

American Legion Post 211 – General Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order on July 2, 2025 at 1907 hrs.

Posting of the Colors

Opening Prayer led by the Commander

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commander

In-unison reading of the Preamble. The meeting was declared open by the Commander.

Roll Call of Officers:

Present:

Commander – Mike Schrull

Adjutant – Chuck Vandevender

1st Vice and Membership Chairman – Joe Rada

Finance Officer – Chuck Vandevender

Service Officer – Will Smith

Sargent at Arms – Tom Vinci

Trustee – Steve Mainger

Excused:

2nd Vice – Mike Connole

Chaplain – Gary Garner

Trustee – Ken Karpy

Trustee – Jim Votruba

Commander advised that there was a quorum

Reading of the Minutes:

- Adjutant read the Minutes from the past meeting. No discussion or changes were noted. The Minutes were accepted without change.

Financial Report:

- 1st Vice provided the financial report based on current bank statements.
- Finance Officer read a statement from the Bookkeeper indicating progress of checking account updates, and in process of completing required tax filings.
- Commander requested discussion, there was none, he declared the Financial Report accepted as read.

Sick Call:

- Commander led a discussion of new names to be added to Sick Call.
- Comments from the Floor included updates for existing names on Sick Call.

Introduction of Guests and New Members:

- No Guests or New Members present.

Communications:

- 1st Vice read the names of three persons requesting membership. A Motion was made to accept the three as new members. Membership voted to accept.
- Current membership stands at 731. Quota is 739. Membership ended the year at 99% of quota. Next month begins a new "Quota Year" with a new goal determined by the Ohio American Legion.
- 1st Vice noted a touching Thank You letter including a picture from a child and family who participated in a Kids in Flight plane ride. Post 211 donates money to Kids in Flight, as well as working the event on the day. 1st Vice invited Members to volunteer in the festivities next year. Also invited to participate in a fund-raising event at Top Golf on September 27. See 1st Vice for details.

Committee Reports:

Honor Guard Report:

- 1st Vice requested help from personnel in the Honor Guard to participate in Posting the Colors at Avon Lake's Independence Day festivities. Contact Chuck Williams for details.

Scholarship Report:

- 1st Vice reported there were 5 renewals for college freshman at \$4000 each, and 4 new scholarships to High School seniors for college or Trade Schools at \$4000 each, \$36,000 in total.

VSO Report:

- VSO stated that anybody with questions should contact him for assistance.

Legislative Report:

- No report

Buildings and Grounds Report:

- Commander reported our Grant request for Automatic Power Doors should be ruled on in July.

Old Business:

- Discussion and reminder that a Motion was made, seconded, and approved by the Membership at the June Membership Meeting, that drink chips will be awarded weekly to Trivia Night winners in the amount of thirty \$2.00 drink chips.

New Business:

- No new business was discussed.

Discussion for the Good of the Order:

- Commander discussed Flag protocol when Post 211 members attend functions at other Posts, including when to salute the American Flag and rules for breaking the plane after the Flag is posted.
- Auxilliary – Discussion regarding Christmas in July event
- SAL – Reminder of the Pig Roast in October
- Canteen Manager led a discussion regarding who can and who cannot use the gambling machines

Closing Prayer led by the Commander

Closing Ceremony – Retiring of the Colors

Meeting adjourned by the Commander at 2017 hrs.

Reported by Adjutant – Chuck Vandevender