



# ONION CREEK AMERICAN LEGION

## POST 326

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**Executive Committee Meeting on 8 December 2021 at 1630 hour  
Meeting by Video Conferencing**

### Attendance

Bob Pillmore	√	Stan Lipinski	√	Tom Harder	√
Bill Welch	A	Mike Jackson	A	Bob Caudill	√
Larry Hohl	√	Chuck Teague	√	Jerry Patterson	√
Ron Dubois	√	Emmett Thomason	√		
Debbie Dubois	√				

**A** = Absent

**N** = Unable to attend

**√** = Present

**G** = Guest

The online meeting was called to order at 4:35PM by Commander Stan Lipinski. The meeting agenda is attached

### • Officer Reports

#### ○ Finance Officer: Tom Harder

- Tom Harder requested permission to begin making payments to a list of charitable organizations. Bob Pillmore asked if his list matched with the charitable donations in the approved budget. Bob Pillmore will provide a copy of the approved budget and Tom will use that to determine who should be paid.
- Chuck, Teague, Judge Advocate, raised the issue of whether payments should be made until his committee has the opportunity to complete the annual review of the 2020-2021 fiscal year. It was agreed that the payments would be delayed.
- The IRS form 990 needs to be issued by mid-January. Tom will issue that to the EC for review before submittal.
- Bob Pillmore asked that Tom provide him with a copy of the final forms for historical records.

#### ○ Adjutant and Webmaster: Bob Pillmore

- Membership for 2020 currently stands at 79, well below the expectations. Jim Rule passed away on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will also be losing two members due to transfer to a post closer to home, Bob Jordan and Bob Campos.
- The website calendar is up to date, as well as the EC. Stan need to update the Commander comments.

#### ○ At-Large Member: Bob Caudill

- The Fort Hood turkey distribution went well and 352 turkeys were distributed t.

### • Membership Recruiting Drive: Jerry Patterson

- The membership drive has four components and initially focuses on Onion Creek neighborhood:
  - There will be an 8-1/2" x 11" insert in the next Onion Creek newsletter. The insert will have an Uncle Sam stating "I Want You to Join the American Legion" with 3 questions

addressing who is eligible, how to join and what does the Post do. On the reverse side those questions are answered there is a photo collage. Cathy Miller created the flyer and did a professional job.

- An additional 125 will be printed for direct contact with potential members by the EC.
  - The third would be signs at the entrances to Onion Creek.
  - The fourth component would be Facebook ads. Jerry has identified an expert who will help with the Facebook ads. There is a question of how many zip codes to include in the distribution.
- **February Meeting**
    - Chuck has been looking into alternate venues to the Onion Creek Club to reduce the cost per person. For a dinner meeting the OCC cost per head for a nice meal would come to \$35-40.
    - There was discussion of whether the membership would be willing to pay the higher price for a special occasion themed party.
    - The consensus was that we should plan a Valentines Day themed party. There was a suggestion that we do a wine tasting type event rather than dinner. Jerry will look into getting the wine donated. The OCC would allow donated wine to pass through their license.
    - A committee was formed consisting of Debbie DuBois, Ron Dubois, Jerry Patterson, Stan and Mike Jackson.
  - **General Membership Meeting Schedule**
    - General Membership meetings will be scheduled in February, April, June, and August.
    - Stan will verify the agreed day of the week and create a schedule for the website.
  - **Golf Tournament**
    - Jerry Patterson raised a question of whether we were planning a golf tournament for this year.
    - There was agreement that we should even if we use an outside planner and that the tournament would be later in the year.
  - There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:29PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Robert Pillmore  
Adjutant

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## AGENDA

### ZOOM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

December 8, 2021 4:30 PM

1. Officer Reports
  - Finance Officer Distributions
2. January Recruiting Drive: Jerry Patterson
  - Dates
  - Support from Committee
3. February General Membership Meeting: Valentine's Day Party: Committee
  - Date
  - Place
  - Guest Speaker/Entertainment
  - Menu
  - Cost/Price
4. Determine General Membership Meeting Dates for next six months.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT – 8 DECEMBER 2021**

The Post 326 Operating Checking Account currently contains \$8,513. Income during this last three month fiscal period totals \$888 (Membership Dues = \$858 and C.D. Dividends/Bank Interest = \$30). Our Charitable Donations total \$995 (Fort Hood Thanksgiving Turkeys via the Central Texas Food Bank = \$500 and Austin Wreaths Across America = \$495). Our Administrative Expenses total \$1,674 (Cathy Miller Communications Newsletters/Mailings/Post Office Box Rental = \$933; Onion Creek Club Demaret Room Rentals & Catering = \$431; and Membership Dues Paid to Texas & National A.L. Headquarters = \$310).

Our Scholarship Fund currently contains \$2,000. No scholarship monies were spent during this last three month period. We can expect about \$4,000 to \$6,000 to be distributed for High School & Veteran students during January and February, 2022.

If the Executive Committee approves, I can issue about \$5,000 or ten \$500 Charitable Donations & Awards before February. These would go to support the veterans organizations that we have historically sponsored.

I am currently generating the 2019-2020 IRS 990 Report for our Post 326. It will be submitted via on-line access this year, as required by the U.S. Treasury Department.