



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
December 12th, 2023

POSITION	NAME	OTHER
*COMMANDER	GRANT WHITELEY	<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u>
*ADJUTANT	THERESA BISKER	
*SR. VICE CMDR.	BRUCE A. EARLY	*1. PAUL ANDERSON, Sr.
*1 st VICE CMDR. (Kitchen)	MICHAEL DWYER	*2. HENRY KING
*2 nd VICE CMDR. (Lounge)	ROBERT CARUSO	*3. RAYMOND JOHNSON
*3 rd VICE CMDR. (Hall)	JAMES BRINDLE	*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 – SIGN IN SHEET

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

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

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

MEMBERS: See Sign-In Sheet

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

OFFICERS: _____ **MEMBERS:** _____ **GUESTS:** 0 **TOTAL:** _____
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 November 14th, 2023 as distributed.
Made by _____ Seconded by: _____.
() FOR: (0) AGAINST. **Motion Carried. (NO MINUTES AVAILABLE DUE TO COPIER)**

Motion: To approve Executive Board Meeting minutes for November 7th, 2023 as distributed;
Made by _____ Seconded by: _____.
() FOR: (0) AGAINST. **Motion Carried. (NO MINUTES AVAILABLE DUE TO COPIER)**

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:

11th District:

Post:

Prospective New Members:

New Members:

Transfers:

Other Guests:

5. OFFICER REPORTS

Commander: (Grant B. Whiteley) – SEE BELOW

Adjutant: (Interim) –

Sr. Vice Cmdr.: Bruce A. Early (E) – Membership is being processed now. At present we have 307 renewed and 11 awaiting to be processed. This puts the post membership at 86.0%.

1st Jr. Vice Cmdr. – Mike Dwyer – ()

2nd Jr. Vice Cmdr. Robert Caruso – (P)

Finance: (Dave Myer) (E) – Finance Officer reported the finance report for the month of October 2023

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

Made by _____ Seconded by **REPORT SCHEDULE FOR NEXT MONTH MEETING.**

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

Sgt-at-Arms: (Scott Perry) – No Rpt.

Judge Advocate: (Henry Walters) – Bill HR644

Service Officer: (Cdr Whiteley) – No Rpt.

IT Officer: (TBA) – No Rpt.

6. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

A.L.R. Chairman: (Lee Galloway) – (A)

***Americanism – Cdr Grant Whitley – No Rpt.**

American Legion Baseball – Sgt At Arms Scott Perry - No Rpt

Shooting Sports – Cdr. Grant B. Whiteley – No compliance from Cross Creek or Hephzibah High Schools. The District and the Post was scheduled a meeting at Post 63 on October 21st however the meeting was cancelled due to District Commander's calendar and would have to be rescheduled in January 2024. The subjects were for encouraging both high schools for Oratorical, Shooting Sports, Boys State and Girls State student involvement.

Oratorical Contest – Cdr Whiteley – Oratorical Contest Assigned Topics – Have been assigned.

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

Blood Donors – Cdr Whiteley -No Rpt.

Military Suicides - Cdr Whiteley -No Rpt.

Patriotic Observance – January 2024

New Year's Day Jan. 1: One of the big organizers of New Year's activities for troops and their families? Morale, Welfare, And Recreation (MWR), the agency responsible for a vast number of activities, events, and recreational sites on an estimated two thousand facilities on U.S. military bases around the world. Safety is always a top priority in military communities and many military bases offer ways to help troops and families ring in the New Year with respect to one of the most obvious concerns during this special time of year; drinking, and driving.

Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Third Monday January 15th: One of the greatest American civil rights leaders of the 20th century, Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on Jan. 15, 1929. It's a date honored nationwide on the third Monday in January. He was one of the most important figures in American civil rights history.

SAL Advisor – Finance Officer David Myer –

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

Religious Emphasis – Chaplain Bill Crain – (A)

Children & Youth – Cdr Whiteley – No Report

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

National Security – Cdr Whiteley – No Report

Public Relations – TBA – No Rpt.

Alcohol & Drug Abuse – Jr. Vice Robert Caruso (P) – Don't Drink & Drive!

POW/MIA – Lee Galloway (A) –

Special Olympics – Sr. Vice Bruce A. Early (E) –

VA/REHAB – Sr. Vice Bruce A. Early (P) -

Boys State – Cdr. Whiteley – Have a prospect one LTC Gray from Ft. Eisenhower requesting a meeting with the post, himself, and his son soon. In addition, awaiting reschedule meeting with the Hight Schools in January 2024.

Inventory Chairman – Cdr Whiteley – Work in progress.

