



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
 JULY 11th, 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:___

2. ROLL CALL

OFFICERS: Grant B. Whiteley. Cmdr. (P); Sr. Vice Cmdr. Bruce Early (); Michael Dwyer 1st Jr. Vice/Cmdr. (); Robert Caruso 2nd Jr. Vice/Cmdr.(); Jim Brendle 3rd Jr. Vice/Cmdr. (); David Myer Finance Officer(); Teresa Brisker Adjutant (); Henry Walters, Judge Advocate(); Scott Perry Sgt-At-Arms (); **Robert Beaty (E); William Crain Chaplain (E) ; Chris Robinson IT Tech (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:** ___ **TOTAL:** _____
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 1st Lady, General Paul Stanton's Wife would like to address the membership.

Motion: To approve General Membership Meeting minutes for JUNE 13th, 2023 as distributed.
Made by _____ Seconded by: _____.

(15) FOR: (1) AGAINST. Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the Executive Board Minutes dated MTG CANCELLED as distributed.
Made by _____ N/A _____ Seconded by: _____ N/A _____.

(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:

11th District:

Post:

Prospective New Members:

New Members:

Transfers:

Other Guests:

5. OFFICER REPORTS

Commander: (Grant B. Whiteley) – SEE BELOW

Adjutant: (Interim) – N/A

Sr. Vice Cmdr.: Bruce A. Early – Our Membership is now for the fiscal year Jul 2023 – Jun 2024. Cards are in but have not been given the authorization to start processing them due to an error at National which will be straighten out within the next two weeks.

1st Jr. Vice Cmdr. – Mike Dwyer -

2nd Jr. Vice Cmdr. Robert Caruso –

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

Motion Made: To approve the Finance Report for the month of June 2023 has not been released by the CPA will have both June & July 2023 next month _____ 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 –

American Legion Baseball - Twenty years ago, Jay Heafner was a star player on an American Legion World Series runner-up, was two years away from winning a top college honor and three years away from beginning his professional baseball career.

Now 39, Heafner's current job is watching amateur baseball players — including going to American Legion baseball games — as a scout in the Texas Rangers' organization.

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

Oratorical Contest – Cdr Whiteley – Young orators earn some of the most generous college scholarships available to high school students. Over \$203,500 in scholarships can be awarded each year. The overall national contest winner gets a \$25,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$22,500, and third gets \$20,000. Each department (state) winner who is certified into and participates in the national contest's first round receives a \$2,000 scholarship. Those who advance past the first round receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship. The American Legion's National Organization awards the scholarships, which can be used at any college or university in the United States.

High school students under age 20 are eligible. Competition begins at the post level and advances to a state competition. Legion department representatives certify one winner per state to the national contest, where department winners compete against each other in two speaking rounds. The contest caps off with a final round that decides the three top finishers.

Subjects have not been assigned to date.

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

Blood Donors – No Rpt.

Military Suicides - Suicides in the active-duty military increased in the first three months of 2023 compared to the same time last year, according to a newly released Pentagon report.

The Defense Suicide Prevention Office revealed in its quarterly report that the overall number of active-duty suicides — 94 — from January through March was up 25% compared to the number of troops — 75 — who took their own lives in the first three months of 2022.

"Every death by suicide is a tragedy," according to the report. "Data includes all known or suspected suicides (both confirmed and pending) as of March 31, 2023."

The Army had the greatest increase in suicide deaths, from 37 to 49. The Marine Corps increased from eight to 14. The Air Force had one additional suicide compared to 2022 and there was no change for the Navy or Space Force, the Defense Department report states.

Patriotic Observance – July 2023

July 25th, 2023 - National Hire A Veteran Day

July 27th, 2023 - National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

July 28th, 2023 - National Buffalo Soldiers Day

July 29th, 2023 - Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary

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 – Things to Know, July 10, 2023

