

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 88
GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES
16 January 2023**

Angela Maness	Don Hunter	Harley McPeek	Mark Summer
Bob Onspaugh	Eileen Kupper-Grubbs	Jeff Taylor	Mike Sweetman
Carl Ellison	Eric Grubbs	Jennifer Lester	Miles E. Houseberg
Cheryl Cooper	Ernie Martin	Joe Gil	Sal Cenicacelaya
Donald Underwood	George Ermeling	Joe Link	Tyrone Richard II
Wayne Brock			

Opening Ceremonies.

1. Colors
2. Opening Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. POW/MIA Presentation
5. Preamble

Call to Order: 1903 hours

Recognition of New Members/Visitors: Jessie LaBahn the winner of the District 5B Oratorical Contest (Purcel Ledger, January 12,2023, Page 3). She received \$300 first prize District 5B. Jenny LaBahn, mother was also present. The Department (State) contest will be in Edmond, OK on Saturday, February 18,2023.

Post Deaths: Donald Godwin, 1936-2022

Sick Call: Don Schulenberg Covid; Estelline Schulenberg.

Service Officer's Report: Presented by Carl Ellison. 325 veterans were assisted with claims last calendar year. \$2.8 million for 2022 calendar year.

1. Motion to Approve/Seconded: Bobby Onspaugh/ Don Hunter
2. Approved by voice vote.

Finance Reports for last month, December. Joe Gil, Finance Officer (attached)

1. Discussions, and approval.
2. Motion to Approve/Seconded: Don Hunter / Cheryl Cooper
3. Approved by voice vote.

Minutes of the last month meeting

1. Discussions, and approval.
2. Motion to Approve/Seconded: Angie Maness /Harley McPeek
3. Approved by voice vote.

Presentation on the new Post 88 QR Codes, "QR Codes 101" was presented by Sal Cenicacelaya and Angela Maness. The training was for those unfamiliar with using QR codes..

Commander's Discussion:

1. Membership renewals as of this date are 305 out of 508. We need only to renew 422 members to reach 100%. We have 59 still unrenewed from 2021, and 142 from 2022. The Post has had 60 transfers this calendar year, and 13 deceased, and 6 new members. The Post is to be at 80% before 19 January and we are at 60.03%.
2. We have the new 2022/2023 Weapons Fundraiser tickets ready for pickup. The guns will be drawn at the Mid-Winter Convention January 2023. Winter Convention is 20-21 January 2023 the list of classes and meetings are posted. Who is going, we need to know so that we can get you paid for. If you do not set up now you will pay full price at the door.
3. Holiday dinner option at Outback was nice but they were very busy that night. We had 50 guests, some that were not expected and that caused a seating problem. The wait staff did the best they could do with the situation. All money was to be paid to Joe prior, but we came up short on the money owed. Next time if you have not paid early, you pay full price at the door.
4. Boys State coming on fast, Oratorical Contest our young lady Jesse LaBahn took First place in the District Contest and is going to State in February.
5. We finally received the check for the ARPA funds now we can start the remodel process. Tory the reconstruction manager is going to have the final bid hopefully this week. Once I have that I must balance the cost against the original to see if we need refunding and the amount. We should start with the ceiling and electrical in the next 2 weeks.
6. Sons of the American Legion, we need help! We need members and to have unpaid members to pay up. We also need dual members (Adults) We added 2 new dual members in the last month.
7. The Backup Generator, the cubicles and furniture have been ordered.
8. The Post sponsored 2 for this year's Special Olympics. A special thank you to Donnie Underwood for his time and donation.
9. Mrs. L.G. Thompson (LTC Thompson, USAF deceased) has donated six lots at Resthaven Cemetery.

Good for the Order: Angie Maness, representing the local *Marine Corp League* and *Toys For Tots*, presented the Post and Commander Marting with a Certificate of Appreciation for the Post participation in the Toys For Tots collection last month. Linda Johnston donated handmade crafts as a fundraiser, which were auctioned off to the members.

Adjourned: 2009 hours.

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Next meeting will be Monday, 20 February 2023 at 1900 hours.