



# ONION CREEK AMERICAN LEGION POST 326

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## Executive Committee Meeting on 13 December 2022 at 1900 hour Meeting by Video Conferencing

### Attendance

Bob Pillmore	✓	Stan Lipinski	✓	Jerry Patterson	G
Alyssa Harrison	✓	Mike Jackson	✓	Debbie Dubois	✓
Larry Hohl	✓	Chuck Teague	✓	Doug Norton	G
Ron Dubois	✓	Emmett Thomason	A		

A = Absent      N = Unable to attend      ✓ = Present      G = Guest

The online meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Commander Stan Lipinski.

- Stan Lipinski introduced, Doug Norton the District Commander.
  - Doug mentioned that he has the membership cards. He and Ron Dubois will get together to transfer the cards to the Post.
- Installation of Officers
  - Doug installed the officers using the oath of office.
  - Doug reminded the Post to follow up with the American Legion on the request for information that was received by all members. The purpose of this is to update the member data in the AL membership database.
- Officer Reports
  - Adjutant – Bob Pillmore
    - Bob reported that he has distributed to the Executive Committee (EC) the minutes and posted the same to the website the minutes of the October 25<sup>th</sup> EC and the November 15<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting. Having received no comments, he considers the minutes approved. A motion was made by Ron DuBois to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Stan Lipinski and approved by voice vote.
    - Membership: Bob conducted an audit of the membership records of the Post, the American Legion and the checks received from the members. Based that audit, the Post currently goes into 2023 with 66 members. Bob will forward an updated operating bank account spreadsheet with a member name associated with each deposit to Alyssa Harrison, Finance Officer and a current membership list to Ron DuBois.
  - Finance Officer – Alyssa Harrison



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- Alyssa reported current assets of \$87,260.48, up ~\$200 since the last report. Payments of renewal fees for the GoDaddy web services have been paid from the PayPal account.
  - Bob Pillmore reported that he is working on compiling a list of liabilities to include uncleared checks totaling \$1075, an estimated \$800 in tax preparation for two years and payments to the American Legion for recent membership renewals.
  - Bob also suggested meeting with Alyssa to develop a budget for the year to be presented at the next EC meeting.
- Distribution of Post assets
    - Larry Hohl reported on the contents of the storage shed
      - Larry and Stan disposed of the part of the contents with no value such as the signs used in the golf tournament.
      - The remaining items include the wood frames used in the silent auction, two filing cabinets, several metal posts and a post driver and some documents that Larry will have shredded.
    - There was discussion of the final disposition of the shed itself. Suggestions included donation to the HOA or the OCC.
    - Mike Jackson has the magnetic signs for automobiles, the American flag, Legion flag and stands, and the small flags used on Onion Creek Parkway. It was suggested that the large flags be donated to another AL Post or another veteran service organization.
    - Chuck Teague commented that we may be restricted to whom we can donate property and may be restricted to donation to another non-profit.
    - Mike Jackson pointed out that we have the Post cap that was taken to space by Kevin Chilton, a past member of the Post. There is also a card with a small American flag that was also in space. There were suggestions of returning it to the family, or the Texas Department Museum. Bob Pillmore will follow up with the Department to determine their interest.
  - Distribution of the Post funds
    - Stan Lipinski had developed a spreadsheet which listed the organizations proposed at the prior meeting and ranked the organizations based on the number of times each was selected by the EC membership.
    - Support of the Wall that Heals that was not on the original list and after discussion was moved to the top of the list.
    - Another item discussed was the medals awarded to the four JROTC units supported by the Post. Stan has suggested that the Post provide for the purchase of the medals for a period of time and ask Post 83 in South Austin to administer the awards. Stan will contact Carl Becker who has provided the medals in the past to get an idea of the costs and his recommendations for future awards management.
    - Mike Jackson will contact Bob Campos to determine the cost per veteran and a contact at Honor Flight Austin. We will use that information to determine the amount of our donation.