Legislative – Judge Advocate Henry Walters (P) – NO RPT

7. BALLOTING ON APPLICATIONS & INITIATION OF CANDIDATES:

1. **Transfer #400:**
2. **Transfer Regular:**
3. **New Members (7):** Nathaniel Brown, USAF, Korea, (Louise Hayes); Lee Patterson, USA, GW, (Mary Linton); Shena R Veale, USA (AD), GW, (T. Sanderlin); Anita M. Dupriest, USA, Gulf War, (T. Brisker); Gwendolyn Rozier- Leonard, USAF, Panama, (T. Brisker); Tenika Ashley, USAF, GW, (T. Brisker); Jarred Z. Jordan, USA, Global War, (T. Brisker).

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

Made by Vice Cdr James Brendle Seconded by Judge Advocate Henry Walters.

(13) 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; Earnst (Gordy) Gordon who's in Hospice at home. Please keep them in your prayers as well the people on our Buddy Check Watch List below:

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

NO	NAME	PERFORMED YES/NO	REMARKS
1	Oscar Sims	YES	(706)840-4856) (gsims16990@att.net)
2	William Crain	YES	(706)592-6744) (wmcrule62@aol.com)
3	Malcom Kelly	YES	(Lounge Manager Frances Bowman)
4	Russell/Lisa Collins	YES	(Aux Pres Miriam Stein) (706)650-8838) (jomt1@bellsouth.net)
5	Ron Ness	YES	EB Henry King
6	Lee Whitlock	YES	(Vice Cdr Caruso)
7	William Hackley	YES	(706)863-8699) (williamhackley@bellsouth.net)
8	James Brendle	YES	(Lounge Manager Frances Bowman)
9	Dale G Steidel	YES	(Vice Cdr Caruso) (706)869-2130

9. MEMORIAL TO A DEPARTED POST MEMBER:

A. Commander: “It is my sad duty to report that Comrades _Chuck Hafey_and Bobby Carroll_____has been called from our midst. They have gone to the Commander of us all in Post Everlasting.

Commander: “Before proceeding with other business of this meeting, we will Drape the Charter in memory of Comrades Chuck Hafey and Bobby Carroll.

Sergeant-at-Arms, obtain Drape in preparation for Draping Charter.”

Commander: **(Rap gavel three (3) times)** “Members rise and face Charter attention.”

Commander: “Sergeant-at-Arms, you will now Drape our Charter in memory of our beloved Comrades Chuck Hafey and Bobby Carroll who have passed on.

Commander: (While Sergeant-at-Arms is Draping the Charter) “By this act we, as members of Carter Burdell Hagler American Legion Post 178, Augusta, GA., proclaim solemn tribute to our departed Comrades Chuck Hafey_and Bobby Carroll _____.

Hand salute! Two!" (After "Two," Sergeant-at-Arms returns to his/her station)

Chaplain: "Almighty God and Heavenly Father, who has dominion over life and death, grant to us the grace to remember with love and reverence our valiant and honored departed Comrades Chuck Hafey and Bobby Carroll. Grant peace and eternal rest to those who have gone before us and make us ready for that last hour. Strengthen and console those in sorrow and bestow upon us thy everlasting blessing Amen."

Commander: **(Rap gavel once)** "We will continue with the regular meeting

B. Sgt-At-Arms – You may remove the cover from the Charter.

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. **Post Business Owner's Insurance** – Received message from Bert Harbin (New Insurance Agent) stating that the underwriters have returned a proposal however the proposal excluded the Turkey Shoot and outside events. The Commander went back for a separate policy to accommodate the post. The Commander, sent Awaiting a reply

11. NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

- A. **Bartenders Bonus** - Bartenders Xmas Party – Need motion to purchase 8 Gift Cards for Manager (\$150), Bartenders and Maintenance (\$100.00) not exceed \$850.00.

Motion to purchase an Gift Cards for the employees not to exceed \$ 850.00
made by Judge Advocate Henry Walters and Seconded by: E-Board Paul Anderson Sr.

(13) For, (0) Against. **Motion Carried**

B. Kitchen Floor: Request motion to approve \$1200 Dollars to repaint the Kitchen Floor with Daich DaiHard 2-part Gray/Gloss Concrete and Garage Floor Paint Kit (Kit) or similar product.

