



ONION CREEK AMERICAN LEGION POST 326

VETERANS HELPING VETERANS SINCE 1985

Executive Committee Meeting on 9 August 2022 at 1900 hour Meeting by Video Conferencing

Attendance

Bob Pillmore	✓	<u>Stan Lipinski</u>	✓	Jerry Patterson	✓
Bill Welch	A	Mike Jackson	✓	Bob Caudill	✓
Larry Hohl	A	Tom Brotherton	A	Burdell Jaacks	G
Ron Dubois	✓	Emmett Thomason	A	Dennis Nihiser	G
Debbie Dubois	✓			Floyd Clark	G

A = Absent

N = Unable to attend

✓ = Present

G = Guest

The online meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Commander Stan Lipinski.

The single topic on the agenda was the disposal of the Post's cash assets prior to closure of the Post,

Commander Lipinski opened with a review of suggestions he received from Tony Nuccio, Debbie DuBois and Tom Harder.

Ron Dubois suggested that we donate to local organizations and focus on a few that could benefit from a large donation. Some organizations that were discussed were Fisher House in San Antonio, Wreaths Across America that has local representation,

Bob Pillmore suggested that we begin by coming up with a process for selecting organizations to donate to. In that vein, Stan suggested that the Executive Committee serve as the selection with an invitation to other members that wish to make recommendations.

Stan brought up the possibility of forming a trust to control the money if we were to merge with another post. There was not any follow-on discussion of a merger, and the idea was dropped.

Bob Pillmore suggested that before we begin dispersing a large amount of money, we check with the Texas Department to determine if there are any restrictions that we need to consider.

Ron Dubois made a motion that the Executive Committee be the committee assigned to determine where the Post's funds eventually go. Jerry Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote. Stan followed with an invitation from the membership to attend meetings of the committee and provide input.

The following is a summary of suggestions to be considered by the committee:

- We do not need to deal with scholarship commitment since we have no current commitments.
- There was a general consensus that the numbers of donations be limited to around 5, and that we restrict the donations to the Texas local.



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- Bob Pillmore will compile a list of the organizations the post has donated to in the past few years as a starting point. That list is attached to these minutes.
- Bob Caudill raised the Thanksgiving turkey donation. It will be included in the list.
- Stan brought up a request from the Kyle AMVEYS post. They are looking for financial support for bringing the Living Vietnam Wall to Kyle, TX. The total cost if Kyle is selected is \$11,000 application fee plus another plus another \$10,000 to cover local costs associated with the display.
- The Navy League request was also discussed and will be on the list.
- Debbie suggested that, when we have a plan, a dinner meeting once we have a plan to get approval of the plan and that the post assume some or all of the cost for the event.
- Mike suggested that we consider a donation to the Hays ROTC rifle team for purchase of competition pellet rifles.
- A question was raised of how we handle the artifacts. One artifact that was discussed was the American Legion hat of Post 326 member, Lt/Col Kevin "Chili" Clinton, USAF that he took to space as pilot of the Orbiter Endeavour, Space Shuttle mission, May 7-16 1992. A discussion followed on where it might be donated. This will be considered as the Post is closed.
- Stan will follow up on finding out if the Legion has any restrictions on dispersal of the funds.

A preliminary date of September 21 was set for the next meeting, pending Stan's verification of our Judge Advocate's availability on that date. The meeting will be a ZOOM meeting beginning at 7:00 PM.

Bob Pillmore
Adjutant



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Suggestions Received via email

Give all or part of the remaining assets to the American Legion Department of Texas for their distribution.

Give all or part of the remaining assets to Veteran Organizations such as Wounded Warriors, Tunnel to Towers, Paralyzed Vets of Texas etc.

Give all or part of the remaining assets to the Post we may try to merge with (how nice a surprise that would be!).

I would caution against potential recipients (however nice it would be) such as the Scholarships that would require additional work/oversight on our part.

(Tony Nuccio)

Fisher House

Hope for Hero's

Wreaths Across America

Honor Flight Austin

(Deb Dubois)

1). Do NOT start any new scholarships to JROTC seniors or returning military service personnel. Pay off all the existing scholarships as soon as possible.

2). I recommend that we contribute sizable donations to a military veterans support group(s) working specifically with cases of PTSD and/or suicide prevention.

3). I also support donations to organizations that provide direct support to individual veterans or animal assistance to disabled veterans with physical needs such as Tunnel to Towers, Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Equestrian Services for Veterans, Franklin Graham Samaritan's Purse, Disabled American Veterans, etc.

4). Finally, I am a soft touch for donations to local military base's Fisher Houses, Texas Children's Hospital, Shriner's Burn Center at Galveston, TX, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

(Tom Harder)



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List of Potential Donation Recipients

	2021-2022 Donations	Prior Donations
1 Wreaths Across America	\$ 500	
2 Fort Hood Thanksgiving Turkeys	\$ 500	
3 Patriot PAWS Service Dogs for Vets	\$ 500	
4 Discretionary Charitable Donations	\$ 1,000	
5 Fisher House (3 Texas Locations)	\$ 1,500	
6 Texas Boys State	\$ 650	
7 USO at Fort Hood	\$ 300	
8 ROCK Veterans Equine Therapy	\$ 500	
9 Honor Flight Austin	\$ 500	
10 Greater Austin Council of the Navy League	\$ 500	
11 Central Texas Returning Heros		\$ 500
12 Living (Vietnam) Wall - Bring to Kyle		
13 Hays ROTC Rifle Team		\$ 500
14 Paralyzed Vets of Texas		
15 Hope for Heros		
16 Tunnel to Towers		