



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  
 September 12<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 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

CALL TO ORDER

TIME: 19:\_\_\_

# 2. ROLL CALL – SIGN IN SHEET

**OFFICERS:** Grant B. Whiteley. Cmdr. (P); Sr. Vice Cmdr. Bruce Early ( ); Michael Dwyer 1<sup>st</sup> Jr. Vice/Cmdr. (E); Robert Caruso 2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. Vice/Cmdr.( ); Jim Brendle 3<sup>rd</sup> Jr. Vice/Cmdr. ( ); David Myer Finance Officer( ); Teresa 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:** 13 **MEMBERS:** 3 **GUESTS:** 0 **TOTAL:** 16  
Nine (9) members of the Post shall constitute a quorum.

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

# 3. MINUTES

**READING OF MINUTES:** Cdr Whiteley suspended the Reading of Minutes to accommodate Ft. Gordon's 1<sup>st</sup> Lady, General Paul Stanton's Wife would like to address the membership.

**Motion:** To approve General Membership Meeting minutes for August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as distributed.  
Made by EB Whitlock Seconded by: Past Cdr Oscar Sims .

**(16) FOR: (0) AGAINST. Motion Carried.**

**Motion:** To approve Executive Board Meeting minutes for September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as distributed; Except for moving the effective date of November to January 2024. CDR requesting date to be moved so adequate cost-effective analysis can be done by the Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, the Finance Officer and the 1<sup>st</sup> Jr. Vice Commander as well proper notification & advertisement in the Oct – Dec Newsletters of the changed.

Made by Judge Advocate Henry Walters Seconded by: EB Henry King .

**(16) 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: 4**

**Transfers:**

**Other Guests:**

## 5. OFFICER REPORTS

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

**Adjutant: (Interim) –**

**Sr. Vice Cmdr.: Bruce A. Early** – Membership is being processed now. At present we have 218 renewed personnel to include PUFL which puts the post membership at 61.4%.

**1<sup>st</sup> Jr. Vice Cmdr.** – Mike Dwyer – (P) Kitchen New stainless steel table in the pit area.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. Vice Cmdr. Robert Caruso –**

**Finance: (Dave Myer)** – Finance Officer reported the finance reported for the month of August 2023 **not available until September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023:**

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

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

( ) 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) –**

**Americanism – Cdr Grant Whitley** – Labor Day was successful in supporting Veterans of the community. Many thanks go out to all the Volunteers who participated in this year Labor Day whom made this event a successful Post Labor Day.

**American Legion Baseball – Sgt At Arms Scott Perry -**

**Shooting Sports – Cdr. Grant B. Whiteley** – No compliance from Cross Creek or Hephzibah High Schools. The post will be getting with Cross Creek and Hephzibah High Schools at Post 63 on October 21<sup>st</sup>,2023 for encouraging both high schools for Oratorical, Shooting Sports, Boys State and Girls State student involvement.

**Oratorical Contest – Cdr Whiteley – Oratorical Contest Assigned Topics –**

Amendment II – A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Amendment XXIII – The District constituting the seat of Government of the United States shall appoint in such manner as the Congress may direct:

A number of electors of President and Vice President equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives in Congress to which the District would be entitled if it were a State, but in no event more than the least populous State; they shall be in addition to those appointed by the State, but they shall be considered, for the purposes of the election of President and Vice President, to be electors appointed by a State; and they shall meet in the District and perform such duties as provided by the twelfth article of amendment.

Amendment XXV, Section 3 – Whenever the President transmits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that he is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, and until he transmits to them a written declaration to the contrary, such powers and duties shall be discharged by the Vice President as Acting President.

Amendment V – No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, not be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

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

**Blood Donors** – Raymond Johnson and Joseph Weatherbee and his wife gave blood for August 2023.

**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. DOD has rated the first quarter of

2023 with a total of 176 Suicides: Amry Component – 94, Reserve Component 41, Reserve 18, and National Guard 23.

### **Patriotic Observance – September 2023**

**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 2, 2023 - V-J Day (Victory over Japan) -** Sept. 2, 1945 is the American date of VJ Day. Also known as Victory Over Japan Day, this date marks the formal surrender of Japan in World War Two aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

**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.

**September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Hispanic Heritage Month** - Every year, America celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, honoring the contributions and sacrifices Hispanic and Latino Americans have made to the nation, it's culture, and industry.

**September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - National POW/MIA Recognition Day** - The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) official site says more than 83,000 service members are missing from conflicts from World War Two to the present time. Of that number, the majority (more than 73,000) are missing from World War Two. The number of POW/MIAs from the Korean conflict number just above 7,000.

Vietnam has over 1,600 listed, with the Cold War at 126 servicemembers listed as POW/MIA. Conflicts since 1991 have six people still unaccounted for.

Of the more than 83,000 service members listed as POW/MIAs, approximately half are “presumed lost at sea” according to DPAA.mil. Roughly 75% of the entire number of POW/MIAs are thought to be in the Asia/Pacific theater of operations.

**September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Constitution Week** - Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> is the day when two important observances take place: Citizenship Day and Constitution Day. There is also Constitution Week which is observed the week of Sept. 17 – 23. The Library of Congress official site describes these observances as being created to both commemorate the signing of the Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787, and “recognize all who, by coming of age or by naturalization, have become citizens.” During this time, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services “encourages Americans to reflect on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and what it means to be a U.S. citizen.”

