



**American Legion Post 326
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Date: June 2018

Subject: Minutes of General Membership Meeting, 6 June 2018

Commander Phillip “Phil” Johnston presented the invocation, and led the membership with the Pledge of Allegiance and recitation of the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution. He then confirmed with the Sergeant –at-Arms that we had a quorum.

He called the meeting to order at 1904 hours.

Introduction of Guests & Recognition

Commander Johnston led the introduction of visitors and guests. He introduced our guest speaker Retired Air Force Master Sergeant Oscar Rios, Aerospace Science Instructor at Akins High School (Biography attached to these minutes).

D-Day and WW II Veteran Recognition

As this is the anniversary date of “D” Day of World War II (Operation Overlord – invasion of Europe in 1944), he introduced **Fred Rogers, WW II veteran and a member of Post 326**. Fred served in India during the war. Commander Johnston said our Post has five WW II veterans. He acknowledged their membership and thanked them for their service --

The other four (4) members of the Post who are WW II veterans include:

- Clyde A. Ford (USA),
- Joe Mac Jones (USAF),
- C. George Richter (USA),
- J. Clifford Stark Jr. (USA).

Commander Johnston noted there were high school scholarship students at the meeting and they would be introduced later in the program.

Marshall Newton, a student at the University of Texas, is a new member of the post, and a guest.

Commander Johnston noted that our Post has a temporary program to offer one year free membership to 20 new members.

Historian and Membership Committee Chair Robert “Bob” Pillmore announced that he had several leftover items from the Silent Auction, a Golf Tournament event. He had several certificates for five car washes for \$25.00.

Executive Committee Status Reports

Adjutant - Commander Johnston asked Adjutant Floyd Clark for the status of meeting minutes. Adjutant Clark stated that past meeting minutes have been coordinated with the Executive Committee members and is posted on our Web Page. A motion was made to approve the minutes of past meetings. The motion was seconded and passed.

Commander Johnston said the June newsletter has been published and copies are on the American Legion Stand in the lobby and is available on our Web Page.

1st Vice Commander - Ken Roe was not in attendance

Finance Officer and Finance & Budget Committee Chair - Tom Harder presented the Finance Officer's Report to the attendees. He congratulated the 30th Memorial Golf Tournament Committee and all Tournament volunteers on a great job. According to his calculations as of June 5th, this year's efforts have generated a \$32,319.54 profit for Post 326. This may not be the final profit total because some Silent Auction monies are still being collected. The \$16,347.83 expenses for running the 2018 Golf Tournament were slightly less than in recent years. As always, the largest expenditures were the Onion Creek Club fees (\$9,715.40), the Winners prizes (\$2,750), and the Sponsor Banners, Signs, Plaques, & Crystal Awards (\$1,893.50).

Commander Johnston thanked the Golf Tournament committee for their hard work this past year to assure the success of the tournament and related associated activities. He said some requirements and requests for donations and sponsorships by major corporate entities, for next year's tournament, must begin this month. Next year's Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on May 6th, 2019.

Commander Johnston specifically thanked UT Student Veterans Association President, Taylor Lujan for volunteering to help at the Golf Tournament.

Historian and Membership Committee Chairman - Bob Pillmore reported that we now have 148 members and since we have one new member tonight, we have 149. Then, Commander Johnston spoke about the need for our Post to increase our membership to 200.

Commander Johnston announced that we are sponsoring one high school student from Hays High School to attend the 2018 Boys State event.

Veteran Scholarship Chair & Charitable Contributions Chair - Commander Johnston said that At Large Officer, Veterans' Scholarship Committee Chair and Charitable Donations Committee Chair Clyde Walls (Former Commander) is out of the hospital. He sold his home in Onion Creek and expected to move to Salado, Texas, to be near his children. Bill Welch has agreed to replace him.