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- Jerry spoke on the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation. The organization select candidates from family members of Marines.
- After further discussion of the merits of the charities at the bottom of the list there was agreement to accept 9 charities (see the attached list). There was a motion by Ron Dubois to limit the list to the 9 organizations. The motion was seconded by Alyssa and approved by voice vote with one dissenting vote By Mike Jackson. Mike's dissent was based on information he just discovered that only 53 percent of funds raised go to the recipients. On that basis, Chuck Teague moved for reconsideration of the vote, seconded by Mike Jackson, was approved by voice vote.
- Disabled Veterans was removed from the list and Bob Pillmore made a motion that we approve the revised list of 8 organizations, seconded by Ron DuBois. After discussion the motion was approved by voice vote.
- Each of the selected organizations was discussed and a donation amount determined by consensus of the participants. The list follows

	<b>Selected Organizations</b>	<b>Donation</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1	Honor Flight Austin	\$ 20,000	
2	Marine Corp Scholarship Foundation	\$ 15,000	
3	Fisher House (3 locations)	\$ 15,000	\$5,000 per location
4	Paralyzed Veterans of America Texas Chapter	\$ 10,000	Donations can be made online
5	Tunnel to Towers	\$ 9,000	
6	Wall that Heals Central Texas AMVETS 115	\$ 5,000	Leaves \$6,000 for local funding
7	American Legion Post 83 - JROTC Medals	\$ 5,000	10 years' worth of medals (verify)
8	Hays High School Marine JROTC	\$ 3,000	New competition rifles
	<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$ 82,000</b>	
○	<b>Budgeted amount</b>	<b>\$ 82,000</b>	

- There was discussion of what to do with the list. Stan suggested that the list be distributed to the membership for comments followed by an EC meeting in January to finalize the list for acceptance at the next general membership meeting in February.
  - A date was set for an EC meeting on January 18 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.
  - A general membership meeting will be planned for February 21 (to be verified by OCC). The thought is that this would be the last general meeting and that the Post would pay for the meal for the member and charge for spouses. The alternate date would be February 28
- New Business
    - Charles Teague advised that his new email is [myhomeinaustin@gmail.com](mailto:myhomeinaustin@gmail.com).

There being no further business, Stan thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

Respectively Submitted  
Robert Pillmore, Adjutant



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

December 13, 2022

## AGENDA

1. Installation of Officers
2. Officer Reports
3. Distribution of Post Assets
4. Next General Membership Meeting
5. New Business



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SUGGESTED DONOR ORGANIZATION

		AVE	1st Pass	
1	American Legion Dept of Texas	\$3,153.85	?	
2	Wounded Warriors	\$3,153.85	\$6,000.00	
3	Tunnel to Towers	\$3,153.85	\$6,000.00	\$10,000.00
4	Paralyzed Vets of Texas	\$3,153.85	\$6,000.00	\$10,000.00
5	American Legion Post 83	\$3,153.85	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
6	Fisher house	\$3,153.85	\$6,000.00	
7	Hope for Hero's	\$3,153.85	\$6,000.00	
8	Wreaths Across America	\$3,153.85	\$700.00	
9	Honor Flight Austin	\$3,153.85	\$2,000.00	\$6,000.00
10	Guiding Eyes for the Blind	\$3,153.85	\$500.00	
11	Paralyzed Veterans of America	\$3,153.85	\$6,000.00	
12	Equestrian Services for Veterans	\$3,153.85	\$1,500.00	
13	Franklin Graham Samaritan's Purse	\$3,153.85	\$500.00	
14	Disabled American Veterans	\$3,153.85	\$6,000.00	
15	Texas Children's Hospital	\$3,153.85	\$500.00	
16	Shriner's Burn Center at Galveston	\$3,153.85	\$500.00	
17	St. Jude Children's Hospital	\$3,153.85	\$500.00	
18	Hays High School Marine JROTC	\$3,153.85	\$2,750.00	\$3,000.00
19	American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship University of Texas Austin Student Veteran Association	\$3,153.85	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
20		\$3,153.85	\$1,000.00	
21	Texas A&M Veterans Resource & Support Center	\$3,153.85	\$1,000.00	
22	Texas State University Office of Veterans Affairs	\$3,153.85	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00
23	Marine Corp Scholarship Foundation	\$3,153.85	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
24	Fort Hood Thanksgiving Turkey Dinners Donation	\$3,153.85	\$1,000.00	
25	Wall that Heals (Central Texas AMVETS 115)	\$3,153.85	\$1,100.00	\$5,000.00
26	Navy League	\$3,153.85	\$3,500.00	
		<u>\$82,000.00</u>	<u>\$82,050.00</u>	<u>\$62,000.00</u>



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BALANCE SHEET		
Assets		
	Cash	\$0.00
	Operating Account	\$2,609.74
	Operating Savings Account	\$61,331.01
	Scholarship Account	\$2,000.00
Matures 13 March 2023	6 Month Mini Certificate	\$20,294.34
	Paypal	\$1,025.39
	TOTAL ASSETS	\$87,260.48
Liabilities		
	Unfunded Veteran Scholarships	\$0.00
	Unfunded High School Scholarships	\$0.00
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0.00
Net Worth		\$87,260.48