**September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Air Force (USAF) Birthday** – The official Air Force Birthday is recognized as Sept. 18, 1947, the date of the passage of the National Security Act of 1947. That legislation created what would later become to known as the United States Department of Defense. This established the United States Air Force as a separate branch of military service. The 75<sup>th</sup> Air Force Day will be celebrated on Monday, Sept. 18, 2023.

**September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Air National Guard Birthday** - 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.

**September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Gold Star Mother's Day** - Gold Star Mother's Day is observed on the last Sunday in September which will be Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023. Gold Star Mother's Day is intended to recognize and honor those mothers who have lost a son or daughter in the service of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Each year there are events and meetings to publicly express love, sorrow and reverence toward Gold Star Mothers and their families. Flags are also mandated to be displayed on government buildings on this day. Army.mil says Gold Star Mother's Day is intended "to recognize and honor those who have lost a son or daughter in the service of the U.S. Armed Forces".

**September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - VFW Day** - The third Friday in September is recognized as POW/MIA Day, a time to remember the sacrifices of prisoners of war (POW) and servicemembers who are missing in action (MIA). Until 1979, there was no formal recognition day set aside for these important men and women in uniform. POW/MIA Day will be observed on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023.

**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 – A Case for Greater U.S. Engagement in Central Asia** - Since the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, Central Asia's general perception of the United States has been that it's a transient and opportunistic foreign power. Polling (PDF) on Central Asian public opinion of great powers (Russia, China, and the U.S.) from 2017–19 was not favorable for the United States. On a 100-point scale, with 100 meaning "very favorable," the average opinion of the U.S. in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan was in the 50s and at 76 in Turkmenistan. In all countries, public opinion on the U.S. lagged behind Russia and China. This data was, notably, collected before Russia's 2022 full-scale invasion of Ukraine. However, a decrease in support for Russia does not necessarily translate to an increase in support for the United States.

Central Asia's souring relations with Russia and growing skepticism of Chinese influence have created a window of opportunity for the U.S. to bolster its image through greater long-term investment in the region. Because the U.S. is unlikely to outspend China or even Russia, its approach needs to be deliberate and focused on areas where it can see the greatest return on investment.

**Public Relations – CSRA Veterans Day Parade scheduled for Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 10 – 11 AM**  
Assembly area on Green Street from 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Steets, the Starting Location will be from the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> Stree and Green Streets (near Sacred Heart Cultural Center), Ending at the All Wars Moument at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Broad Streets. Safety Issue being Parade units should disband prior to 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Gordon Hwy.

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

**POW/MIA** – Lee Galloway –

**Special Olympics** – Sr. Vice Bruce A. Early –

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

**Boys State** – Cdr. Whiteley – Georgia Boys State is a comprehensive one week course in state and local government and is a program of the American Legion Department of Georgia. The propose date for the program is June 9 -17, 2024 and will be held at Valdosta State University in Valdosta.

**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 – No RPT.

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

1. **Transfer #400:**
2. **Transfer Regular:**
3. **New Members:** Latasha Bent, USA, GW\_TERRORISM (EB Paul Anderson); Roger Clark, USA, GW\_TERRORISM (Thomasena); Ryan Olchhausen, Navy, GW\_TERRORISM (Thomasena); Freddie Williams, Army, Panama (L. Dawson); Gwenette S. Thomas, (Adjutant Theresa Brisker).

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

Made by Sgt At Arms Scott Perry Seconded by Judge Advocate Henry Walters.  
**(16) 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 – September 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)

## 9. MEMORIAL TO A DEPARTED POST MEMBER:

**A. Commander:** “It is my sad duty to report that Comrade \_Ennis Dudley\_ 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 Comrade David Moon.

**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 Ennis Dudley 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 \_Ennis Dudley\_.

**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 Ennis Dudley. 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. 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.

**E. 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.

**F. 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.

**G. 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 continuing research for additional umbrella insurance to cover any situation.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

A. NONE

## 12. THE GOOD OF THE AMERICAN LEION

A. **Million Veteran Program (MVP)** VA's **Million Veteran Program (MVP)** is a national research program looking at how genes, lifestyle, military experiences, and exposures affect health and wellness in Veterans. Since launching in 2011, more than 950,000 Veterans have joined MVP. It's the largest research effort at VA to improve health care for Veterans and one of the largest research programs in the world studying genes and health. MVP researchers use genetic, health, lifestyle, and military background information to understand how genes affect health and illness. Understanding differences in our genes can help explain why some people get diseases and respond to certain treatments while others don't. This can also help health care providers offer better preventative care and treatments of illnesses and disease. Individual genetic information is not currently returned to our MVP partners. However, Veterans, families, and their providers can use findings from MVP to make important health care decisions. Take the Survey!

B.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**TIME: 19: hrs**

**Motion:** Motion made to adjourned Made by EB PAUL ANDERSON SR.  
Seconded by Vice Commander James Brendle  
**(16) FOR; (0) AGAINST). Motion Carried!**

**Next Month House Committee & Executive Meeting will be on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.**  
**Next Month General Membership meeting will be on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

*Grant B. Whiteley*

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Adjutant

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Commander