Sergeant-at-Arms - Larry Hohl announced that our Post will hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony at 10:00 a.m., Flag Day, Thursday, June 14th, at the Manchaca Volunteer Fire Department. Contact him to provide tattered flags or those that need to be retired. Flags can also be deposited in the American Legion Stand in the lobby.

At Large Officer, High School Scholarships Chair and Boys/Girls State Committee Chair, Dr. Ronald "Ron" Stried announced that he, Carl Becker and Tom Harder will conducted a Flag Lowering and Retirement ceremony at the ELAN senior living facility, 11:30 a.m. after the Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Commander Johnston called for a recess in the meeting for dinner at 1930 hours and recalled the meeting to order at 2000 hours.

Guest Speaker

Commander Johnston introduced our guest speaker. Master Sergeant Oscar Rios, USAF (Retired) is an Aerospace Science Instructor for the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at Akins High School. His biography is attached. He described the goals and studies the courses he teaches. He teaches students to become effective young adults.

Following his talk, Commander Johnston presented him with a Post 326 pen in a handmade case. The cases are made by Bob Pillmore.

Introduction of High School Scholarship Awardees:

Commander Johnston asked Dr. Stried to come to the podium and introduce this year's recipients of high school scholarships. Dr. Stried introduced them and their planned academic major: The students were:

- Michael Ojeda (Aviation Science),
- Brodie Plummer (History and Political Science),
- Morguhn Burke (Engineering),
- Julia Stover (Nursing), and
- Trinity Wells (Industrial Psychology).

The other three recipients were not available to attend the meeting.

Commander Johnston said they would face a lot of distractions at college and they challenged them to stay focused in their studies.

Commander Johnston made a series of announcements:

- Our general membership meetings occur every two months, the next being the first Wednesday in August.
- Fund raising for our 2019 Golf Tournament begins this month.
- Don't forget our Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 14th.
- Texas Boys State will be on the 10-15th on the UT Campus.
- We will need a Grand Marshal for our 4th of July Parade.
- The American Legion Department of Texas will have a meeting in San Antonio in October.
- Our Post needs to find members to volunteer to join the Executive Committee this month

Sergeant-at-Arms Larry Hohl conducted the raffle.

Commander Johnston presented the closing prayer, and adjourned the meeting at 2035 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

Floyd Clark, Adjutant

Attachment:

1. Commander's Agenda
2. Calendar of Events
3. Finding a Color Guard for Walmart re-opening.
4. Biography of MSgt Oscar Rios (USAF Retired)
5. List of 2018 High School Scholarship Recipients

**American Legion Post 326
General Meeting - 06 June 2018 - Summary Level Agenda**

1900 Invocation (uncover), Pledge of Allegiance, Preamble to our Constitution

Meeting is called to order; Confirmation that we have a quorum

Introduction of guests & new members (by table)

Recognition of D-Day in 1944 (74 years ago) - Operation Overlord

Recognition of our five members of Post 326 who served during WW II

Minutes from most recent Executive Committee meeting

Floyd Clark, Adjutant

Executive Committee Reports - please refer to the June Newsletter at each table

1 st Vice Commander	Ken Roe
2 nd Vice Commander	Position is open
Finance Officer	Tom Harder
Golf Tournament Co-Chairmen	Phil Johnston & Ken Roe
Membership Chairman; Historian	Bob Pillmore
Adjutant	Floyd Clark
H/S Scholarships; Boys/Girls State	Dr. Ron Stried
Vets Scholarship; Charitable Contributions	Bill Welch has agreed to be nominated
Sergeant at Arms	Larry Hohl
Chaplain	Position is open
Oratorical	Position is open

1930 - Please Uncover and enjoy your meal

2000 - Reconvene the meeting

Guest Speaker - MSgt Oscar Rios

- Retired after 23 years with USAF
- Akins High School JROTC Aerospace Science Instructor (16 years)

