



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
January 10th, 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)	VACANT	*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	TBD	
CHAPLAIN	WILLIAM CRAIN	(*) Members of Executive Committee
HISTORIAN	VACANT	(8) Members constitute E.C. quorum
I.T. OFFICER	CHRISTOPHER ROBINSON	(9) Members constitute G.M. quorum
PAST/CMDR	CURRENT	

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 (E); 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 (E); **William Crain Chaplain (E); Chris Robinson IT Tech (E)**

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

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

MEMBERS: See Sign-In Sheet

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

OFFICERS: 13 MEMBERS: 1 GUESTS: 0 TOTAL: 14

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 December 13th, 2022 as distributed.
Made by E-Brd Paul Anderson Sr. Seconded by: Vice Cdr James Brendle
(10) FOR: (0) AGAINST. Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the Executive Board Minutes dtd December 6th, 2022 as distributed.
Made by Vice Cdr James Brendle Seconded by: Past Cdr Oscar Sims
(10) FOR: (0) AGAINST. Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the Special Executive Board Minutes dtd December 23rd, 2022 as distributed.
Made by E-Brd Raymond Johnson Seconded by: Past Cdr Oscar Sims
(10) FOR: (0) AGAINST. Motion Carried.

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

Fort Gordon, GA: None

Department of GA: None

11th District: None

Politician – None

Post: None

Prospective New Members: None

New Members: None

Regular Transfers: None

5. OFFICER REPORTS

Commander: (Grant B. Whiteley) – SEE BELOW

Adjutant: –

Sr. Vice Cmdr.: Bruce A. Early (E) – Membership 316 Paid at 84.27% this period.

1st Jr. Vice Cmdr. Mike Anderson – R.I.P. with membership prayers.

2nd Jr. Vice Cmdr. Robert Caruso – New Years Eve party was successful. However not many members supported. Requesting members to support events that the post host. We need support for upcoming low country boil on Saturday. Come out and support Frances Bowman her mother Kitty Bowmans memorial service will be here tomorrow.

Chaplain William Crain (E) –

Finance: (Dave Myer) – Finance Officer reported the finance reported for the month of October 2022.

Motion Made: To approve the Finance Report for the month of November 2022 subject to audit.

Made by _____ Seconded by Not Available at this time.

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

Sgt-at-Arms: (Scott Perry) (P) - No Report.

Judge Advocate: (Henry Walters) (P) – No Report.

Service Officer: – TBD

IT Officer: (Christopher Robinson) – (E)

6. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN’S REPORTS:

A.L.R. Chairman: (Lee Galloway) (P) –

Americanism – Cdr Grant Whitley – Phone and Email Scammers: Recognizing the signs of a scam can help you avoid falling victim to one. These scams primarily use the telephone to contact you, but scammers may also use email, text messages, social media, or U.S. mail. Scammers pretend to be from an agency or organization you know to gain your trust. Scammers say there is a problem with your Social Security number or account. Scammers pressure you to act immediately. Scammers tell you to pay in a specific way.

Shooting Sports – Cdr. Grant B. Whiteley – No Return on the letters that went out to both Cross Creek and Hephzibah High Schools.

Oratorical Contest – Cdr Whiteley – No Return on the letters that went out to letters went out to both Cross Creek and Hephzibah High Schools.

School Awards – Cdr Whiteley – – No Return on the letters that went out to letters went out to both Cross Creek and Hephzibah High Schools.

Blood Donors – The American Legion’s annual Holiday Blood Donor Drive ended on Dec. 31. During this time, American Legion Family members were encouraged to give blood and host blood drives as part of the American Legion Blood Donor Program – an organizational effort that has existed since 1946 to help a lifesaving cause. The AL 178 had two people to donate during the month of December Mr. Raymond Johnson and Mr. Joe Weatherbee.

Patriotic Observance – Cdr Whiteley – No Report

February 4 - Birthday of the USO

February 14th – Valentine’s Day

February 22 - George Washington was born on February 22nd -- his birthday was noted as a federal holiday from 1879 until 1971.

SAL Advisor – Finance Officer David Myer – SAL having a Fish Fry 27 January 2023. Please support, the meals are \$13.00.

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

Religious Emphasis – Chaplain Bill Crain – (E)

Children & Youth – Cdr Whiteley – Children’s Xmas party went very well by having 78 children celebrating Christmas last month. In addition, the lounge children equally had a wonderful Christmas.

Employment – Rebecca Shores – (E) - [Jobs for Vets – American Legion – Veterans Services \(georgialeion.org\)](http://georgialeion.org), and/or [VETERANS RESOURCES/AUGUSTA \(gapost178.org\)](http://VETERANS_RESOURCES/AUGUSTA_gapost178.org).

