



American Legion - Tyler Cates Post 281 Mount Juliet, Tennessee

General Meeting Minutes

COMPILED/SUBMITTED BY: **ADJUTANT Shawn R Taylor**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - Date: **13 August 2024**

Reviewed/Approved By: **COMMANDER Terry Ward, POST 281, Tyler Cates, Dept of TN**

CONVENED: 1830 ADJOURNED: 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT: 37 VISITORS: 6 POST OFFICERS: 9 TOTAL: 52

ASSEMBLED

At 1800 hrs., the doors of the Mt. Juliet Senior Activity Center (MJSAC) were opened for food and fellowship. Post member, Bridget Passatore, provided food and soft drinks for members and guests.

GUESTS AND SPEAKERS

- A Quilt of Valor was presented to Tosha Boyles. She is an active-duty US Army Lt Col. Stationed at Ft Bragg/Ft Liberty in the medical corps, and wife of post member Devilyn Boyles.
- Abigail Whicker, the winner of the Department Oratorical and a top finalist in the National Oratorical Contest held at Hillsdale College in Michigan last May, gave her award-winning speech. She has received \$14k in scholarships so far. Cmdr. Ward presented her with the Patrick Henry award.
- Walter Redding, Post 39 Lewisburg, talked about a veteran organization, Veterans for BBQ; veteransbbqcamp.org. They are coming to Wilson County.
 - They have had 4 camps with 70 veterans so far, that helps with PTSD.
 - Coming to MJ and Wilson Co at Rural Hill Farms on Oct 11-14. Sunday Oct 13 is a public tasting. \$25 + drawing. They have national sponsors.
 - Will be a Pop-Up on August 17th at the Jones Family Park from 11-6.
 - The National American Legion gave them a grant.
- Nancy Britt: Thanked everyone that helped with the HAF event. We lost Sunday and Monday this year due to the weather. It ended up being a 3-day event. We grossed \$11,200 and the post received a \$4k check.
- Bill Moss: CDR VFW Post 5015 in Lebanon talked about the fair. There will be a veterans' booth in the Wilson County Vet center for all Veteran organizations. VVA will be providing BBQ. Come to the yellow gate. His number is 615-946-3204.
- Eddie Rockensock; A realtor in MJ. Spoke about a lawsuit that now requires the realtor's percentage to be negotiated. New Housing increase in MJ of 14,800 since 2018. 32k person increase; about 281 a month. Wilson County has over 170k population; that's an increase of 30% since 2018. Avg income needed to live in MJ is \$93k/year.



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OPENING CEREMONY

At 18:30 CMDR Ward called the Post to order and offered prayer, followed by placement of the POW/MIA Flag at the designated memorial table by Sgt-at-Arms Don Barnes. This was followed by The Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion.

Past Commanders and Distinguished Guests

None present

New members were welcomed:

- Arnold Painter from Illinois. 26 years in US Army; 4 Years in US Navy
- John Whicker active duty member of the 118th AW/TN ANG
- Tom Cherry

READING OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion to combine the reading and/or approval of July and August at September meeting was made by Terry Ward. Seconded by Chaz Spampinato. Motion Approved.

OFFICERS REPORT

- *COMMANDER – Terry Ward*
 - September 14th is a celebration for Tyler Cates.
 - September 28th is the veteran's ball.
 - October 19th is Halloween in the Park.
 - November 11th is Veteran's Day.
 - December 10th is the banquet.
 - December 14th is the Christmas Parade.
- *1ST VICE – Mike Faoro*
 - Nothing to Report
- *2ND VICE – Bob Snuck*
 - Wilson Co Fair is coming up. Looking for volunteers to man a table.
- *ADJUTANT – Shawn Taylor*
 - See Attached Adjutant's Report
- *FINANCE OFFICER – Steve Iles*
 - Post 281 finances are healthy. \$11k is in the checking. \$22k in CD's.
 - \$4k check from Nancy Britt
- *SERVICE OFFICER – Patti Whitmore*
 - If you get sick, call the Wilson Co Service Officer for disability assistance.



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- CHAPLAIN – David Hale
 - **SICK CALL**
 1. **George Barnes.** His surgery went well on his artery but has an issue with leakage in his stomach.
 2. **Pat Kane.** Assisted living. Low B.P. and no leg control.
 3. **Lew Hightower.** Shoulder surgery yesterday. Doing well.
 4. **Fred Higdon.** Knee replacement.
 5. **Pat Constanzo.** Needs prayers.
 6. **Max Wix.** Has Leukemia.
 7. **Ray Forester.** Is in hospice care in Kansas.
- SERGEANT-AT-ARMS – Don Barnes
 - Nothing to Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Honor Guard – Capt. Steve Wren**
 - Nothing to Report
- **Sons of the American Legion – Squadron Commander Robert Fields**
 - Nothing to Report
- **American Legion Riders – Director Bob Ramsey**
 - Nothing to Report
- **Oratorical – Bruno Padovani**
 - Nothing to Report
- **Honoring America’s Flag – Pat Unger**
 - Nothing to Report
- **Constitution and By-Laws – John Herko**
 - Nothing to Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Nothing to Report

NEW BUSINESS

- Nothing to Report



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- Nothing to Report

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to attend to, the closing ceremony was conducted, with closing prayer offered. The POW/MIA Flag was retrieved for storage. This was followed by honors to our flag and the meeting was adjourned at 2000 hrs.