

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 88
PRECEDED by the AUXILLARY CHILI SUPPER
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
18 MARCH 2024**

Angie Maness	George Ermeling	Kenneth Adair	Myles Houseberg
Cheryl Cooper	Greg Feverborn	Linda Johnston	Phyllis Bell
Daryl Hackleman	Harley McPeek	Lynn Crandall	Sal Cenicacelaya
David Castiaux	Jeff Taylor	Mark Summers	Tammie Richard
Dennis Wishon	Jennifer Lester	Matt Beatty	Tyrone Richard II
Eileen Kupper-Grubbs	Joe Gil	Matthew A Rodriquez	Wayne Brock
Ernest Martin			Eric Grubbs

Chili supper prepared and served by the Post Auxiliary. Donations will go to fund this year's Girl State.

Opening Ceremonies.

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

Call to Order: 1922.

Recognition of New Members:

Visitors:

Post Deaths: Thomas Woolam,

Sick Call: Don Hunter, Jim Burrel, Don Schulenburg

Service Officer's Report, Presented by Carl Ellison. Tammie and Jennifer Lester accredited. 1.2 million dollars in veterans benefits to be awarded this coming year.

Motion to Approve/Seconded: Joe Gil. Sal Cenicacelaya

1. Approved by voice vote.

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

Motion to Approve/Seconded: Carl E / Sal Cenicacelaya

1. Approved by voice vote.

Minutes of last month's meeting, prepared by Harley McPeek and attached.

1. Motion to Approve/Seconded: Tyrone Richard / George Ermeling
2. Approved by voice vote.

Patricia Culbert presented Vietnam War Commemoration Commission Veterans Appreciated

Commander's Discussion:

1. Membership renewals as of this date are 333 out of 449. We need only to renew 435 members to reach 100%. We have 71 from 2023, 52 still unrenewed from 2022. The Post has had 22 transfers this fiscal year, 27 deceased, and 7 new members. The Post is to be at 95% before 19 April and we are at 86.35 %.
2. We have the new Weapon's Fund Raiser tickets ready for pickup. The guns will be drawn at the Summer Convention on 27 July 2024.
3. I need to know who needs a new Chair for their cubicle. (VSO's and staff).
4. Veterans Service officer Training. All our Service Officers are set up for this Summers Class.
5. 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.
6. We need to discuss our fund raiser this year. I think at least once a quarter. Bean/Pasta/Chili/, we need to set dates tonight. April 20th, Aug17th, Oct 26th
7. We also have the Classic Jazz Band who will be playing here on 18 May 2024. More information to follow.
8. Easter is fast approaching, and we have requested a grant from OEC to pay for the baskets for CFI, like we did last year. More information to come.
9. 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.
10. We are considering having our own gun raffle. The concern is, are you all going to get out and sell tickets or are only 10 of us going to sell.
11. I need 1 or 2 people to act as the historian and catalogue all our accomplishments. April is nomination month for Commander, 1st, and 2nd Vice positions. Be in thought of who you think the next senior leaders will be.

Adjourned: 2030 hours.

Next meeting will be Monday, 15 April 2024 at 1900 hours.

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