



7:00 PM  
 THE AMERICAN LEGION  
 CARTER BURDELL HAGLER POST 178, INC.  
 3219 RICHMOND HILL ROAD  
 AUGUSTA, GA 30906  
 (706) 793-1724

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
 August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

POSITION	NAME	OTHER
*COMMANDER	<b>GRANT WHITELEY</b>	<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u>
*ADJUTANT	THERESA BISKER	
*SR. VICE CMDR.	BRUCE A. EARLY	*1. PAUL ANDERSON, Sr.
*1 <sup>st</sup> VICE CMDR. (Kitchen)	MICHAEL DWYER	*2. HENRY KING
*2 <sup>nd</sup> VICE CMDR. (Lounge)	ROBERT CARUSO	*3. RAYMOND JOHNSON
*3 <sup>rd</sup> VICE CMDR. (Hall)	JAMES BRENDLE	*4. OSCAR SIMS
*FINANCE OFFICER	DAVID MYER	*5. LEE WHITLOCK
*SGT-AT-ARMS	SCOTT PERRY	
*JUDGE ADVOCATE	HENRY WALTERS	
SERVICE OFFICER	TBA	
CHAPLAIN	WILLIAM CRAIN	(*) Members of Executive Committee
HISTORIAN	VACANT	(8) Members constitute E.C. quorum
I.T. OFFICER	TBA	(9) Members constitute G.M. quorum
PAST/CMDR	GRANT B. WHITELEY	

## Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. READING OF MINUTES
4. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS, PROSPECTIVE & NEW MEMBERS
5. OFFICER REPORTS
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS
7. BALLOTING ON APPLICATIONS & INITIATION OF CANDIDATES
8. SICK CALL, RELIEF & EMPLOYMENT
9. MEMORIAL TO A DEPARTED POST MEMBER
10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
11. NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE
12. THE GOOD OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
13. ADJOURNMENT

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

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TIME: 19:00

# 2. ROLL CALL

**OFFICERS:** Grant B. Whiteley. Cmdr. (P); Sr. Vice Cmdr. Bruce Early (P); Michael Dwyer 1<sup>st</sup> Jr. Vice/Cmdr. (E); Robert Caruso 2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. Vice/Cmdr.(P); Jim Brendle 3<sup>rd</sup> Jr. Vice/Cmdr. (P ); David Myer Finance Officer(P); Theresa Brisker Adjutant ( ); Henry Walters, Judge Advocate(P); Scott Perry Sgt-At-Arms (P ); **William Crain Chaplain (E)** .

**EXECUTIVE BOARD:** Paul Anderson Sr. (P ); Raymond Johnson (P ); Henry King( P ); Lee Whitlock ( E ); Past Cdr Oscar Sims (P ).

**PAST COMMANDERS:** Grant Whiteley (P); Oscar Sims ( ); Bruce A. Early ( )

**MEMBERS:** See Sign-In Sheet

(P) Present. (E) Excused, (A) Absent.

**OFFICERS:** 13 **MEMBERS:** 1 **GUESTS:**     **TOTAL:** 14

Nine (9) members of the Post shall constitute a quorum.

YES (X) NO ( ) **COMMANDER YOU HAVE A QUORUM.**

# 3. MINUTES

## READING OF MINUTES:

**Motion:** To approve General Membership Meeting minutes for JULY 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as distributed.

Made by Judge Advocate Henry Walters Seconded by: Jr. Vice Jim Brendle.

**(14) FOR: ( ) AGAINST. Motion Carried.**

**Motion:** To approve the Executive Board Minutes dated August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 as distributed.

Made by Judge Advocate Henry Walters Seconded by: EB Raymond Johnson.

**(14) FOR: (0) AGAINST. Motion Carried!**

**Motion:** To approve the Special Executive Board Minutes dated (Not Applicable) as distributed.

Made by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_.

