



## AMERICAN LEGION POST 326 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**11 November 2021**

Acting Commander Stan Lipinski called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. The membership saluted the flag and Chaplain Emmitt Thomason gave the invocation. In attendance were 16 members, and 4 member's wives. Included in the attendees were a new member, Warren Harrison and his wife Judy.

Stan Lipinski led the Pledge of Allegiance, and all read the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution.

Mike Jackson, Sergeant at Arms, verified that a quorum was present. The Commander then called roll of officers present. Not present were Finance Officer, Tom Harder, At-large Officer, Bill Welch, and Service Officer, now an open position with the retirement of Bill Baran.

The Commander requested that the Adjutant read the minutes of the recent EC and membership meetings. Bob Pillmore advised the Post that the minutes of the last general meeting and the recent Executive Committee were posted on the Post website and had been available for review prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mike Jackson to approve the minutes. Following the second the minutes were unanimously approved by those present.

### OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Adjutant - Bob Pillmore

- Members renewed for 2022 to date total 76.
- The renewal rate has slowed significantly, and we expect to lose a few of that number due to transfers of members who have moved from the area.
- Stan has been calling un-renewed members and is halfway through the list.

**Financial Officer – Tom Harder:** Tom Harder was unable to attend and did not submit a report.

#### First Vice-Commander – Mike Jackson

- The OCC Demerit Room has been tentatively reserved for a Holiday Party in December 1. The Post needs to decide on whether there will be a party and the format.
- Mike thanked Tammy Jackson, Emmitt Thomason, and Larry & Sue Hohl for assisting with putting out flags on Onion Creek Parkway leading up to the OCC. He asked for assistance in picking up the flags on Saturday at 9:00 AM.
- The EC is looking into the possibility of conducting a golf tournament in 2022.
- HEB contributed 50 gift bags to be presented to veterans on Veterans Day. Mike dropped the gift bags at the AMVETS post in Kyle for distribution at their Veterans Day celebration.
- On November 17<sup>th</sup>, members of the Post will meet at OCC at 6:00AM to travel to Fort Hood to deliver Turkeys for Thanksgiving.
- Mike reported on the effort to enroll members in participation of the various committees required to carry out the functions of the Post. A letter requesting participation was sent out by email and snail mail to the full membership.
- Operation Jumpstart will be revived in 2022. Stan will be sending out a letter to kick things off.



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### **Chaplain – Emmitt Thomason: Nothing to report**

### **Service Officer – Open Position**

- The Post was contacted by phone by a veteran who was referred to the Post by the VA. Stan contacted the Service Officer with the local AMVETS post who assisted the veteran with completion of the paperwork required to receive assistance from the VA. He was placed in a hotel room that night and he is now being supported by some vets in Buda.

### **Membership Recruiting – Jerry Patterson**

- Jerry has placed a recruiting poster at the entrance to the OCC Grill. A flyer made on the same theme and placed in the next Onion Creek neighborhood newsletter for distribution to about 1500 residences. There will also be Facebook ads recruiting membership.

### **Open Positions:**

- Ross Brennan has expressed an interest in filling the open Finance Officer position. He is in communication with Tom Harder and his reaction is positive.
- Bob Cavendish is interested in filling the Boys State role.
- Don Dubois will take on the membership administration role.
- Tom Brotherton expressed an interest in the High School Scholarship Chair.

### **CURRENT BUSINESS:**

**Election of Judge Advocate:** This is a new officer position imposed by the revised Constitution and Bylaws.

- The EC has nominated Chuck Teague who has agreed to serve.
- Emmitt Thomason made a motion to close nominations. Bob Pillmore seconded and the motion carried. Chuck Teague was named Judge Advocate by acclamation.

### **Budget 2021-2022**

- A printed copy of the proposed budget was provided to the membership in attendance.
- The budget was discussed and a few edits were made.
- Mike Jackson moved that the budget be accepted as edited. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote,

### **Holiday Party:**

- After discussion it was determined that a Christmas Party was cancelled and a tentative Valentine party will be considered.

Tom Brotherton introduced our new member Warren Harrison and his wife Judy.

Stan introduced Chuck Teague who made an interesting presentation of Texas – the Un-Place. He covered how the map of Texas changed through its history. For example, when Texas became a state its western boundaries were still undefined.

There being no further business, Stan asked Emmitt to lead a closing benediction. Stan then thanked everyone for participating, thanked all of the members for their service, and adjourned the meeting.

Robert Pillmore  
Adjutant.



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### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Stan Lipinski –Commander  
Mike Jackson – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander & Sergeant at Arms  
Larry Hohl – 2nd Vice Commander  
Bob Pillmore - Adjutant  
Jerry Patterson – Historian  
Emmitt Thomason – Chaplain  
Bob Caudill – At-Large Member of the EC  
Warren Harrison  
Jim Brotherton  
Ron Dubois  
Debbie Dubois  
Charles Teague  
Tom Brotherton  
Floyd Clark  
Carl Becker  
Burdell Jaacks  
Rocky Eubank



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### AMERICAN LEGION POST 326 BUDGET 2021-2022

INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL TO DATE
Membership Dues	Basis: 118 mbrs. - 24 PUFL \$4,553.00	\$ 1,356.00
<b>From Saving</b>	<b>\$5,137.00</b>	
GM Raffle Tickets (net)	\$300.00	
C.D. dividends/ bank interest	\$1,000.00	
Gifts/Memorials	\$200.00	
Miscellaneous		
Fund Raising	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$26,190.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,356.00</u></b>
 <b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>CHARITABLE DONATIONS &amp; AWARDS</b>		
Central Texas Returning Heroes	\$500.00	
Fort Hood Thanksgiving Turkeys	\$500.00	
Veterans Day Parade Fee	\$125.00	
Patriot PAWS Service Dogs for Vets	\$500.00	
Individual Veterans/Family Support	\$2,000.00	
Discretionary Charitable Donations	\$1,000.00	
Fisher House (3 Texas Locations)	\$1,500.00	
Texas Boys State	\$650.00	
USO at Fort Hood	\$300.00	
Flag Day Retirement Ceremony	\$100.00	
ROCK Veterans Equine Therapy	\$500.00	
<b>CHARITABLE DONATIONS EXPENSES TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$7,675.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>
 <b>H.S. SENIOR &amp; VETERAN SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS</b>		
Grants for 4 Student Veterans	\$8,000.00	
JROTC Scholarships for 2 H.S. Seniors	\$2,000.00	\$ 500.00
Veteran Employment Assistance	\$0.00	
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS/EMPLOYMENT EXPENSES TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$10,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$500.00</u></b>
 <b>POST 326 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>		
Meetings at OCC & A.L. Convention	\$2,000.00	\$ 51.46
Newsletter, P.O. Box, & Website	\$1,200.00	\$ 218.00
Veterans Recruiting	\$1,500.00	
Membership Dues to TX/ National HQs	\$2,914.00	\$ 62.00
Office Supplies, Ink & Postage	\$400.00	\$ 153.77
Decorations, Flower & Equipment	\$500.00	
Bank Fees & Miscellaneous	<u>\$1.00</u>	
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$8,515.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$485.23</u></b>
 <b>TOTAL EXPENSES FOR POST 326</b>	 <b><u>\$26,190.00</u></b>	 <b><u>\$985.23</u></b>