1. **A U.S. drone strike** - killed an Islamic State group leader in Syria hours after the same MQ-9 Reaper drones were harassed by Russian military jets over the western part of the country, according to the Defense Department. Three Reapers had been flying overhead searching for the militant on Friday, a U.S. defense official said, when they were harassed for about two hours by Russian aircraft. Shortly after that, the drones struck and killed Usamah al-Muhajir, who was riding a motorcycle in the Aleppo region, said the official, who was not authorized to publicly discuss the matter and spoke on condition of anonymity to describe details of the military operation.
2. **North Korea on Monday accused the United States** of violating its airspace with reconnaissance aircraft and warned that Pyongyang may shoot them down in the future. North Korea claimed U.S. surveillance aircraft, including the crewed RC-135 and unmanned RQ-4 Global Hawk, flew over waters east and west of the Korean Peninsula between July 2 and Sunday "to conduct provocative aerial espionage," according to a statement from the country's Defense Ministry published Monday by the state-run Korean Central News Agency.
3. **South Korea's president says** - it's time to clearly demonstrate strong international resolve to deter North Korea's nuclear ambitions, and he plans to discuss how to cope with the North's expanding weapons arsenal with NATO leaders this week. Yoon Suk Yeol will attend the annual NATO summit being held this year in Vilnius, Lithuania, on Tuesday and Wednesday as part of a two-nation trip that includes a stop in Poland.

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

Alcohol & Drug Abuse – Jr. Vice Robert Caruso –

POW/MIA – Lee Galloway –

Special Olympics – Sr. Vice Bruce A. Early – Golden Age Games Donald Preston participated in the Installation by being a guest speaker and showed all his awards that he has won in the Golden Age Games. In addition, showed his gratitude to the Post for supporting his endeavor every year.

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

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:

No Report

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; Ennis Dudley and 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 – JUNE 2023

| NO | NAME | PERFORMED YES/NO | REMARKS |
|----|-------------|---------------------|---|
| 1 | Oscar Sims | YES | (706)840-4856) (gsims16990@att.net) |
| 2 | Chuck Hafey | YES | (Dave Myer/Oscar Sims) (706)793-2337 |

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|----|----------------------|-----|---|
| 3 | William Crain | YES | (706)592-6744) (wmcrule62@aol.com) |
| 4 | Malcom Kelly | YES | (Lounge Manager Frances Bowman) |
| 5 | Russell/Lisa Collins | YES | (Aux Pres Miriam Stein) (706)650-8838) (jomt1@bellsouth.net) |
| 6 | Ron Ness | YES | EB Henry King |
| 7 | Lee Whitlock | YES | (Vice Cdr Caruso) |
| 8 | William Hackley | YES | (706)863-8699) (williamhackley@bellsouth.net) |
| 9 | James Brendle | YES | (Lounge Manager Frances Bowman) |
| 10 | Ennis Dudley | ? | Sassy - 3201 Kevin Dr., Augusta, GA 30906-4909 (No Phone) |

9. MEMORIAL TO A DEPARTED POST MEMBER:

NONE

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 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 David Moon 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. 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** – Commander ready to order Gravel (New Business).
- E. Driveway – Mr. Watkins came out to give a bid on repair of the driveway. However, French drains is not one of his expertise. He has another contractor who will come in and form a bid for two French drains for the driveway.

11. NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

- A. **Basement Offices** - Received bid from Austin Day Electric for renovating the basement with a new electrical panel, wall outlets for three offices to include on/off and lighting.

Motion: Motion made to allocate up to \$2,500.00 for the electrical upgrade of the Basement.

Made by _____ Seconded by _____.

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

- B. **Turkey Shoot Area** – Request enough funds for the ordering of three truckloads of cheap gravel around \$2,500 delivery and to include the rental of a 1,700-2,000 lb. Compact Track Loader for a Weekly Rate of \$1,211 or monthly rate of \$2,749 which does not include delivery and pickup charges.

Motion: Motion made to allocate up to \$5,000.00 for the upgrade of the Turkey Shoot area by placing gravel from the target line back to under the enclosed area of the target area.

Made made to allocate upto \$5,000.00 for the renovation of the Turkey Shoot Area
made by _____ Seconded by _____.
() FOR; (0) AGAINST) Motion Carried!

- C. Driveway French Drain – Awaiting estimate for one or two French drains to be put in the driveway to offset the water going off the driveway onto the grass area to slowdown the erosion rate.

Made made to allocate upto \$5,000.00 for the renovation of the Turkey Shoot Area
made by _____ Seconded by _____.
() FOR; (0) AGAINST) Motion Carried!

12. THE GOOD OF THE AMERICAN LEION

13. ADJOURNMENT **TIME: 19: hrs**

Motion: Motion made to adjourned Made by _____
Seconded by _____
() FOR; (0) AGAINST). Motion Carried!

The Nest House Committee Executive Meeting will be on August 1st, 2023.
Next General Membership meeting will be on Tuesday, August 8th, 2023.

Grant B. Whiteley

Adjutant

Commander