Announcements & Upcoming Events

- Nomination and Election of next year's Post 326 Officers in June to be installed in August or October
- Flag Retirement ceremony at 10 am on 14 June at the Manchaca Fire Department
- Texas Boys State runs from 10 to 15 June at the UT campus
- Consolidated Post Report to be completed and provided to American Legion National Office
- Preparation for and holding of the 4th of July parade and picnic, and the Kid's Parade
- Membership drive is needed to attain 200 members of the Post
- Start of advanced fundraising requests for 31st Annual Golf Tournament donations
- American Legion Texas Department Convention in San Antonio 11 - 15 July
- Development of next fiscal year's budget, internal financial audit, review and approve budget
- Veterans Day preparations
- Contributions to various veterans related activities to be initiated per approved budget

- Approaching The FABS for entertainment at the December General Meeting and dinner.

Raffle

Larry Hohl, Floyd Clark

Closing Prayer (uncover)

Final Comments & Adjourn the Meeting at approximately 2050

American Legion Post 326

June

- **General Meeting** is on Wednesday, 6th of June at 1800 at the Onion Creek Club Private Dining Room (PDR)
 - Speaker is MSGT Oscar Rios from the Akins JROTC group
 - Guests include high school scholarship awardees from Akins, Bowie, Hays and Lehman high schools, plus a parent/guardian.
 - This is D-Day and we will be recognizing WW II veterans.
- **Election of next year's Post 326 Officers** is supposed to occur at the June 6th, 2018 General Meeting
 - If there are too few nominees then this election will be delayed
 - Nominations will be needed to fill the open positions.
- **Flag Retirement ceremony** on 14 June 2018 at 10 am at the Manchaca Fire Station on FM1626
- **Consolidated Post Report** must be completed and submitted
- **Texas Boys State** runs from June 10th to the 15th at the UT campus.
- **Commence Preparations for 4th of July parade and picnic**
 - Select a Grand Marshall
 - Coordination with OCHOA is in process
 - Who from the Post will be in the parade?
 - Coordinate with OCC to obtain sufficient tables, chairs, other?
- Commence with the online requests for donations for the 2019 fundraising golf tournament
 - FEDEX, RBFCU and others require paperwork and formal requests in June for next year's fundraising events based on the need for "corporate approval of donations" from several companies which are franchises operating in the Austin area.

July

- **4th of July Parade and Picnic**
 - As in the past there will be a hospitality booth at the Nuccio's home from 8 to 9 am for parade participants which will include various breakfast snacks, coffee, water, as well as bloody Mary's, and Mimosa's
 - A flyer and parade map are available, and a Kid's Parade map will be provide
 - Kid's Parade is after the main parade with a likely start time of 11:00 am
- **Executive Committee meeting** is scheduled to occur on **05 July** from 4:30 pm to 6 pm.
- Financial Audit Committee needs to be formed to do an audit of the financial records
- Develop the next fiscal year budget and move money into the Scholarship Account and the Operating Account from the Golf Account.
- Texas Department Convention is scheduled in San Antonio 11 - 15 July.
- August newsletters inputs are required by 15 July

August

- **General Meeting** on Wednesday **01 August 2018**
 - Invitation extended to the Veteran Scholarship awardees to attend the dinner on us.
 - WE WILL MOST LIKELY BE HANDING THEM CHECKS AT DINNER
 - **Speaker is TBD**
 - Provide insight to next year's budget
 - Invitation for Boys State participant to provide feedback
- Potential Installation of new Executive Committee (this might be delayed to the October General meeting.
 - If installation is going to happen, then invite the District 10 Commander to do the installation of new officers.

- Likely to be awarding the veterans scholarships and the high school scholarships in the first week or so of this month.

