

Leonard Moore Post #71
American Legion
Clayton, NC
Meeting Notes
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The monthly meeting of Leonard Moore Post #71 American Legion was held on Thursday night 8 June 2017. Commander Beanie Eckerson called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours. Our Nations Colors were posted by Sergeant at Arms Larry Tice and Ken Stith. Chaplain Joe Hester gave the opening prayer. Commander led the Post in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution.

Commander Eckerson wished a Happy Birthday to all June birthdays; Rowland Lambdin, Wade Stanley, Melanie Shelton, Al Cotham, Royal Williams, Carmine Butera, Paul Pappineau, Jim Jenkins, Ron E. Combs, Ken Wendel, Vito Minerva, and Ken Stith. There were cupcakes for all with birthdays.

Legionnaire Wade Stanley was presented a pin and a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the National Commander and Adjutant for recruiting one or more new members.

Cook Committee chaired by Don Depoy served a delicious meal consisting of Hawg wings, macaroni salad, baked beans, rolls, various cakes and iced tea.

Commander called the meeting back to order after the meal, and called on Past Commander Devell 'Bull' Durham to administer the installation of Post 71 Officers for the 2017-2018 Legion Year. The Following Officers were installed:

Commander Eugene Beanie Eckerson
Second Vice-Commander Troy Alcorn
Historian Gene Karaszewski
Judge Advocate Percy Liles

First Vice-Commander Bob Hughes
Service Officer Paul Noblin
Chaplin Wade Stanley
Sergeants at Arms Larry Tice, Raymond Capps,
Al Cotham and Ken Stith

Officers Adjutant Ken Parker and Finance Officer Ron Perri were not present at the meeting and will be installed at a later date.

Historian Gene Karaszewski read the minutes from 11 May 2017. Commander asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Troy Alcorn stated that 2 instances of Commander should be amended to read 1st Vice-Commander. Bull Durham made a motion and Rick Fornicola seconded that minutes be approved as read and amended. Motion carried. In the absence of Finance Officer Ron Perri Commander Eckerson gave a synopsis of income and outflow of funds. Bob Gretsinger made a motion and Jerry Hill seconded that finance report be accepted as read. Motion passed.

Committee reports:

Building and Grounds: Ken Wendel has several projects, painting, table cleaning, concrete work and asked the body if they have experience and/or desire to assist see him for scheduling.

Basement: Ken Wendel reported the basement is having good turnouts and all are welcome.

Service Officer: Paul Noblin introduced the body to the MYHEALTHeVET web page www.myhealth.va.gov and provided some of the benefits of visiting the site. He also stated there will be a VA Clinic held in Durham, NC June 16-17, 2017.

Legion Riders: Rick Fornicola reported some members made the Memorial Day ride to Washington DC. Some riders participated in the 1st of the month reading of names and participated in the Princeton Military Appreciation Day ceremony. He recognized the achievement of legionnaire Pam Meek and two friends for making an over 3000 mile return motorcycle trip to Michigan. The group are in the planning stages for future rides to the mountains and the beach. Chapter Officers have been re-elected and installation will be Monday 12 June 2017.

Historian and Adopt a Highway: Adopt a Highway trash pickup is scheduled for 10 June 2017. Participants to meet at the Post at 0730 hrs.

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Legion Baseball: In the absence of Chairman Ray Payne, Bull Durham stated Ray wanted him to extend a thank you to Gene K for the donation of a portable PA system and to encourage the Legion Riders to attend some of the games (schedule posted on Riders Bulletin Board).

Color Guard/Honor Guard: Bull Durham thanked all for participation in Memorial Day activities.

Unfinished Business: None

Correspondence: Commander read an email from Amanda McNulty seeking volunteers for Guardian Ad Litem (a volunteer the court appoints to investigate what solutions would be in the "best interests of a child.").

New Business: Wade Stanley reported that the Johnston County 'Thank a Veteran' program has a web page listing what businesses are participating. Wade will submit it to the newsletter for publication. Wade reminded all that it is time to start thinking about a weapon raffle. He will investigate what type weapon and cost. Rick Fornicola suggested we contact a manufacturer for a possible donation or cheaper price on a weapon. Rick will pursue that avenue and report next month. Commander made a proposal to purchase an Eagle Scout Project Commemorative Brick located at St. Ann Church for \$100. Motion by Glenn Creech and second by Jerry Hill to donate \$100 for a commemorative brick. Motion passed.

Jerry Hill stated the Clayton Harvest Festival will be held Saturday September 16, 2017. The date for our next Flag Retirement Ceremony has been scheduled for Thursday 19 October 2017 at 1800 hrs.

Sick and Distressed: Carmine Buttera has had a few setbacks related to the transplant. He contacted a virus and experienced blood clots and returned to Richmond for treatment. He is currently at home and improving. Rudolph Allen's energy level is declining. He needs to rest after about 5 minutes of activity.

Good of the Legion: Jim Quinn would like to create a legion phone book for convience of legionnaires. He will be collecting names, phone numbers and email addresses. Bull Durham announced his son J-man has been elevated to Eagle Scout and wanted to thank all who had any part in supporting his effort to become an Eagle Scout. Commander relayed that it was brought to his attention that there seems to be too much cursing going on and requested we be more mindful of our language. Glenn Creech reported he turned in 49 lbs of tabs at the Convention in Raleigh. Commander had the Cook Committee introduce themselves and thanked them for the meal.

There being no further business before the body, Commander Eckerson asked the Sergeant at Arms to retire the Colors. Chaplain Wade Stanley gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned in due form at 20:58 hours.

Jackpot was won by Jerry Hill.

Respectfully submitted,



Gene Karaszewski, Historian