



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
 MAY 14TH, 2024

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)	MATTHEW FUNSCH	*2. HENRY KING
*2 nd VICE CMDR. (Lounge)	ROBERT CARUSO	*3. RAYMOND JOHNSON
*3 rd 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
IT. OFFICER	TBA	(9) Members constitute G.M. quorum
PAST/CMDR	BRUCE A. EARLY	

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: 1900

2. ROLL CALL

OFFICERS: Grant B. Whiteley. Cmdr. (P); Sr. Vice Cmdr. Bruce Early (P). Matthew Funsch 1st Jr. Vice/ Cmdr; Robert Caruso 2nd Jr. Vice/Cmdr. (P); Jim Brendle 3rd Jr. Vice/Cmdr. (P); David Myer Finance Officer(P); Theresa Brisker Adjutant (P); Henry Walters, Judge Advocate(P); Scott Perry Sgt-At-Arms (P); **William Crain Chaplain (E); Service Officer: N/A Vacant IT Officer: N/A; (Vacant) Historian**
EXECUTIVE BOARD: Paul Anderson Sr. (P); Raymond Johnson (P); Henry King(P); Lee Whitlock (P); Past Cdr Oscar Sims (P)

PAST COMMANDERS: Grant Whiteley (P); Pat Garrett,(E; Oscar Sims (P); Bruce A. Early (P)

MEMBERS: See Sign-In Sheet

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

OFFICERS: 13 MEMBERS: 5 GUESTS: 0 TOTAL: 18

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 April 9th, 2024 as distributed.

Made by EB Henry King Seconded by: Sr. Vice Cdr. Bruce Early.

(18) FOR: (0) AGAINST. Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the Executive Board Minutes dated May 7th CANCELLED as distributed.

Made by _____ Seconded by: _____.

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

Motion: To approve the Special Executive Board Minutes dated April 27, 2024 as distributed.

Made by EB Lee Whitlock Seconded by: Past Cdr Oscar Sims.

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

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

Fort Gordon, GA: 0

Department of GA: 0

11th District: 0

Post: 0

Prospective New Members: 0

New Members: 0

Transfers: 0

Other Guests: 0

5. OFFICER REPORTS

Commander: (Grant B. Whiteley) – SEE BELOW

Adjutant: (Interim) – N/A

Sr. Vice Cmdr.: Bruce A. Early – No Rpt.

1st Jr. Vice Cmdr. Matthew Funsch – Brought up that all organizations need to check freezers for outdated food. Commander advises no longer than 6 months for frozen items.

2nd Jr. Vice Cmdr. Robert Caruso –

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

Motion Made: To approve the Finance Report for the month of March 2024 subject to audit.

Made by Vice Cdr Robert Caruso Seconded by Past Cdr Oscar Sims.

(18) 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:

A.L.R. Chairman: (Lee Galloway) – (P)

Americanism – Cdr Grant Whitley – (P)

Shooting Sports – Cdr. Grant B. Whiteley – No compliance this year from Cross Creek High School or Hephzibah High School. District Commander to approach both schools on support of American Legion Programs.

Oratorical Contest – Cdr Whiteley – TBA

School Awards – Cdr Whiteley – Work in Progress – Cross Creek High School has submitted names for school awards and have been picked up for presentation. However, Hephzibah has not submitted anything to date.

Blood Donors – Raymond Johnson for the Month of May

Patriotic Observance – May 2024 - Month of the Military Caregiver; The Month of the Military Caregiver is observed in May each year to honor more than five million caregivers in the United States. It will next be celebrated in May 2024. Paying tribute to the people who care for more than two million veterans is an important part of supporting troops and military families. But for some, it's also about recognizing the work they do that qualifies them as caregivers even if they don't think of themselves that way.

National Military Appreciation Month- National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM) is celebrated every May and is a declaration that encourages U.S. citizens to observe the month as a symbol of unity. NMAM honors current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom. May is characterized by six national observances highlighting the contributions of those who have served.

Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) - Public Service Recognition Week is dedicated to honoring our public servants. Established in 1985, Public Service Recognition Week is celebrated the first week of May, beginning on the first Sunday of the month. PSRW will be observed from Sunday, May 5, 2024, until Saturday, May 11th, 2024.

National Correctional Officers Week - Correctional officers are responsible for managing those who have been brought into custody by law enforcement. There are jobs requiring these skills for those who are incarcerated and awaiting trial, and there are corrections officers responsible for managing convicted criminals who are serving time. National Correctional Officers Week is recognized in the first full week of May and will next be celebrated from May 1-7.

May 1 Silver Star Service Banner Day - May 1st is Silver Star Service Banner Day, a time to recognize those who have been awarded The Silver Star Medal and remember the sacrifices of our wounded and ill veterans. The Silver Star is described as the third-highest military decoration for valor in combat and is typically awarded for actions over a short-term and may be earned for specific acts in combat.