**( ) FOR: ( ) AGAINST. Motion Carried!**

## 4. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS, PROSPECTIVE & NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS

**Fort Gordon, GA:**

**Department of GA:**

**11<sup>th</sup> District:**

**Post:**

**Prospective New Members:**

**New Members:**

**Transfers:**

**Other Guests:**

## 5. OFFICER REPORTS

**Commander: (Grant B. Whiteley) – SEE BELOW**

**Adjutant: – Theresa A. Brisker**-No report

**Sr. Vice Cmdr.: Bruce A. Early** – Our Early Bird Membership is now ready for the fiscal year Jul 2023 – Jul 2024. 2024 Membership is being processed now. At present we have 181 renewed personnel to include PUFL. 48%

**1<sup>st</sup> Jr. Vice Cmdr.** – Mike Dwyer – (E)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. Vice Cmdr. Robert Caruso** – No report

**Finance: (Dave Myer)** – Finance Officer reported the finance reported for the month of June 2023:

Motion Made: To approve the Finance Report for the month of June 2023 subject to audit.

Made by Past Commander Oscar Sims Seconded by Senior Vice Bruce Early.

**(14 ) For: Against (0). Motion Carried.**

**Sgt-at-Arms: (Scott Perry) – No Rpt.**

**Judge Advocate: (Henry Walters) – No Rpt.**

**Service Officer: (Cdr Whiteley) – No Rpt.**

**IT Officer: (TBA) – No Rpt.**

## 6. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

**The A.L.R. Chairman: (Lee Galloway)** –Successful Pony Express Ride. Oldest Airborne Soldiers passed away at the Age of 98 years old

**Americanism – Cdr Grant Whitley** – Np Rpt.

**American Legion Baseball** – On July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023; Post 178 Augusta Strippers Junior 15 UP Blue and Post 178 Augusta Strippers Junior 15 UP White awarded the team plaques.

**Shooting Sports – Cdr. Grant B. Whiteley** – No compliance from Cross Creek or Hephzibah High Schools.

**Oratorical Contest – Cdr Whiteley** – Subjects have not been assigned to date.

**School Awards – Cdr Whiteley** – Work in Progress – No Rpt.

**Blood Donors** – Raymond Johnson and Joseph Weatherbee and possibly his wife who are giving blood for the month of August.

**Military Suicides** - September 2023 - The goal of this month is to reach out to those affected by suicide, raise awareness and connect individuals with suicidal ideas to treatment services.

### **Patriotic Observance – August 2023**

August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Purple Heart Day; This day commemorates the creation of the oldest American military decoration for military merit, the Purple Heart, and honors the men and women who are members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart

August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - MSEP Partner Connect: Blue Star Families; Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023, at 1 p.m. EDT Connect directly with a representative of the nonprofit, Blue Star Families at this MSEP Partner Connect livestream event.

August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - MSEP Partner Connect: BAYADA Home Health Care; Thursday, at 1 p.m. EDT Join us Aug. 24 to connect with a representative of BAYADA Home Health Care, a trusted leader in providing a full range of clinical care and support services at home for children and adults of all ages.

August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Marine Corps Reserve Birthday; As U.S. involvement in World War I, appeared more likely, the increased demand for warfighters warranted the formal creation of an operational Reserve Force, and on Aug. 29, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed the Naval Appropriations Act of 1916, which established the Marine Corps Reserve.

September 1, 2023 - Suicide Prevention Month; The goal of this month is to reach out to those affected by suicide, raise awareness, and connect individuals with suicidal ideas to treatment services.

September 1, 2023 - Library Card Sign-Up Month; This month reminds parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step toward academic achievement and lifelong learning.

September 11, 2023 - National Day of Service and Remembrance National Day of Service and Remembrance, also known as Patriot Day, commemorates the memory of the people killed in the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001.

