



American Legion Post 543
Saint James, NC 28461

SUBJECT: General Membership Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday May 22, 2019, 7:00pm

LOCATION: St. James Community Center, Saint James, NC, 28461

1) Call to Order and Advance The Colors (Opening Ceremony): (Fegan)

- Per Agenda previously provided, the meeting was called to order at 7pm in the Town of St. James Community Center. (See Attachment #1)
- Colors were posted
- Our Post Chaplain offered the opening prayer
- The POW/MIA Empty Chair was formally recognized
- Pledge of Allegiance
- The Preamble to American Legion Constitution was recited by all

2) Roll Call of Officers: (Fegan)

- Officers Present:
 - Tom Bednarczyk, Chaplain
 - Chuck Blackburn, Sergeant at Arms
 - Mike Fegan, Commander
 - George Freeman, Adjutant
 - Doc Liberty, Judge Advocate
- Officers Not Present:
 - Dan Bennett, 1st Vice Commander
 - John Muuss, Historian
 - Doug Pratt, Finance Officer
 - Paul Witmer, Service Officer
- Executive Committee Members At Large:
 - Tom Balbert, Member at Large (Absent)
 - Bill Morgan, Member at Large & Chair, SJMAD (Absent)
 - Steve Muir, Member at Large (Present)

3) Welcoming Guests & Sick Call: (Fegan)

- Veterans attending for the first time were invited to stand and introduce themselves and share their Branch of Service.
- Prayers were requested for a former Post Commander, a member and his wife who are both in ill health.

- 4) Approval of Minutes: (Fegan)
 - Minutes of the April 24, 2019 General Membership Meeting were approved without alteration.
- 5) Membership Report: (Freeman)
 - To allow time for voting and awards presentation of the Membership Report was waived.
- 6) Finance Report: (Pratt)
 - To allow time for voting and awards presentation of the Finance Report was waived.
- 7) Service Officer Report: (Witmer)
 - To allow time for voting and awards presentation of the Service Officer Report was waived.
- 8) Amendments to Post Constitution (Fegan)
 - Whereas the proposed amendments to the Post Constitution have been processed in accordance with all American Legion guidelines and requirements, and a quorum was verified as being present, a vote of the membership was called. A motion was made and seconded. There was no additional discussion. The membership voted unanimously to approve the newly drafted Post Constitution.
- 9) Amendments to Post By-Laws (Fegan)
 - Whereas the proposed amendments to the Post By-Laws have been processed in accordance with all American Legion guidelines and requirements, and a quorum was verified as being present, a vote of the membership was called. A motion was made and seconded. There was no additional discussion. The membership voted unanimously to approve the newly drafted Post By-Laws.
- 10) Election of 2019-2020 Officers: (Fegan)
 - The below listed nominees were elected to the positions indicated by unanimous vote:

POSITION	NOMINEE
Commander	George Freeman
Adjutant	Woody Dashiell
Judge Advocate	Doc Liberty
1 st Vice Cmdr Resource Development	Bill Morgan
2nd Vice Cmdr Membership	Rick Sessa
Finance Officer	Doug Pratt
Dep Vice Cmdr Active Duty Support	Dan Bennett
Dep Vice Cmdr Americanism	Chuck Blackburn
Sergeant-At-Arms	Pom Pomeroy
Service Officer	Steve Muir
Chaplain	Tom Bednarczyk
Public Relations Officer	John Muuss
Historian	Tom Balbert

11) Youth Awards for 2019 (Fegan)

- The slides below indicate the thanks to sponsors and awards recognition:



Thank You Sponsors !

Tar Heel Boy's and Girls State, NC Student Trooper and Richie Hat Trick Scholarship Program

SPONSOR	Special Assistance From
Ray George, President SPT/OKI Kiwanis	Jenny Moore, Counselor, SBHS
Lynn Dutney, President, St James Service Club	Seconda Seifred , Counselor, BCECHS
Mark Bachara, Bachara & Essey LLC	June Loveless, SBHS
Dave DeLong, St James Town Council	
Jason Disbrow, Judge, 13th District, NC	
Bob & Peg LeBlanc, St James Residents	
Tom Krieger, Richard H Stewart Jr Family	
Jacqueline Pappas, Coastal Cosmetics	
Peter del Sol, St Phillips Men's Club	
Monique Stenquist, Brunswick County Sheriffs Foundation	



American Legion Constitutional Speech Contest



Nestor Rodriguez-Garcia

- Winner of Post & District 9 Contest
- Winner of Division 2 Contest
- 2nd Place at Department (State) Contest

Cassi Bailey

- 2nd place in Post Contest
- Winner of American Legion shooting Match



Tarheel Boys State 2018 Delegates



Brunswick County Early College High School

- Xuan Chin

South Brunswick High School

- Grayson Moffitt
- Campbell Woody
- Doug Pratt
- Elijah Spencer



Tarheel Boys State Delegates 2019



Brunswick County Early College High School

- Mason Tart
- Nicholas Berry

South Brunswick High School

- Jackson Boldt
- Lucas Boldt
- Robert Hampton
- Claude Robinson
- Vincent Riccardi



Tarheel Girls State 2018 Delegates



South Brunswick High School

- Reagan Dumproff
- Reilly Dumproff
- Sophia Rupkalvis



NC Student Trooper Graduates 2018



South Brunswick High School

- Hailey Figley
- Nick Ferguson
- Brady Udlinek



4 Eagle Scouts From SBHS



- DOUG PRATT
- GRAYSON MOFFITT
- JACKSON BOLDT
- LUCAS BOLDT



Richie Hat Trick Scholarship Recipients



- Alyssa Creech
- Reilly Dumproff
- Campbell Woody
- Grayson Moffitt
- Madison Wood
- Reagan Dumproff
- Carmen Dixon
- Sophia Rupkalvis



12) Coming Events:



Post 543 Recent & Coming Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>POC</u>
17 May	St. James Military Appreciation Day Golf Registration Opens	On-Line/Pro Shops	Mike Fegan
18 May 2-5pm	Post Spring Picnic In Recognition of 100 th Anniversary	Woodland Pavilion	Pom Pomeroy
27 May 11 am	Memorial Day Observance	St. James Community Center	Bill Morgan
1 Jun 5-9pm	Concert In The Park	Woodland Pavilion	Bob Bennett
1 Jul 10am-Noon	St James 20th Anniversary Day Parade	Trailwood to Marina via St James Drive	Mike Fegan
13 Jul 8 am	St. James Military Appreciation Day Golf	Members Club	Bill Morgan

13) Commanders & Executive Committee Reports: (Fegan)

- Commanders Report (Fegan)
 - Mike provided a brief update on matters being worked by the Post Executive Committee.
 - Mike again thanked the sponsors and congratulated the students.

15) Closing Remarks, Ceremony & Adjournment (Fegan)

- Closing ceremony was conducted, including prayer and retirement of the Colors
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.



GEORGE R. FREEMAN
Adjutant



MICHAEL FEGAN
Commander



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 - Preamble to American Legion Constitution reading
2. Roll Call of Officers
3. Welcome to Guests & Sick Call
4. Approval of Minutes of April 24, 2019
5. Changes to Post Constitution
6. Changes to Post By-Laws
7. Election of Officers for 2019-20
8. Youth Awards for 2019
9. Coming Events & Commander's and Other Reports
10. Closing Ceremony
11. Adjournment & Fellowship

NEXT MEETING: June 26, 2019

ATCH #1