

The American Legion Minutes

Second District

Compiled by: Larry Thronson Date: February 11, 2025 Time Convened: 7:02 PM

Approved by: _____ Post No: 735 Department of Iowa

Attendance: _12_ Officers: 3 Members: 9 Adjourning: 7:39 PM

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Meeting was called to order by Commander Joe Helle. Commander Joe Helle 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:

The guests is Mrs. Shannon Haas (coach) with the girls that are participating in the Kennedy Mock Trail. They are Jordon, Ainsley, Katie and Charlotte. Jordon gave us information on the Mock Trail cases that they will be participating in. They will go to Waterloo for their cases on March 13, 2025

Renewed member is Todd Morgan who was in the Navy submarines. He was a member in 2007 and then moved out of state in 2012.

Minutes of the meeting dated January 14, 2025 was distributed to the members. Motion by Bob Sprengeler to accept the minutes, 2nd by Tim Cunningham and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Report: Tim Cunningham read and explained the financial report. Motion by amended Errol Lindsey to accept the financial report as amended, 2nd by Rick Pierce and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

Flag Essay: Joe Helle stated that he will be going to the schools to hand out the 111 checks on Monday.

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Avenue of Flags: Larry Thronson stated that there are 199 flags with 21 new flags. .

Building: No Report

Weapons: No Report

Website: No Report

Membership: Larry Thronson stated that there was one online renewal

Scholarship Program: No Report

OFFICER REPORTS:

Post Service Officer: No Post Service Officer

Sick Call: NONE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Tim Cunningham stated that we have set up new flags. The work day will be on Saturday February 22, 2025 at 9:00 AM at the post.

The Avenue of Flags (Memorial Day) will be put up on May 23, 2025 at 6:00 PM and taken down on May 26, 2025 at 6:00PM

The Avenue of Flags (Flag Day) will be put up on June 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM and taken down on June 15, 2025 at 6:00PM

The Avenue of Flags (Independence Day) will be put up on July 4, 2025 at 6:00 PM and taken down on July 6, 2025 at 6:00PM

The Avenue of Flags (Labor Day) will be put up on August 29, 2025 at 6:00 PM and taken down on September 1, 2025 at 6:00PM

The Avenue of Flags (Veterans Day) will be put up on November 9, 2025 at 9:00 AM and taken down on November 11, 2025 at 3:30PM

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New BUSINESS:

Joe Helle asked if any is going to put up a flag on any one of the light poles. The application is available until March 7th 2025. They put the flags up on Memorial Day and take them down on Labor Day.

Joe Helle stated that he went to the last County meeting in Ely. They hash over the same old stuff all the time

Joe Helle stated that the Oratorical girl from Kennedy High School did not win the Area contest.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

CLOSING:

Drawing: Gift Card from Scott's Restaurant
Winner was: Bill Schaffer (Little Fishy?)

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

Commander Joe Helle 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 7:39 PM by Commander Joe Helle.