1. Daich DaiHard 2-part Gray/Gloss Concrete and Garage Floor Paint Kit (Kit x 2 = \$400.
2. Labor Contract - \$750.00

Motion to allocate up to \$1200 Dollars for the repainting of the kitchen floor.
made by EB Henry King and Seconded by: EB Raymond Johnson

(13) _ For, _ (0) _, Against). Motion Carried

C. Hall Floor Renovation #2 – Request motion for approval of up to \$3,500.00 for the upgrade of the hall floor.

1. 10 Gallons of polyurethane \$70.00 x 10 = \$700.00
2. Rental of two commercial sanders & sandpaper = \$1,000.00
3. Rollers, Pans, & Thinner = \$400.00
4. Donation of \$1,000 to the SAL for labor

Motion to allocate up to \$3,500 Dollars for the upgrade of the Hall,
made by Sgt-At-Arms Scott Perry and seconded by: EB Henry King

(13) _ For, _ (0) _, Against). Motion Carried

D. AL Donation to the Childrens Xmas Party – Request motion to allocate up to \$1,000.00 for Christmas Presents for 1 under privileged family for the Goshen Elementary School, 14 (63) children from the list in the lounge.

Motion to allocate up to \$1,000 Dollars for purchasing Christmas Gifts for one adopted family from Goshen Elementary School and 14 Children on the Lounge Sign Up Sheet.
made by Vice Cdr James Brendle and Seconded by: Judge Advocate Henry Walters

(13) _ For, _ (0) _, Against). Motion Carried

12. THE GOOD OF THE AMERICAN LEION

- A. **Bartenders Xmas Party** – Scheduled for December 22nd, 2023 @ 8 PM. Bartenders will be Austin Day and ?.
- B. **Post 178 Wreaths Across America** – Scheduled for Saturday, December 16th @ 11 AM at Hill Crest Cemetery Veterans Section. Request Post volunteers arrive around 10 AM.
- C. **POST 178 Chinese Exchange Party** - Scheduled for December 23rd, 2023, in the Hall @ 7 PM.
- D. **Post 178 Adult Xmas Party** – Scheduled for December 23rd, 2023, in the Lounge @ 8 PM.
- E. **Gingerbread House Contest** – Gingerbread Houses must be turned in by December 23rd, 2023 @ 2 PM. Judging will occur around 7PM and the winners will be announced around 10 PM.
- F. **Post 178 Children’s Xmas Party** – Scheduled for December 17th @ 2 – 4 PM.
- G. **Post 178 New Year’s Eve Lounge Party** – Scheduled for December 31st @ 8 - ?
- H. ****No Steak Night on December 29th, 2023?**
- I. **Lounge Fundraiser** – Portable Bar with Fireball Sign; 4PCS Rock Glasses; 3PCS Shaker Set; 2 Miller Lite Cups & Bucket; Budweiser Glass Bank; 6PCS Bar Set; Jim Beam Napkin & Straw Holder; Bar Nuts; Shot Cups; 4 Wind Glasses; Smirnoff & Falcons Mat; 1 Case of Miller Lite; and 2 Bottles Misc Liquor. Tickets \$5 for 1 or \$10 for 3; Drawing New Year’s Party.
- J. **SAL Retreat** – Schedule for January 11-16 2004 at Tybee Island.
- K. **Number Tickets** – ALR Chairman requested the feasibility of having number tickets for the control of Friday Night steak nigt. The commander stated that he would look into the purchase of said tickets.
- L. **New Years Eve Door Security** – Vice Cdr Caruso requested that on New Year’s Eve that the Post be locked down to members and their guest due to the Richmond County Commissioner shutting bars downtown that due not have said Sunday permit. Vice Cdr James Brendle volunteered to assist in check membership at the door.

Motion made to lockdown the lounge on New Years Eve for membership and membership guest.

Made by Judge Advocate Henry Walters and Seconded by Bali Savoy.

(13) FOR; (0) AGAINST). Motion Carried!

M. Children's Xmas Party – The commander requested a drive through for the Children's Christmas Party due to the absence of an insurance policy at the present time and date. Vice Cdr Caruso stated that the hall is being rented at the present time without regards to the absence of insurance and that the Children's Xmas Party should be inside with Santa and have the children's picture taken with Santa. Bali Savoy volunteered to help control the children at the Xmas Party.

Motion made to have the children christmas party in the hall.

Made by Vice Cdr Robert Caruso and Seconded by Vice Cdr James Brendle.
(13) FOR; (1) AGAINST). Motion Carried!

13. ADJOURNMENT

TIME: 19:50 hrs

Motion: Motion made to adjourn

Made by EB Lee Whitlock, Seconded by EB Henry King.
(13) FOR; (0) AGAINST). Motion Carried!

Next Month House Committee & Executive Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024.

Next Month General Membership meeting will be on Tuesday, January 9th, 2024.

Grant B. Whiteley

Adjutant

Commander