**SAL Advisor – Finance Officer David Myer –**

**Community Service – Sr. Vice Bruce A. Early – (P)**

**Religious Emphasis – Chaplain Bill Crain – (E) No RPT.**

**Children & Youth – Cdr Whiteley – No RPT.**

**Employment – Rebecca Shores – (E) - No Rpt.**

**National Security – Cdr. Grant B. Whiteley – U.S., allies work to deter Korean War II**

As of July 27, the Korean War armistice has held for 70 years – thanks only to the deterrent strength and steely restraint of the U.S.-ROK alliance. The bad news is that North Korea is severely testing that restraint. The good news is that there appears to be a renewed commitment to deterrence in Seoul and Washington.

High stakes and a low bar Let’s start with the bad news, which emanates from North Korea. With its growing nuclear arsenal, spasms of missile tests and unpredictable leadership, North Korea has put South Korea, Japan and the United States on edge. In 2022, Pyongyang test-fired more than 90 missiles, including 23 on a single day. Pyongyang has fired off dozens more this year, including ICBM launches in April and July.

Recall that Pyongyang has a terrifying vision to turn Seoul into “a sea of fire,” “sink” Japan “into the sea,” and “reduce the U.S. mainland into ashes” – and a nuclear arsenal to make that vision a reality. Indeed, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute reports that North Korea now has 30 nuclear weapons – five more than it deployed in 2022.

**Public Relations – Rebecca Shores – (E) President Biden will mark the PACT Act’s anniversary at a Veterans Affairs hospital in Salt Lake City on Thursday** - According to administration statistics, the Department of Veterans Affairs has received nearly 786,000 disability claims under the PACT Act, processed almost 435,000 and approved more than 348,000. About 111,000 veterans who are believed to have toxic exposure have enrolled in VA health care since the law was enacted. In addition, more than 4.1 million veterans have completed toxic screenings, which are questionnaires to analyze their potential exposure and determine whether additional tests are required.

**Alcohol & Drug Abuse – Jr. Vice Robert Caruso –**

**POW/MIA – Lee Galloway – No report**

**Special Olympics – Sr. Vice Bruce A. Early – No report**

**VA/REHAB – Sr. Vice Bruce A. Early (P) –** Contract has been awarded for repairs , start date of October.

**Boys State – Cdr. Whiteley – No Rpt.**

**Inventory Chairman – Cdr Whiteley – Work in progress.**

**Legislative – Judge Advocate Henry Walters – No RPT.**

## 7. BALLOTING ON APPLICATIONS & INITIATION OF CANDIDATES:

1. **Transfer #400:**
2. **Transfer Regular:** Anthony Q. Brooks, U.S. Marines, Lebanon/Granada (Dept. Cdr. Weaver)
3. **New Members:** Leroy Harvey, U.S. Army, Panama, (Sr. Vice Early; Nancy M. Thompson, U.S. Navy, Panama (Thomasena), Joseph Smith U.S. Army, Panama (Mary Linton); David Harris, U.S. Army, Global War on Terrorism (Thomasena); Althea Taylor, U.S. Army, Global War on Terrorism (Vice Cdr Caruso); Ann M. Wardell, Global War on Terrorism (Many Linton); Alexzine Cox, U.S. Army, Global War on Terrorism (Frances Bowman) ; Kenner Rodgers, U.S. Army, Global War on Terrorism ( Lee Garcia);

Motion: Motion made to accept all transfers and new members into Post 178.

Made by Jr. Vice Jim Brendle Seconded by Past Commander Oscar Sims .

