



7:00 PM
 THE AMERICAN LEGION
 CARTER BURDELL HAGLER POST 178, INC.
 3219 RICHMOND HILL ROAD
 AUGUSTA, GA 30906
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
 November 14^h, 2023

POSITION	NAME	OTHER
*COMMANDER	GRANT WHITELEY	<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u>
*ADJUTANT	THERESA BRISKER	
*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 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 – SIGN IN SHEET

OFFICERS: Grant B. Whiteley. Cmdr. (P); Sr. Vice Cmdr. Bruce Early (E); Michael Dwyer 1st Jr. Vice/Cmdr. (P); Robert Caruso 2nd Jr. Vice/Cmdr.(P); Jim Brendle 3rd Jr. Vice/Cmdr. (E); David Myer Finance Officer(E); Theresa Brisker Adjutant (P); 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 (P); Bruce A. Early (E)

MEMBERS: See Sign-In Sheet

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

OFFICERS: 10 **MEMBERS:** _____ **GUESTS:** 0 **TOTAL:** 10
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 October 10th, 2023 as distributed.

Made by Vice Cdr Robert Caruso Seconded by: Pst Cdr Oscar Sims.

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

Motion: To approve Executive Board Meeting minutes for November 7th, 2023 as distributed;

Made by Judge Advocate Henry Walters Seconded by: Sgt-At-Arms Scott Perry.

(10) 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:

11th District:

Post:

Prospective New Members:

New Members:

Transfers:

Other Guests:

5. OFFICER REPORTS

Commander: (Grant B. Whiteley) – SEE BELOW

Adjutant: (Theresa A, Brisker) – No Rpt

Sr. Vice Cmdr.: Bruce A. Early (E) – Membership is being processed now. At present we have 288 renewed and 11 awaiting to be processed. This puts the post membership at 81.1.0%.

1st Jr. Vice Cmdr. – Mike Dwyer – (P) No Rpt

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

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

Motion Made: To approve the Finance Report for the month of September 2023 subject to audit.
Made by Pst Cdr Oscar Sims Seconded by Vice Cdr Michael Dwyer.
(10) 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 – The Americanism Division represents two of the four pillars of the Legion – Americanism and Youth. It is guided by the National Americanism Commission, which meets three times a year. Programs and specific areas of work include American Legion Baseball, the National High School Oratorical Contest, Junior Shooting Sports, the Junior Law Cadet program, Boys State and Boys Nation, support for Boy Scouts of America, U.S. flag education and protection, voter awareness, and naturalization and citizenship of immigrants, along with a number of scholarship programs.

American Legion Baseball – Sgt At Arms Scott Perry - Legion Baseball to celebrate 100th anniversary in 2025 - The countdown is on to American Legion Baseball's 100th anniversary. The American Legion's National Executive Committee (NEC) passed Resolution 3 at the 2023 Fall Meetings to recognize American Legion Baseball's celebration of its 100th anniversary in 2025.

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 – December 2023

Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) Birthday Dec. 1 – CAP is a federally-supported non-profit corporation that has a congressional charter. The all-volunteer agency offers services that include assistance with search and rescue operations, emergencies, disaster relief, and education. Like members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, CAP members may find themselves involved in homeland security work in a non-enforcement-related way. Civil Air Patrol had proven itself. At the end of the war it was designated as the official Air Force civilian auxiliary, but with the caveat that the agency would never again be allowed to perform combat operations.

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Dec. 7 – The White House and all United States government buildings fly the American flag at half-mast as should all homes and private buildings to honor those who died in the attack at Pearl Harbor. Pearl Harbor survivors, associations and the military community typically commemorate the day with memorial services, wreath laying ceremonies and the retelling of the days' events. Many schools and museums have activities to educate students and the public on the historical importance of Pearl Harbor.