September

- **Executive Committee** meeting at the OCC PDR at 4:30 to 6 pm on Wed, **05 September 2018**.
- Present fiscal year 2018-2019 Budget for discussion at the Executive Committee meeting.
- Start thinking about entertainment at the December General Meeting
 - Do we go with the FABS?
- October newsletter inputs are required by 15 September

October

- **General Committee meeting** at the OCC Main Dining room on Wed evening **03 October 2018**.
 - **Speaker is TBD**
 - Present and approve fiscal year budget
 - **Requirement to install officers at this meeting - firm requirement**
 - Invite District 10 Commander to do the installation
- Veterans Day Parade Preparations begin
- Prepare for Potential Veterans Day presentations at the local Long Term Care Facilities near Onion Creek
 - ELAN
 - Silverado
 - Others

November

- **Executive Committee Meeting** at the OCC PDR at 4:30 to 6 pm on **07 November 2018**
- **Veterans Day Parade**
- **Veterans Day presentations at various places**
- **American Legion local Oratorical contest information to be passed out and discussed**

December

- **General Committee Meeting and Christmas Dinner starting with social hour at 6pm on 05 December 2018**
 - No speaker is required at this meeting.
 - Live entertainment - most likely The FABS
 - Pass out roses to each of the wives
- Start to ask for volunteers for helping with the 31st Annual Memorial Golf Tournament
- Fundraising to commence with a quick reminder for people to consider the end of year tax advantage of making a donation in December.
- Get brochure developed and printed soon.

January

- **Executive Committee Meeting** at the OCC PDR from 4:30 to 6 pm on 02 January (if the club is open on the 2nd of January)
- **Send out letters announcing the golf tournament this month along with a brochure**
 - To all sponsors, contributors, players, and volunteers
 - Golf Committee appointed, meetings start
 - Fundraising Chairman in place, meetings start

February

- **General Committee Meeting** at the OCC Main Dining Room starting with social hour at 6 pm on the 6th of February 2019.

Attached to Post 326 Minutes of 6 June 2018

From: [Phil Johnston <pjcougar@twc.com>](mailto:pjcougar@twc.com)

To [Ron Stried 'Tony Nuccio'](#)

May 23 at 11:42 AM

Gentlemen,

Just got off the phone with Clayton Griffis of Post 76. He has four people who have indicated that they can make it to the Walmart re-opening ceremony to present the colors.

- They will be there at 0730.
- They have the address, and Jason's phone number if they need to coordinate with Jason.
- They will bring their own flags, which will need to be taken down after the ceremony.
 - They asked if Jason prefers that they present Walmart flags (please advise) instead of the Post's ceremonial flags.
 - Stated differently, does Jason expect them to carry and place a Walmart US flag and a Walmart Texas State flag into outside stands and leave them there?
- They will have two flag bearers, and two people with ceremonial rifles (completely ceremonial rifles). Please notify Jason that the rifles are completely ceremonial.
- The ceremony will be held outside (Tony - please confirm).

For Ron and Tony - Please plan to wear the American Legion hat for this ceremony. It would also be nice if we could arrange to have someone take a few pictures during the ceremony for the website and newsletter. Perhaps Kathy Pillmore can take a couple of pictures.

We owe Commander Ted Weeks a "Thank You" for pointing me in the direction of Post 76 for pursuing a color guard.

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Speaker for the June General Meeting



Oscar Rios

MSgt USAF (Retired), Aerospace Science Instructor for AF JROTC
Akins High School

Oscar entered the Air Force in December 1979 and retired in Sep 2002. His career began in Security Forces where he spent 7 years in various assignments, F.E. Warren AFB, WY; Rimini AFD, Italy; and Kelly AFB, San Antonio. The majority of his career was spent as a Master Military Training Instructor for 16 years teaching both Enlisted and Officer Basic Training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio and Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Upon retirement he began teaching at Akins High School as an Aerospace Science Instructor for the past 16 years.

Oscar Rios, MSgt, USAF, Ret

Aerospace Science Instructor

TX-20025 AFJROTC

W. Charles Akins H.S.

Austin, TX

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**American Legion Post 326
2018 High School Scholarship Winners**

Akins HS

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Lehman HS

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These awards are for the Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 college semesters @ \$500 each semester.