

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 88
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
15 APRIL 2024**

Ernie Martin	Eric Grubbs	Jimmie Manhart	Don Hunter
Cheryl Cooper	Eileen Kupper-Grubbs	Joe Gil	Myles Houseberg
Carl Ellison	Wayne Brock	Matthew Beatty	Matt Watson
Harley McPeek	Sal Cenicacelaya	Tyrone Richard II	Will Hill
Linda Johnston	Angie Maness	Tammie Richard	
Jennifer Lester	Rick Starkey	George Ermeling	

Opening Ceremonies.

1. Colors
2. Opening Prayer
3. POW-MIA Table Presentation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Preamble

Call to Order: 1902

Recognition of Members: Don Hunter, Jimmie Manhart (67-89); 62-66, USAF 17 years; Matt Watson; Myles Houseberg.

Visitors:

Post Deaths: Jim Burrel

Sick Call: Don Schulenberg, Esteline Schulenberg

Service Officer's Report - Presented by Carl Ellison. Carl was re-accredited this past week. 1.5 million dollars in veterans benefits to be awarded this coming year. 36 claims are pending.

1. Motion to Approve/Seconded: George Ermeling Motioned / Cheryl Cooper seconded.
2. Approved by voice vote.

Finance Reports for last month - Joe Gil presented. Report attached.

1. Motion to Approve/Seconded: Tyrone Richard II / Don Hunter
2. Approved by voice vote.

Minutes of last month's meeting, prepared by Eric Grubbs and attached. Corrections requested for the Symphony Funeral Home Presentation and the Chili Supper provided by the ALA.

1. Motion to Approve/Seconded: Don hunter / George Ermeling
2. Approved by voice vote, pending the additions or corrections requested.

Commander's Discussion:

1. Membership renewals as of this date are 350 out of 449. The Post is to be at 100% before 17 May and we are at 82.35 %.
2. We have the new Department's Weapon's Fund Raiser tickets ready for pickup. \$10 a ticket, \$5 stays in the Post. The guns will be drawn at the Summer Convention on 27 July 2024.
3. Veterans Service officer Training. All our Service Officers are set up for this Summers Class.
4. Boys State is hot on the agenda for the next 2 months. If you have any Junior's, this year check with them and let's get them to Boy's State this May 2024.
5. We need to discuss our fund raiser this year. This month Chili April 27, we can chili cook off with at least 10 people creating their signature style of chili and having the people choose the best one. Discussions resulted in moving the date to Friday, April 26, 4PM-7PM. \$10 a ticket.
6. We also have the Classic Jazz Band who will be playing here on 1 June 2024. We need to have treats, drinks, and possible food trucks that evening. The concert is from 5:30 to 8:00 PM.
7. Thanks to all who attended the Easter basket give away.
8. Steven Sibley from Senior News and Living OK is setting up a Veterans Resource Fair here at the Post in hopes of getting more attention to what we do here for veterans. We at set for 13 May 2024, 11 am to 1 pm. The print is now out in circulation. 16 vendors have already signed up. VA, ODVA,
9. We are having our own gun raffle. The concern is we need everyone to sell at least 10 tickets each. Get your tickets from Angie. \$5 per ticket. Tickets sales are going well and enough tickets have sold to cover the initial costs, prizes, printing and promotions. Sal Cenicacelaya made a motion that the Post reimburse Carl Ellison \$832.00 for the purchase of the weapons, ammo, and targets. Don Hunter seconded the motion. The Motion passed by voice vote.
10. I need 1 or 2 people to act as the historian and catalogue all our accomplishments.

11. April is nomination month for Commander, 1st, and 2nd Vice positions. The floor is open for nominations!

For Commander

Ernie Martin

Sal Cenicacelaya – Don Hunter nominated Sal. seconded ????

For 1st Vice Commander –

Tyrone Richard II. Angie nominated Tyrone; seconded by Joe Gil.

No others were nominated.

2nd Vice Commander

Angie Maness Sal Cenicacelaya nominated Angie. Joe Gil seconded

the nomination.

No others were nominated.

For the Good of the Post.

Eileen Kupper-Grubbs provided flyers & information on the VAMC-OKC program for the accurate blood pressures. The VAMC-OKC is ranked 5th in the USA for accuracy this year. Ernie is heading a PTSD program for Veterans in the Lexington Area and the surrounding areas.

Adjourned: 1958 hours.

Next meeting will be Monday, 20 May 2024 at 1900 hours.

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