May 1 Loyalty Day - Loyalty Day is observed annually on May 1st. In the United States, National Loyalty Day is a special holiday meant for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States of America, and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom. Loyalty Day was made an official reoccurring holiday on July 18, 1958, although it was first recognized on May 1, 1955. Loyalty Day has been honored with an official proclamation every year, by every president, since its inception as a legal holiday in 1958.

May 2 National Day of Prayer - President Harry S. Truman established a National Day of Prayer in 1952 and this is generally recognized as the start of the observance despite similar days established by the Second Continental Congress from 1775 until 1783, and later by President John Adams in 1798. National Prayer Day will be Thursday, May 2, 2024.

May 6 Nurses Week - Nurses play a vital role in the healthcare system, and care for patients in both the military community and in the civilian world. National Nurses Week is celebrated annually to honor nurses for their important work, as well as to educate the public about the role nurses play in health care. National Nurses Week is observed each year from May 6 to May 12 in the United States to honor nurses and their contributions to society.

May 8 V-E Day - Each year we commemorate Victory in Europe Day, also known as V-E Day. On May 8, 1945, Nazi Germany unconditionally surrendered to the Allied Forces of the Second World War. This day in history marked the end of World War II in Europe, although the war would continue in the Pacific Theater of Operations. The 79th anniversary (aka VE Day 79) of V-E Day is on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, and is recognized as part of National Military Appreciation Month.

May 10 Military Spouse Appreciation Day - National Military Spouse Appreciation Day is a presidentially approved holiday celebrated on the Friday before Mother's Day in May. This year it will be observed on Friday, May 10, 2024. On Military Spouse Appreciation Day we honor the contributions and sacrifices made by military spouses. Their commitment and support help to keep our country safe. America's military spouses are the backbone of the families who support our troops during mission, deployment, reintegration, and reset. Military spouses are silent heroes who are essential to the nation's strength, and they serve our country just like their loved ones.

May 12 Mother's Day - Mothers who are members of the military community deserve special recognition for their love, dedication and sacrifice every day. Mother's Day is the perfect opportunity to celebrate and honor the military wife and mother and/or a service member who's also a mom. Mother's Day is always the second Sunday in May. The next Mother's Day will be on Sunday, May 12, 2024.

May 13 Children of Fallen Patriots Day - May 13th is Children of Fallen Patriots Day. In the past 25 years, more than 15,000 children have lost parents in military conflict. Children of Fallen Patriots Day was created to both honor these children and raise awareness of the sacrifices and struggles they must endure in the wake of their parent's death. May 13 was selected as the date of observance due to being the day Arlington National Cemetery was established in 1864.

May 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day - "On Peace Officers Memorial Day and during Police Week, we commend the brave men and women of our law enforcement community for continually summoning the courage to fulfill their solemn oath to protect and serve." Peace Officers Memorial Day will next be observed on Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

May 18 Armed Forces Day - Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday in May. Thanks to President Harry S. Truman, it's a day to pay special tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces. President Truman led the effort to establish a holiday for citizens to unite and honor our military heroes for their patriotic service in

support of the United States of America. Armed Forces Day USA will be celebrated on Saturday, May 18, 2024. Armed Forces Week 2024 coincides with this celebration.

May 27 Memorial Day - Memorial Day was celebrated this year on Monday, May 27, 2024. It is a federal holiday observed on the last Monday in May and commemorates the men and women who died while in military service. Pay tribute to the U.S. men and women who died during military service by observing a national moment of remembrance with a minute of silence at 3:00 PM local time

SAL Advisor – Finance Officer David Myer – No Rpt.

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

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

Children & Youth – Cdr Whiteley – No RPT.

Employment – Sr. Vice Cmdr. Bruce A. Early – (P) - No Rpt.

National Security – Cdr. Grant B. Whiteley – U.S. Space Command's new leader warned of China's rapidly advancing space capabilities this week following meetings with his South Korean and Japanese counterparts.

"We're seriously focused at U.S. Space Command on our pacing challenge, which is the People's Republic of China," Space Force Gen. Stephen Whiting told reporters during an online press conference from Japan's capital Wednesday.

The Tokyo stop was part of a tour that has included visits to South Korea and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command in Hawaii. Beijing is "moving at breathtaking speed in space," Whiting said, noting that China is rapidly developing a range of counter-space weapons that threaten American space capabilities.

"They're also using space to make their terrestrial forces — their army, their navy, their marine corps, their air force — more precise, more lethal and more far-ranging," he said.

The general, who took charge of Space Command in January, also met Japanese Defense Minister Minoru Kihara and top military leaders. Whiting held up Japan's new Space Operations Group, which he also visited this week, as an example during his talks in Japan and South Korea.

