



**American Legion Post 326
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Date: 24 October 2017

Subject: Minutes of Membership Meeting, 4 October 2017

Commander Phillip "Phil" Johnston conducted opening ceremonies at 1900 hours. Acting Chaplain Dr. Ron Stried conducted the Invocation.

Commander Johnston convened the General Meeting at 1905 hours.

Guests and new members were introduced. Legionnaire Rebecca Larson introduced four guests and new members that she had recruited: Maria Bazaldua, Sabin Jacob, and Michael Gonzales were introduced as new members, and Patty Standring as a guest.

Commander Johnston asked Adjutant Floyd Clark for the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on September 6th. Adjutant Clark reported that all past meeting have been posted to the Posts' web site. A motion was made to skip reading the minutes. The motion passed.

Commander Johnston made several general announcements and asked Executive Committee members for their reports: Most of whom had no report this month.

Finance Officer Tom Harder reported on the amount of funds in in our major accounts. Currently our accounts are with the Velocity Credit Union.

Golf Tournament Committee Chair Commander Phil Johnston reported on the status of the Golf Tournament activities. He said the monetary goal is \$30,000. The Executive Committee, as a whole, will be the Golf Tournament Committee. He and the 1st Vice Commander are co-chairmen. He asked for the people in the room to sign up to help. He then talked about a potential new donor supporting the golf tournament, Integra (a golf club manufacturer), will award golf players for closes to the pin on a par 3 hole with various prizes –to be discussed in more detail through communication with Integra..

Adjutant Floyd Clark announced the Army and Air Force Exchange Service change in policy that will authorize honorably discharged service personnel to purchase items starting on November 11, 2017 (Veteran's Day). He told the members to see the announcement on the inside back cover of the Post's October newsletter.

He further announced that the 10th District of the Texas American Legion will conduct their annual convention on 21 October 2017. In Round Rock, Texas. He asked that any member who wants to attend

the convention to contact him, so he can create a delegate list. That list has to be hand-carried to the convention for admission to the convention.

Service Officer Robert C. "Bob" Jordan reported the creation of a new American Legion Post in Buda, Texas.

Sergeant at Arms Thomas L. "Larry" Hohl announced the donation of two bottles of Apple Cider for our raffle. The donation was arranged by At-Large Executive Committee member Carl R. Becker. The Apple Cider company is nearby in the Manchaca area.

Commander Johnston recessed the meeting for dinner, and reconvened the meeting at about 2010 hours.

Commander Johnston introduced the guest speaker. He is James R. Clements, the current president of Central Texas Returning Heroes. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting Texas veterans and first responders better for assistance in the form of financial aid and/or locating agencies and organizations in providing individuals with follow-up assistance. His organization seeks to partner with Texas veteran organizations, such as our American Legion post, in event planning, to help generate funds in support of our mutual operations.

Mr. Clements is a season business professional and Vietnam veteran. He has worked in the global wine industry for eighteen years and has developed and managed self-audit programs in international organizations in thirty countries.

Following Mr. Clements presentation, Commander Johnston presented him with a memento, a custom made ball point pen made by Legionnaire Bob Pillmore, Membership Chairman, especially for such occasions.

Commander Johnston said our Post wants to help veterans through our educational scholarship program and to those who are experiencing stress where we can. Then he mentioned our need to attract younger veterans to our Post. He also asked for input from the members about the entertainment for our Christmas time meeting.

Commander Johnston asked the Sergeant at Arms to conduct the regular raffle for items. The raffle was accomplished.

Commander Johnston announced the dates of upcoming meetings and our participation in the Veterans Day parade.

Commander Johnston also noted that the City of Austin will host the 11th Annual Veterans Appreciation Luncheon & Benefits Fair at the Palmer Events Center on November 8th, for its employees who are military veterans, guard and reserve members. It unknown if any of our Post members might attend this event.

Commander Johnston said he and Clyde Walls would be attending a Fisher House Appreciation Luncheon in San Antonio, on October 25th. He then asked if any member had comments.

Legionnaire Rebecca Larson announced the UT Student Veterans Association and ROTC will have a “Tail Gate” BBQ at the UT and Oklahoma football game on October 15th. She invited our Post members to the event.

Dr. Ron Stried presented the Benediction Prayer.

Commander Johnston conducted the closing ceremonies and declared the meeting adjourned at 2020 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

Floyd Clark, Adjutant