National Security – Cdr. Grant B. Whiteley – A ‘space coalition of the willing’ to counter Russian, Chinese threats – Operation Global Sentinel is designed to “improve operational collaboration and promote responsible behavior in the space domain,” according to U.S. Space Command. Participating nations include the United States, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Israel, Spain, Finland, France, United Kingdom, Greece, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Netherlands, Norway, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, Thailand and Ukraine. (On a related note, Air & Space Forces Magazine reports that the Space Force and U.S. Space Command are forging ties with the militaries of Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Peru.)

On Dec. 23, 2022, the president signed the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2023 into law. The final version of the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) improves military readiness, eliminates the vaccine mandate for service members, and removes many “woke” requests from earlier versions, though some bad policies—such as watered-down bans on Chinese semiconductors—remain. Lawmakers should focus on warfighting and lethality and reject issues unrelated to those areas. Overall, the final NDAA is a bill that conservatives can support. The NDAA includes an increased topline of \$858 billion, providing vital funding as the U.S. counters growing global threats, particularly from China and Russia.

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

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

POW/MIA – Lee Galloway – (P) No Report.

Special Olympics – Sr. Vice Bruce A. Early – (E) No Report.

VA/REHAB – Sr. Vice Bruce A. Early – (E) No Report

Boys State – Cdr. Whiteley – TBD - No Return on the letters that went out to both Cross Creek and Hephzibah High Schools.

Inventory Chairman – Cdr Whiteley – Work in progress however, need to remove damage chairs from Tybee Island Wedding. A letter send to nsurance company regarding the damaged chairs.

American Legion Baseball back to Georgia - Sgt-at-Arms: (Scott Perry) – Wiil request a letter from from Mr. Orr to get what specifics help he wants fro Post 178 to support AL baseball.

Legislative – Judge Advocate Henry Walters – No Report

7. BALLOTING ON APPLICATIONS & INITIATION OF CANDIDATES:

1. **Transfer #400:** None
2. **Transfer Regular:** (1) Rebecca L. Lewis, USA, Lebanon/Grenada from GA Post 135
3. **New Members:** (1) Margaret Van Egmond, USA Gulf War, Panama, Lebanon/Grenada

Motion: Motion made to accept new members into Post 178

Made by Past Oscar Sims Seconded by Judge Advocate Henry Walters

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

Post Commander: “We will now proceed with the initiation. The sergeant-at-arms will escort the following new members into the meeting hall and place them properly before the flag.”

8. SICK CALL, RELIEF & EMPLOYMENT:

- A. SICK CALL – Please keep the following people in your prayers: Chaplain Bill Crain who is continually on dialysis and is back in the hospital along and Fred Zamora from Post 205 who is helped all posts at one time or another . Please keep them in your prayers as well the people on our Buddy Check Watch List.
- B. BUDDY CHECK/WATCH LIST – PERFORMED – AUGUST 2022

NO	NAME	PERFORMED YES/NO	REMARKS
1	Oscar Sims	YES	(706)840-4856) (gsims16990@att.net)
2	Chuck Hafey	NO	(In the Blue Goose – Sr. Vice Cdr Bruce Early)
3	William Crain	YES	(706)592-6744) (wmcrule62@aol.com)
4	Robert Beaty	YES	(Vice Cdr Caruso) (706)836-3320) (thor753@yahoo.com)
5	Malcom Kelly	YES	(Lounge Manager Frances Bowman) Or Doyle (706-872-6307)
6	Pat Garrett	YES	(Aux Pres Miriam Stein) (706)650-8838) (jomt1@bellsouth.net)
7	Russell/Lisa Collins	YES	(Aux Pres Miriam Stein) (706)650-8838) (jomt1@bellsouth.net)
8	Ron Ness	NO	Need phone number
9	William Hackley	YES	(706)863-8699) (williamhackley@bellsouth.net)
10	James Brendle	YES	(Lounge Manager Frances Bowman)
11	Timmy Bours	YES	Sassy Bours (706-550-3232)
12	Ennis Dudley	NO	No Phone or Email to get hold of him

9. MEMORIAL TO A DEPARTED POST MEMBER:

Ceremony for Draping American Legion Charter

Commander: “It is my sad duty to report that Gary A. Huffman has (have) been called from our midst. (He/She They has/have) gone to the Commander of us all in Post Everlasting. Before proceeding with other business of this meeting, we will drape the charter in memory of Gary A. Huffman.

Sgt-At-Arms, obtain the drape in preparation for draping the charter.”

The **Commander** raps the **gavel three times.**

Commander: “**Sgt-At-Arms,** you will now drape our charter in memory of our beloved Gary A. Huffman who has (have) passed on.

The Sergeant-At-Arms drapes the charter.