"Their focus on space domain awareness along with ours to keep track of those threats in space that we see — and many of those are emanating from China — has put an impetus on us developing improved space domain awareness capability," he told reporters.

Japan is preparing to field a deep-space radar that will provide better understanding of what China is doing in space, Whiting said. The U.S. is partnering with Japan to launch new satellites that will monitor space from orbit, he said, adding that he visited a Mitsubishi satellite factory during his trip. Chinese activities on the Moon are also on Space Command's radar.

"Those appear to be exploratory and scientific on the surface, but the Chinese aren't very transparent with what they do in space," he said. "So, we hope there's not a military component to that, but we would certainly welcome more transparency."

Public Relations – Rebecca Shores – (E) No Rpt.

Alcohol & Drug Abuse – Jr. Vice Robert Caruso – No RPT.

POW/MIA – Lee Galloway – (P) No Rpt.

Special Olympics – Sr. Vice Bruce A. Early (P) - No Rpt.

VA/REHAB – Sr. Vice Bruce A. Early (P) - No RPT.

Boys State – Cdr. Whiteley – Stated that the Boys State dinner and briefing to be held at Post 205 at 6PM on Wednesday, May 22nd and Girls State dinner and briefing was to be held at Post 178 on Tuesday, May 21st at 6PM.

Baseball – Sgt-At-Arms Scott Perry (E) – No Rpt.

Inventory Chairman – Cdr Whiteley – Work in progress.

Legislative – Judge Advocate Henry Walters – No RPT.

7. BALLOTING ON APPLICATIONS & INITIATION OF CANDIDATES:

NONE

1. **Transfer #400:**
2. **Transfer Regular:**
3. **New Members:**

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

Made by _____ Seconded by _____

(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; and Archie R Bozeman who is in Hospice. Please keep them in your prayers as well the people on our Buddy Check Watch List.

B. BUDDY CHECK/WATCH LIST – PERFORMED - APRIL

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) (HOME)
3	Russell/Lisa Collins	YES	(Aux Pres Miriam Stein) (706)650-8838 (jomt1@bellsouth.net)
4	Lee Whitlock	YES	(Vice Cdr Caruso)
5	William Hackley	YES	(706)863-8699 (williamhackley@bellsouth.net)
6	James Brendle	YES	(Lounge Manager Frances Bowman)
7	Dale G Steidel	?	(706)869-2130
8	Miriam Stein	Yes	TC LeBlanc (706) 360-8941
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9. MEMORIAL TO A DEPARTED POST MEMBER:

A. **Commander:** “It is my sad duty to report that Comrade _____ has been called from our midst. He has 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 _____.

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 Comrade _____ who has 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 Comrade _____.

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 Comrade (Comrades). 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.** Motion: Need a Motion to drape the American Legion Post 178 Charter in honor of our recent and departed Legionnaire _____ to be effective from _____ until our next regular General Membership Meeting.

Made by _____
Seconded by _____

() FOR; (0) AGAINST) Motion Carried

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)

11. NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

- A. **Cdr Whiteley** - Request a motion from the floor to suspend normal business and proceed to the 2nd Nominations of Officers for Post 178 for the year 2024 – 2025.

Motion: Motion made to adjourn Made by Judge Advocate Henry Walters.
Seconded by Past Cdr Oscar Sims.

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

Nominations –The Floor is Open Up for Nominations of Post 178 Officers:

Commander - Are there any nominations for Commander. GRANT B. WHITELEY

Do You Accept? X Yes/No Are there any further nominations for Commander?

(After a reasonable pause) If not, nominations for the office of Commander are closed.

The Adjutant shall cast a single ballot for Grant Whiteley for the office of Commander.

Senior Vice Cdr - Are there any nominations for Senior Vice Cdr. Bruce Early

Do You Accept? X Yes/No Are there any further nominations for Senior Vice Cdr?

(After a reasonable pause) If not, nominations for the office Senior Vice Cdr are closed.

The Adjutant shall cast a single ballot for Bruce Early for the office of Senior Vice Cdr.

1st Jr Vice Cdr - Are there any nominations for 1st Jr Vice Cdr. Matthew Funsch

Do You Accept? X Yes/No. Are there any further nominations for 1st Jr Vice Cdr?

If not, nominations for the office of 1st Jr Vice Cdr. are closed.

The Adjutant shall cast a single ballot for Matthew Funsch for the office 1st Jr. Vice Cdr.

2nd Jr Vice Cdr - Are there any nominations for 2nd Jr Vice Cdr. Robert Caruso

Do You Accept? X Yes/No Are there any further nominations for 2nd Jr Vice Cdr?

(After a reasonable pause) If not, nominations for the office of 2nd Vice Cdr. are closed.

