

The Second District

American Legion

Department of Ohio

Spring Conference

10 MAR 2018

Meeting called to order @ 9:25 by 2nd District Commander Kent Long. Meeting opened per protocol. John Randolph, Sgt-At-Arms, introduced guests.

Ruth Schutz – District 2 Auxiliary gave greetings/update. 22 APR 2018 is the annual Easter visit to Dayton VA Hospital – all are welcome to join. They are 5th place in membership currently.

Ron Chapman, Past Department Commander, spoke on behalf of 2nd Vice Department Commander candidate Jean Wilson.

Joyce Hannum, candidate for Department 2nd Vice Commander spoke & asked for our vote.

Jim Moorman, Post 217 Commander, greeted us.

John McJunkin Post 323 made motion to suspend reading of the minutes since posted on line and available in print today. 2nd by Mike Homan Post 241. Motion carried.

Roll call performed by Kelly Kunkler, adjutant Post 648. 18 Posts represented with 34 members present.

Financial report read by Red Feltz, Post 470. He thanked everyone for their support during his long-term care stay. Motion to approve made by Chuck Craynon Post 217. 2nd by Mike Homan Post 241. Financial report approved.

Dan Metzgar 1st Vice Commander report: we are in 4th place currently. 5 Posts at quota. Kent made push to review Post 888 report for members in your area.

Butch Meharg 2nd Vice Commander – activity report: Upcoming Euchre tournament next weekend at Anna Post 446. Kent Long is presenting training on MyLegion on 31 March from 1-3 at St Marys Legion.

Judge Advocate – no report/not present.

Chaplain report given by Jim Fast. He was extremely pleased with the 4 Chaplain Ceremony this year. No sick call.

Post Everlasting Ceremony completed.

5 minute break

Committee reports:

Virgil Arling, Post 387, **Oratorical** – District event occurred on 25 FEB 2018 at Minster Elementary. Winner was Andrew Weite, sponsored by Coldwater Post 470. \$300 check presented by Virgil after Andrew gave his winning speech.

Chuck Craynon, Post 217 – **Law & Order** –next committee meeting on 17 APR will judge Law Officer, Firefighter & Educator of the year. Mike Suchland, Post 241, presented nomination of Deputy Tim Bender for saving life of a Legion member, Ron. 2nd made by Jim Koppin, Post 446. Motion carried. John McJunkin, Post 323, presented nomination for Firefighter of the year – Kurt Gable. 2nd made by Mike Homan, Post 241. Motion carried. John McJunkin also presented nominee for Educator of the Year: Bill Ruwane 2nd made by: John Eccard, Post 191. Motion carried. **Americanism** – A&G winners were recognized and presented checks by Kent Long. 4 were Department winners & went on trip.

Jim Koppin, Post 446 – **BBS** – looking for staff members. Have over 800 delegates currently. Every effort will be made for all to attend that want to. Orientations: 9 MAY at 7:30 at New Bremen Post 241 and 16 MAY at 7:30 at St Marys Post 323. Jim's phone number if needed: 937-394-2824.

Ken Schutz, Post 178: **Children & Youth** – If you have funds for Child Welfare please submit. Only 1 Social Worker has been nominated for SW of the Year.

Harold Krieg, Post 241 – **Credentials**: Officers and delegates will be chosen soon – please complete everything that is needed by due day.

Robert Moreland, Post 96 - **Employment** - absent/not given

Paul Maurer, Post 241: **Gifts for Yanks** – donations are way down.

David Ring, Post 330: **Legislature** – absent/not given.

John McJunkin, Post 323: **National Security** – drug epidemic: Attorney General bringing increased attention to. **Public Relations**: St Rt 703 between Celina & St Marys being renamed: American Legion Highway in April.

John Randolph, Post 178: **POW/MIA** – no report

Dave Myers, Post 178: **Rehabilitation**- absent/not given

John Eccard, Post 191: **Resolutions** – meeting will be at Convention

Mike Homan, Post 241: **S.A.L. Advisor** – gave highlights from activities since last meeting. Party bus plans moving forward: 7 APR from @ 2PM - 10PM.

Robert McCulloch, Post 173: **Special Olympics** – thanked everyone for their support during his illness. Donations can be sent to him or Department of Ohio with Special Olympics noted on check.

County Commanders Reports:

Allen County: John Eccard, Post 191. Looking into Cairo Post options- lots of paperwork involved in closing a Post. Spencerville is quota post. Had 2 Oratorical contestants but both cancelled.

Auglaize County: Mike Homan, Post 241. A&G winner went on state trip. Waynesfield continues to turn post around.

Hardin County: Larry Phillips, Post 198. – absent/no report given.

Logan County: Robert “Skip” Lantz, Post 173 – absent/no report given.

Mercer County: Donald Link, Post 345 –will recognize County A&G winners at next meeting.

Shelby County: Dick Steinke, Post 217 – absent/no report given.

Van Wert County: Loren Pancake, Post 208 - 1 A&G winner.

Task Force Report: Ken Schutz, Post 178 – have not been called on

Trustee Report: Mike Homan, Post 241 – all bills have been paid

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Good of the Legion:

Mike Suchland, New Bremen Post 241: SALs Wing Fest 31 MAR starts in afternoon.

John Looker, Post 194, Department of Ohio Oratorical Chairman – encouraged everyone to attend Department Oratorical contest 25 MAR.

John Eccard, Post 191 has 2 openings for BBS. Ray Stamms, Post 178, has 1 opening for BBS. Please contact if you have extra boys wanting to go.

Harold Krieg, Post 241, announced being a candidate for Finance Officer.

Dan Metzgar announced being a candidate for District Commander.

Butch Meharg announced being a candidate for District 1st Vice Commander.

Red Feltz, Post 470, is not running for an Office after 30 years.

Kent reported Robert Moreland, Post 96 put name in for appointment of Sgt-At-Arms and Carol, Celina Post 210, informed Kent of wanting to be Adjutant.

2nd Vice and Judge Advocate still need filled.

Kent Long/Dan Metzgar: Credit checks given to those Posts who have authorized representatives today. 29/36 Posts receive. No checks under \$10 given.

Kent Long: Convention review: hospitality room. Has Brown Jug pins for members.

\$59 50/50 winner: Roberta Adams, Spencerville, Post 191.

Ceremony closed per protocol.

Meeting adjourned 11:50.