U.S. National Guard Birthday Dec. 13 - The National Guard: Older Than the United States Army The Air National Guard's Army Heritage Celebrating the Birthday of The National Guard. The National Guard includes the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. These two components have a mission to equip, train, and deploy when needed in emergencies for contingencies around the world. The National Guard Birthday will

be observed on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023. The Air National Guard will be observed on Monday, Sept. 18, 2023.

National Wreaths Across America Dec. 18 - In 2008, there were wreath laying events in every state. More than 300 locations including overseas cemeteries participated. That same year on Dec. 13, Congress designated Wreaths Across America Day. Fast forward to 2014 when more than 700,000 wreaths were presented at approximately a thousand sites which included Ground Zero in New York City. In 2014, Wreaths Across America and its national network of volunteers laid over 700,000 units. WAA accomplished this, according to the official site, with the help of more than two thousand fundraising groups, corporate contributions, and volunteers who donated their time and labor.

Christmas Day Dec. 25 – Christmas has long been celebrated in the military, even in times of war. Perhaps the most famous celebration of Christmas in the military is the Christmas Truce of 1914. Starting on Christmas Eve, troops on both the British and German sides began singing Christmas Carols to one another. The sounds of guns and cannons faded along the Western Front in Belgium and were replaced by holiday celebrations, albeit cautious ones, in the trenches. The Germans initiated this temporary “truce” and began with the singing of carols and placement of Christmas trees along the trenches. On Christmas morning, German soldiers emerged unarmed, calling out “Merry Christmas” to the Allied British soldiers in the trenches across no-man’s-land.

New Year’s Eve Dec. 31 - 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. MWR holds or sponsors New Year’s events on stateside bases as well as overseas bases, and families will discover that the cost of these events is far lower than their civilian counterparts in many areas. Naturally, MWR isn’t the only agency to organize New Year’s activities. Local commands, Family Support Centers, base chapels, and many other organizations on post or on board will hold their own celebrations. You can learn about these events via base official sites. At overseas bases there’s also a tradition of individual units holding informal, private parties for troops and families.

SAL Advisor – Finance Officer David Myer – No Rpt

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

Religious Emphasis – Chaplain Bill Crain – (E)

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 – Don’t Drink & Drive!

POW/MIA – Lee Galloway – (A)

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

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

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 High Schools in January 2024.

Inventory Chairman – Cdr Whiteley – Work in progress. New Steel Table in Pit Area, 3 Insulated Bags for District Meetings, and 3 New Beverage Dispensers.

Legislative – Judge Advocate Henry Walters (P) – 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 _____.

() 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 – October 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. 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** – Work in progress
- E. **Post Business Owner’s Insurance** – Received message from Bert Harbin (New Insurance Agent) stating that he has received the all the paperwork from the Post and the previous insurance company and that they have submitted applications to several carriers and will in touch with us when they get anything back.

11. NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

- A. **Piedmont Augusta Foundation** - Received a thank you letter for the first donation of \$1,350.00 on 9/26/2023 for the 2023 Miracle Mile Walk.
- B. **American Red Cross** – Received a thank you letter from the Red Cross for our donation of \$1,000 on June 20th, 2023.

12. THE GOOD OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

- A. Thanksgiving Day - November 23rd, 2023** – Sign Up Sheets for food donations are available in the lounge. Sample Menu is Turkey, Ham, Cranberry Sauce, Green Bean Casserole, Giblet Gravy, Devil Eggs, Mac & Cheese, Pumpkin Pie, Rolls & Butter, and Dessert. Menu still has to be approved by the Post and depends on food donations received.
- B. Christmas Boxes** – Boxes in the back of the hall are for the children at Fort Eisenhower Christmas House Program for Active-Duty children.
- C. Maui Food Bank** – Received letter of thank you for our generous donation.

13. ADJOURNMENT

TIME: 19:45 hrs

Motion: Motion made to adjourned Made by E-B Paul Anderson Sr.,
Seconded by E-B Raymond Johnson.
(10) 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, December 12th, 2023.

Theresa A. Brisker

Adjutant

Grant B. Whiteley

Commander