

AMERICAN LEGION POST 543
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 23, 2017
ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CENTER

1st. Vice Commander Sessa called the meeting to Order at 7:00 P.M.

The Color Guard Advanced the Colors.

Gary Crowden Chaplain offered the opening prayer.

1st Vice Commander Sessa recognized the POW/MIA Empty Chair.

1st Vice Commander Sessa led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1st Vice Commander Sessa led the reading of the Preamble to American Legion Constitution.

1st Vice Commander Sessa presided over Roll Call of Officers. Commander and 2nd Vice Commander excuses.

1st Vice Commander Sessa introduced special guests and asked if there were any new members here for the first time to stand up and state name and what branch of service. All guest were welcomed by the membership.

Joe Nieto gave a speech to the membership about his experiences at NC Student Trooper School and Boys State. Joe was fortunate to go to both.

Mr. Henry Livingston Sons of the American Revolution presented Pom Pomeroy with a certificate for his speech at the 4th of July Flag Retirement Ceremony.

1st Vice Commander asked for Dave Holly Chairman of the Flag Retirement Ceremony, Doug Pratt, Bill Morgan, and Gary Crowden to stand and be recognized for a job well done.

Frank Carr Post 543 member spoke on Old Brunswick Towne Fort Anderson.

Doug Pratt Finance Officer presented the financial report. All accounts were in order.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded and passed to approve the minutes of July 26 meeting.

Dan Bennett Adjutant reported as of this meeting we have 126 members renewed.

Paul Witmer Service Officer gave his monthly report on working again with Brunswick Community College with veterans attending the school. Paul is also building a ramp for a veteran in Supply. He is also involved with the Brunswick Coalition. Paul is always looking for help, so if your interested contact Paul.

Rick Quashne 2nd Vice Commander has everything in place for November 4th Golf Tournament with the Marines here at St. James Members Club. Rick also wants to remind people about having Marines for Thanksgiving at St. James.

John Muuss Historian gave his monthly media report. We had 15 articles in local newspapers. 4 in the Star, 2 in the Beacon, 4 in the Pilot, 2 in Cat Tales, and 3 in South Brunswick Magazine.

Bill Morgan reported that the 911 Ceremony will be held at 10:00 A.M. in St. James Community Center with American Legion Post 543 and the St. James Fire Department.

Art Liberty Judge Advocate is working on our new Post Incorporation.

MOTION: Motion was made and seconded and passed to approve the approval of the ramp, and approval of American Flag to be used at meetings.

1st Vice Commander Sessa reminded the membership to save the date October 6th for Operation North State Peer Fishing for Wounded Veterans at Oak Island. Volunteers will meet at the pier at 06:00.

Chuck Blackburn gave his Americanism Report that everything was complete for this year. Chuck is looking forward to another great year.

Rick Sessa gave his Children and Youth report that he is gearing up for this coming school year. Rick is looking at putting an American Flag in every classroom.

District Commander Nelson Anderson addressed our Post on what a great job we are doing. He also said we need to get more new members.

1st Vice Commander Sessa reminded Post Members that our next meeting is September 27, 2017 St. James Community Center 7:00 P.M.

Gary Crowden Chaplain offered closing prayer.

1st Vice Commander Sessa had closing ceremony.

Meeting was adjourned by 1st Vice Commander Sessa at 8:13 P.M.