**

**Commander Fegan nominated 5 Members the Executive Committee as Delegates to the NC Department Convention in June. They are as follows: Mike Fegan, Rick Sessa, George Freeman, Doug Pratt and Dan Bennett. Gary Crowden will be the alternate.**

**The General Membership elected them Delegates to the Convention.**

## **10) Presentation of Post Awards**

**Commander Fegan, Chuck Blackburn, Americanism Pillar Chair, Rick Sessa, Pillar Chair Children and Youth and Legionnaire Jim Hilty recognized and presented the following students:**

### **A) Constitutional Oratorical Contest**

**1st Place, Nestor Rodriguez of BECHS**

### **B) American Legion JROTC Scholastic Excellence Award**

**Cadet Juan Morales**

**C) American Legion JROTC Military Excellence Award**

**Cadet Elijah Spencer**

**D) American Legion State Championship “Shooters 2018”**

**Cadet Christina Girard, 1st Place \$1000.00 College Scholarship**

**Cadet Tommy Nguygen ,2nd Place \$250.00 College Scholarship**

**E) NC Highway Patrol Student Trooper 2017 Graduates**

**Joseph Nieto, Brunswick Early College High School**

**Ana Botello, South Brunswick High School**

**Felica Rainwater-Lyons, South Brunswick High School**

**F) NC Highway Patrol Student Trooper 2018 Candidates**

**Nicholas Ferguson, South Brunswick High School**

**Bradley Udline, South Brunswick High School**

**Hailey Figley, South Brunswick High School**

**G) American Legion Tar Heel Boys State 2017 Graduates**

**Fernando Garcia, Brunswick Early College High School**

**Hogan Disbrow, South Brunswick High School**

**Eli Gauldin, South Brunswick High School**

**Ryan Tewell, South Brunswick High School**

**H) American Legion Tar Heel Boy’s State 2018 Candidates**

**Shin Chin, Brunswick Early College HS**

**Grayson Moffitt, South Brunswick High School**

**Campbell Woody, South Brunswick High School**

**Elijah Spencer, South Brunswick High School**

**Douglas R. Pratt, South Brunswick High School**

**I) American Legion Aux. Tar Heel Girl’s State 2018 Candidates**

**Reilly Dumproff, South Brunswick High School**

**Regan Dumproff, South Brunswick High School**

**Sofia Rupkalvis, South Brunswick High School**

**J) Post 543 Eagle Scout of the Year**

**Douglas R. Pratt**

**L) 2018 Richard H. Stewart, Jr. Hat Trick Scholarships**

**1st Place Kaylee Potter**

**2nd Place Hogan Disbrow**

**3rd Place Hannah Scharf**

**11) Presentation of Legion Meritorious Service Award**

**Commander Fegan presented the American Legion Meritorious Service Award to LTC. Tom Blue.**

**12) Commander's Report**

**Commander Fegan reminded the membership that we have the following events coming up:**

**Monday at the St. James Community Center, Memorial Day Ceremony at 11:00 A.M.**

**Saturday, June 2nd our Military Appreciation Concert at Woodlands at 5:30.**

**Saturday, July 7th SJMAD Golf Tournament at Members Club. There are still openings if you are interested in playing. Entry forms are at the Pro Shop or on our Website.**

**Our next Membership meeting is Wednesday June 27th at 7:00 P.M. at the Community Center. Our guest speaker will be Kim Munly.**

### **13) Closing Ceremony**

**The Honor Guard Retired the Colors.**

**Chaplain Gary Crowden offered the Closing Prayer.**

### **14) Adjournment**

**Commander Fegan adjourned the meeting at 7:48 P.M.**