2nd Jr Vice Cdr - Are there any nominations for 2nd Jr Vice Cdr. Robert Ingham

Do You Accept? Yes/No X Are there any further nominations for 2nd Jr Vice Cdr?

(Robert Ingham withdrew his nomination for 2nd Jr. Vice Cdr.)

The Adjutant shall cast a single ballot for Robert Caruso for the office of 2nd Jr. Vice Cdr

3rd Jr. Vice Cdr _ Are there any nominations for 3rd Jr Vice Cdr. James Brendle

Do You Accept? X Yes/No. Are there any nominations for 3rd Jr Vice Cdr.?

Are there any further nominations for 3rd Jr Vice Cdr? (After a reasonable pause) If not, nominations for the office of 3rd Jr Vice Cdr. are closed.

The Adjutant shall cast a single ballot for James Brindle for the office of 3rd Jr. Vice Cdr

Adjutant - Are there any nominations for Adjutant? Theresa Brisker

Do You Accept? X Yes/No. Are there any further nominations for Adjutant?

(After a reasonable pause). If not, nominations for the office of Adjutant are closed.

The Adjutant shall cast a single ballot for Theresa Brisker for the office of Adjutant.

Judge Advocate - Are there any nominations for Judge Advocate. Henry Walters
Do You Accept? X Yes/No Are there any further nominations for Judge Advocate? (After a reasonable pause) If not, nominations for the office of Judge Advocate are closed.

The Adjutant shall cast a single ballot for Henry Walters for the office of Judge Advocate.

Finance Officer - Are there any nominations for Finance Officer. David Myer
Do You Accept? X Yes/No Are there any further nominations for Finance Officer? (After a reasonable pause) If not, nominations for the office of Finance Officer are closed.

The Adjutant shall cast a single ballot for David Myer for the office of Finance Officer.

SGT-AT-ARMS? Are there any nominations for SGT-AT-ARMS? TBA
Do You Accept? Yes/No Are there any nominations for SGT-AT-ARMS? (After a reasonable pause) If not, nominations for the office of SGT-AT-ARMS are closed.

The Adjutant shall cast a single ballot for TBA for the office of Sgt-At-Arms.

Executive Committee (5) – Are there any nominations for Executive Committee?
Paul Anderson Sr. Do You Accept? X Yes/No
Are there any nominations for Executive Committee.

Executive Committee - Are there any nominations for the Executive Committee.
Oscar Sims Do You Accept? X Yes/No

Executive Committee - Are there any nominations for the Executive Committee.
Henry King Do You Accept? X Yes/No

Executive Committee - Are there any nominations for the Executive Committee.
Raymond Johnson Do You Accept? X Yes/No

Executive Committee - Are there any nominations for the Executive Committee.
Lee Whitlock Do You Accept? X Yes/No

Executive Committee - Are there any nominations for the Executive Committee.
Charles Boggs Do You Accept? Yes/No

(Failed to show up for meeting to accept nomination for Executive Committee)

Are there any further nominations for Executive Committee? If not, nominations for the office of Executive Committee are closed.

The Adjutant shall cast a single ballot for Paul Anderson Sr., Oscar Sims, Henry King, Raymond Johnson, and Lee Whitlock for the office of Executive Committeemen.

Motion: Motion made to close the floor for nominations and return to Normal Business.

Made by Past Cdr Oscar Sims Seconded by Vice Cdr Matthew Funsch.

(18) FOR; (0) AGAINST) Motion Carried!

- B. Received letter from the National Commander thanking Post 178 for the gifts that was presented to him on the National Commanders Visit.**

C. **Commander Whiteley appointed:** John Ellis as Post Chaplain for 2024-2025 and Rober Ingham as the Post Historian for 2024 – 2025.

12. THE GOOD OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

- A. **Memorial Day:** Flags will be placed at Hillcrest 0730, 25th, May 2024, and afterwards Riders will be placing Flags Hephzibah – McBean Cemetery. We need support for these events.
- B. **Honoring Carter Burdell:** Flag will be placed at Carter Burdell burial site in Summerville on May 25th,2024.
- C. **American Legion Memorial Day Service:** Veteran’s Hill of Remembrance 27 May 2024, 11AM.
- D. **Mental Health Month** Take care of your mental health and remember AL Be The One Campaign

13. ADJOURNMENT

TIME: 19:51 hrs

Motion: Motion made to adjourned Made by EB Lee Whitlock,
Seconded by Sr. Vice Bruce A. Early.
(18) FOR; (0) AGAINST). Motion Carried!

Next month House Committee Meeting and Executive Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 4th, 2024. Next General Membership meeting will be on Tuesday, June 11th, 2024.

Theresa A. Brisker

Adjutant

Grant B. Whiteley

Commander