Commander: “By this act we, as members of Carter Burdell Hagler American Legion Post 178, Department of Georgia, proclaim solemn tribute to our departed friend (s). Hand Salute! Two! After “Two,” the 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 friend (s). 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.

The Commander raps the gavel once and announces that the meeting will continue.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Cdr Whiteley** – Door Frame – 90% has been repaired and awaiting the metal cover to be put on Donald Huffman. Our sincere appreciation and thanks to Donald.
- B. **Air Curtain -Vice Cdr Robert Caruso** - Under Suspension VOCO
- C. **Lounge Info Center/Bulletin Board** - Under Suspension VOCO
- D. **Office Reorganization** – Phase 2 on hold. (Work in Progress)
- E. **Turkey Shoot Area** – To be started when the turkey shoot season stops.

11. NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

- A. **2023 RAISES** – Finance Officer David Myer proposes to raise all employees hourly wage by \$.50 and the Manager by \$.75 for 2023. Cynthia – from \$8.25 to \$9.00; Frances from \$16.25 to \$17.50; Lyla Sills from \$8.25 to \$8.75; Sheri from \$9.50; Susan from \$9.25 to \$9.75; Tina from \$8.25 to \$8.75..

Motion: Motion made to raise the all employees wages by \$.50 and the Manager by \$.75.

Made by Finance Officer David Myer Seconded by Vice Cdr James Brendle

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

B. Auxiliary Storage Container – The Auxiliary voted on applying \$2,500.00 towards a 40’ Storage Container. A need motion to donate another \$1,500.00 towards the order. At the present time, Containers are costing around \$3,475.00 not counting delivery. If it is more, then we will bring it up at the E-Board Meeting.

Motion: Motion made to add an additional a \$2,000.00 towards ordering the 40’ Storage Container.
Made by Vice Cdr James Brendle Seconded by Past Cdr Oscar Sims
(10) FOR; (0) AGAINST) Motion Carried!

C. New WIFI Extension System – Augusta Computer Experts – A quote for \$1,777.95 for the installation of the system but does not include the wiring which is a subcontractor arranged by Augusta Computer Experts. Need a motion for the post to authorize the complete installation not to exceed \$2,500.

Motion: Motion made to add an additional a \$2,500.00 towards ordering the 40’ Storage Container.
Made by Vice Cdr Robert Caruso Seconded by Vice Cdr James Brendle
(10) FOR; (0) AGAINST) Motion Carried!

D. Annual Registration – GA Annual Registration for Corporation is due for 2023. I have already went on line and submitted fees for 2023, 2024, and 2025.

E. Richmond County Board of Assessors – Received our annual Business Personal Property Tax which will given to Murphy & Murphy for review and submission.

F. IRS – Received a bill from the IRS taxes owed to them for the amount of \$10.79. This will also be turned over to Murphy & Murphy for review and submission.

G. FIRE TRUCK MASCOT – Request the post add \$500.00 to the budget for yearly upkeep of the fire truck which is being used for different post functions.

Motion: Motion made to add \$500.00 towards the upkeep of the Fire Truck on a yearly basis.
Made by Past Cdr Oscar Sims Seconded by E-Brd Raymond Johnson
(7) FOR; (3) AGAINST) Motion Carried!

H. GAS ALLOWANCE - Add a maintenance budget for gas to the kitchen supervisor (Cynthia Anderson) for all the running every week for the post.

Motion: Motion made to add \$100.00 to the Kitchen a month for gas towards the kitchen supervisor (Cythia Anderson) for all the running every week for the post.
Made by Finance Officer Oscar Sims Seconded by Past Cdr Oscar Sims
(10) FOR; (0) AGAINST) Motion Carried!

12. THE GOOD OF THE AMERICAN LEION

- A. January 14th – SAL retreat at Tybee Island
- B. January 14th - Low Country Boil to support new trailer and renovation of bar top.
- C. February 4th - Polar Bear Ride – Saturday 8 AM Registration and Breakfast.
- D. February 5th – The 11th District Four Chaplains Ceremony starting at 1PM doors open at 12:30 hrs.
- E. February 9th – The 11th District Executive Meeting at 7 PM Post 505
- F. February 12th – Superbowl Sunday

13. ADJOURNMENT

TIME: 20:08 hrs

Motion: Motion made to adjourned Made by E-Brd Lee Whitlock
Seconded by E-Brd Paul Anderson Sr.
(10) FOR; (0) AGAINST). Motion Carried!

Nest EB Board & House Committee Meeting which was schedule on Tuesday, February 7th, 2023

Next General Membership meeting will be on Tuesday, February 14th, 2023.

Theresa A. Brisker

Adjutant

Grant B. Whiteley

Commander