

The American Legion Minutes

Second District

Compiled by: Larry Thronson Date: November 12, 2024 Time Convened: 7:02 PM

Approved by: _____ Post No: 735 Department of Iowa

Attendance: _12_ Officers: 3 Members: 9 Adjourning: 7:45 PM

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Meeting was called to order by Commander Joe Helle. Chaplain Joel Kessler led the post in opening prayer. Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble to the Constitution was said by all. Commander Joe Helle read a statement that we learned from the Linn County meeting: A POW and MIA empty chair is placed at all official meetings of The American Legion. As a physical symbol of the many American POW and MIA still on account from all wars and conflicts involving the United States of America. This is a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity and the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty and a full accounting of those missing. Let us rededicated ourselves to this vital endeavor.

GUESTS:

NONE

Minutes of the meeting dated October 08, 2024 was distributed to the members. Motion by Joel Kessler to accept the minutes, 2nd by George Letson and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Report: Tim Cunningham read and explained the financial report. Motion by Rick Piece to accept the financial report as read, 2nd by Bob Sprengeler and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote. Motion by Roger Frederick to accept the 2025 Budget report as read, 2nd by Rick Pierce and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

Flag Essay: Joe Helle stated that he did not go to school because of his surgery. Joe Helle stated that we will relied on the teachers to present the flag essay contest. We will know in December when he goes to pick them up.

Avenue of Flags: Joe Helle stated that we rely on the fire department. The people waited for the fire department for an hour. The fire department should have call us. Larry Thronson stated that we have another flag renewal. The lady gave us a check for

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\$100.00. We have \$40.00 for the flag and \$60.00 for the veterans needed fund. Now we have a total of 4 flags for 2025.

Building: No Report

Weapons: No Report

Website: Mike Coleman stated that the website is up to date. Mike Coleman stated that the most popular pages are: (1) Bingo (2) Contact Us (3) Flag Disposal (4) Post Officers (5) Building Rental. Mike Coleman stated that he will put the 2025 Avenue of Flag and information for the Scholarship Fund on the website.

Membership: Larry Thronson stated that we got a check from the state for \$14.50.

Scholarship Program: No Report

OFFICER REPORTS:

Post Service Officer: No Post Service Officer

Sick Call: Mike Moseley stated that his wife went in for surgery and that got all the cancer which is great news. Mike Moseley also stated that she will be going in 4 to 5 weeks of radiation to make sure that got it all. Rick Pierce stated that Kenny Jones has another doctor's appointment to find out the problem. He can't drive now. Tim Cunningham stated that Roger Frederick is going in for surgery on November 21, 2024 and on December 5, 2024 for cataracts. Joe Helle stated that he can't drive because of the knee replacement surgery.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Joe Helle stated that the city has on June 14, 2025 its seventy-fifth anniversary. They was asking if we could have a bingo tent for the anniversary. Joe Helle stated that there is a lot of work to do that. We won't be able to do this because we cannot move the bingo equipment and we don't have a license for bingo.

New BUSINESS:

Joe Helle stated that the Hiawatha kid's league information is sent out. We will sponsor two teams. Joe stated that the Hiawatha Park Department sent out a bourse for 2025. Motion by Roger Frederick to sponsor for \$300.00 the Hiawatha Park Department for 2025, 2nd by Bob Sprengeler and it was subsequently approved by 10 Yes and 2 No vote.

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Joe Helle state that the Oratorical contest is coming up. Joe Helle stated that the girl we sponsor will be here next Tuesday November 19, 2024 to practice her presentation. The competition will be December 8, 2024 at Veterans Memorial Building in Cedar Rapids at 2:00 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE.

CLOSING:

Drawing: Gift Card from Scott's Restaurant _____
Winner was: Rick Pierce

Motion to adjourn: Motion by Tim Cunningham to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by George Letson and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

Chaplain Joel Kessler led the post in a closing prayer.

Commander Joe Helle read the closing statement: Till we meet again lets us remember our obligation to our country can be fulfilled only by faithful performance of all duties of citizenship. Let serves the community, State and Nation be ever a main objective of the American Legion and its members. Let us be ever watchful of the honor of our country, our organization and ourselves that nothing small swerve us away from the path of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM by Commander Joe Helle.