**(14) FOR; (0) AGAINST) Motion Carried!**

## 8. SICK CALL, RELIEF & EMPLOYMENT:

A. **SICK CALL** - Please keep the following people in your prayers: Chaplain Bill Crain who is continually on dialysis; Laurie Ross who is in Rehabilitation at Pruitt Health Care - North Augusta; Ennis Dudley and Earnst (Gordy) Gordon who's in Hospice at home, Plus Miriam Stein who is recovery at home from an accident. Please keep them in your prayers as well the people on our Buddy Check Watch List below:

B. BUDDY CHECK/WATCH LIST – PERFORMED – JUNE 2023

NO	NAME	PERFORMED YES/NO	REMARKS
1	Oscar Sims	YES	(706)840-4856) ( <a href="mailto:gsims16990@att.net">gsims16990@att.net</a> )
2	Chuck Hafey	YES	(Dave Myer/Oscar Sims) (706)793-2337
3	William Crain	YES	(706)592-6744) ( <a href="mailto:wmcrule62@aol.com">wmcrule62@aol.com</a> )
4	Malcom Kelly	YES	(Lounge Manager Frances Bowman)
5	Russell/Lisa Collins	YES	(Aux Pres Miriam Stein) (706)650-8838) ( <a href="mailto:jomt1@bellsouth.net">jomt1@bellsouth.net</a> )
6	Ron Ness	YES	EB Henry King
7	Lee Whitlock	YES	(Vice Cdr Caruso)
8	William Hackley	YES	(706)863-8699) ( <a href="mailto:williamhackley@bellsouth.net">williamhackley@bellsouth.net</a> )
9	James Brendle	YES	(Lounge Manager Frances Bowman)
10	Ennis Dudley	YES	Sassy & Family (No phone) Not doing well, any day now.

## 9. MEMORIAL TO A DEPARTED POST MEMBER:

NONE

## 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Air Curtain -Vice Cdr Robert Caruso** - Under Suspension VOCO
- B. **Lounge Info Center/Bulletin Board** - Under Suspension VOCO
- C. **Office Reorganization** – Phase 2 on hold. (Work in Progress)
- D. **Turkey Shoot Area** – Pedro is putting the final touches on the perimeter line by painting the block traffic yellow. Hope to get one more blind from Lowe’s for added protection of a misfire. The Range Open’s Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

- A. **American Legion Website** – Added Department of Veteran’s Affairs Mental Health Category to the Legion Website under Veteran’s Mental Health. In addition, other information for Mental Health will be added in the future.
- B. **American Legion-** Received 990 IRS Nonprofit document.

## 12. THE GOOD OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

- A. **Post Business Owner’s Insurance** – Have (2) quotes but still have inquiries out not to mention added other coverage onto existing bid. Have bids from Travelers \$3,268 annually for General Liability Occurrence Limit \$1,000,000; General Liability Aggregate \$2,000,000; and property deductible of \$500.00. The same for CAN at a cost of \$3,802.00 annually for the same coverage.
- B. **Worker’s Compensation** – Have (3) quotes – The Hanover for \$1,407.00 annually for Bodily Injury by Accident \$1,000,000; Bodily Injury Disease, Policy Limit, Bodily Injury Disease, Each Employee for \$1,000,000. The Harford for the same coverage for a cost annually of \$2,295.00; Travelers for the same coverage for a cost annually of \$1,371.00.
- C. **Cyber Security** – Coalition for annual premium of \$565.00.

D. **Umbrella Insurance** - Commercial umbrella insurance, also called umbrella liability insurance or excess liability insurance, is a type of coverage that helps to pay for liability claims that go beyond the limits or exclusions of other policies, such as general liability, commercial auto, or property insurance. It can cover costs such as legal fees, medical bills, damage to someone else's property, and court judgments and settlements. It gives businesses and commercial properties added protection from potentially ruinous lawsuits and accidents. At this point, I recommend continue research for additional umbrella insurance to cover any situation.

<b>13. ADJOURNMENT</b>	<b>TIME: 19: 45 hrs</b>
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**Motion:** Motion made to adjourned Made by EB Paul Anderson  
Seconded by Jr. Vice Jim Brendle  
( 14 ) FOR; ( 0 ) AGAINST). **Motion Carried!**

**The Nest House Committee Executive Meeting will be on September 5<sup>th</sup> st, 2023.  
Next General Membership meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> , 2023.**

*Theresa A. Brisker*

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Adjutant

*Grant B. Whiteley*

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Commander