

The American Legion
Hair-Matthews Post 32
3814 Legion Road
Hope Mills, NC 28348

August 13, 2012

The Executive Committee met on this date at 1900 hours at the Post home. A quorum was present and Commander Harvey Stewart called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Commander Stewart:	Present
Vice Commander Sheckles:	Present
Vice Commander Cook:	Present
Adjutant Broadhurst:	Present
Historian Pinsky:	Present
Chaplain Lancaster:	Present
Finance Officer Vaughan:	Present
Sergeant At Arms Primeaux:	Present
Auxiliary President Koraska	Absent
Member-At-Large Partin	Present
Member-At-Large Roth	Present
Legion Rider Director Roman	Present
Legionnaire Ron Johnson	Present

The published agenda was approved without change.

Commander's Comments:

- Reminder: Raffle ticket sales Friday, August 17th, 2012 at North Post Class 6.
- Reminder: Airborne Day at ASOM 18 August, Raffle ticket and Veterans Day T-shirt sales at NC Veterans Park.
- District 8 meeting notes:
- JROTC Schools for Post support are Jack Britt, South View and Grays Creek.
- Post will try and secure Oratorical Contest participants, Chaplain John Lancaster has the lead.
- Department Commanders projects for the year are "In God We Trust", the placement in all classrooms of posters as part of a historical series along with the Constitution and Declaration of Independence.
- The other Commander project is "Old North State" Care packages for deployed troops. Donations are solicited.
- Adjutant has application for Veterans Day Parade and will submit same prior to October 16th, 2012. Input is needed from each sub-group as to requirements.

Reports:

Adjutant's Report: Minutes of the past Excom were summarized and approved. Membership renewal stands at 70.2%, well ahead of expectation.

Finance Report: Currently the Post operating fund has a positive balance. A complete report is posted to the bulletin board.

First Vice Commander/Venture Crew/Americanism report:

- American Legion certificates for the Eagle Scouts are on hand.
- Dive Rescue certificates are on hand.
- The Crew will prepare and serve the August meeting meal.
- Roger Rose will present the Crew Charter at the August meeting.
- No progress on DOT road widening plan. May be a 2 year delay.

2nd Vice Commander Report: John Cook reported one inquiry about facility rental by a Veteran motorcycle group. Cost may be a prohibitive factor.

Chaplain Report:

- Chaplain Lancaster thanked everyone for their prayers for him as he has recovered.
- He will take the lead in the Post Schools to try and generate interest in the Oratorical Contest.
- He will look for more information and seek school input for the "In God We Trust" program.
- He met with Chaplain Team member Dave Bobbey and discussed future activity. He also encouraged Jim Boyle, another retired Chaplain, to be a part of the Legion and our ministry team.

Legion Riders Report: The Riders plan to participate at the Airborne Day activities immediately after their monthly meeting. .

Sons of the Legion Squadron Report: The Squadron will invite all Legionnaires to a free spaghetti dinner on Sunday afternoon, September 9th, 2012 at the Post starting at 1500 hours. This is a trial event for future fund raisers. This day is also Grandparents Day.

Historian Report: Historian reports that he finally has a positive response from the Sandspur Newspaper concerning publication of photos of Post activities. Hopefully some recent photos will be published soon.

Auxiliary Unit: No Report

At Large Members Report: Legionnaire Partin requested clarification about the Post policy concerning the open or concealed carry of firearms on Post property. There is currently no written policy, but State Law applies. This discussion lead to the development of a motion to address the issue. The motion is stated as follows:

"All firearms carried on Post property, whether concealed or openly carried, will remain

holstered or encased. The only exception to this will be firearms that are unloaded and are being utilized for class room instruction or that are being offered for sale.” This motion was seconded, discussed and approved. It will be codified as a Commander’s Policy Letter and posted to the bulletin Board.

Old Business: At Large members Leroy Partin and Jacob Roth are coordinating volunteers for the raffle ticket sales at the North Post Class 6 store for Friday, August 17th, 2012. Sign-up sheet to be passed around at the next Post meeting.

New Business:

-A motion was made, seconded, discussed and approved to donate \$350.00 to support an Ex-POW Veteran during the annual “Ride Home” sponsored by Rolling Thunder.

-A motion was made, seconded, discussed and approved to provide a one year gift membership in Post 32 to Mr. Stanley Johnson, long time Hope Mills resident and recent recipient of the Award of the Long Leaf Pine, as a token of our appreciation for his service to the community.

-A motion was made, seconded, discussed and approved to purchase a 2012 Veterans Day T-shirt for Legionnaire Joanne Scarola, soon to be re-deployed into Afghanistan.

Closing: A closing prayer was offered by Chaplain John Lancaster.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____

DATE: _____