

American Legion Post 211 – General Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order on November 5, 2025 at 1911 hrs.

Posting of the Colors

Opening Prayer led by the Chaplain

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 and Finance Officer – Chuck Vandevender

1<sup>st</sup> Vice and Membership Chairman – Joe Rada

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Mike Connole

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chuck Williams

Chaplain – Gary Garner

Service Officer – Will Smith

Trustee – Ken Karpy

Trustee – Steve Mainger

Trustee – Jim Votruba

Excused:

Sargent at Arms – Tom Vinci

Commander advised there was a quorum present.

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:

- Bookkeeper Gabe Kemble provided a Treasurer's Report which included financial balances and listed donations made by Post 211.
- Commander requested discussion, there was none, he declared the Financial Report accepted as read.

Sick Call:

- The Chaplain led a discussion of existing names and new names to be added to Sick Call.

Introduction of Guests and New Members:

- No guests or new members were present.

#### Communications:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice read the names of two persons requesting membership. A Motion was made to accept, voted on, and passed.
- Membership stands at 435. Membership target for 2026 is 732. We're at 59% of quota.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice read Thank You notes received from organizations Post 211 donated to. All were appreciative and commented on our generous donations.

#### Committee Reports:

##### Honor Guard Report:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice stated that American Flags were hung at the overpass above Route 90. They'll be up for another couple of days and then he'll need help taking them down.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice shared upcoming Honor Guard activities regarding Veteran's Day, Pearl Harbor Day, and Wreaths Across America.
- See Chuck Williams for details and participation in upcoming Honor Guard events that Post 211 will participate in.

##### Scholarship Report:

- New scholarship forms for High School Seniors are available in the Canteen.

##### VSO Report:

- The government is shut down; however, the VA is opening up.
- VSO stated the VA office is open for business between 0830 and 1600 daily. Anybody with questions should contact him for assistance.

##### Legislative Report:

- Not much going on at the Federal level.
- House Bill 92 legislation was discussed by Trustee Karpy.
- Status of House Bill 22 is in committee but not progressing at the moment.

##### Buildings and Grounds Report:

- Trustee Votruba reported the Pavilion is in under construction and will be completed in 2025.

##### Old Business:

- No reports or discussions.

##### New Business:

- No reports of discussions.

##### Discussion for the Good of the Order:

- The Commander again discussed the "Be the One" program regarding veteran suicide. He suggested that each of us call or contact fellow veterans that we haven't seen in a while to stay in touch. Let's do our part to help reduce Veteran suicide.
- The Commander noted that the Honor Guard can use more volunteers. Contact Chuck Williams if you are interested being a member of the Honor Guard. Pass the word.
- Commander of the Sons – No report
- Auxiliary – Trunk or Treat and the Pig Roast were well attended. Police and Fire Department personnel participated in Trunk or Treat activities.

- The Commander stated that our Post will donate \$5000 to each family of the three Lorain Officers involved in a shooting in Lorain County. We will make the presentations to the families at our General Membership meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup> General Membership meeting. Please pass the word.

Closing Prayer led by the Chaplain

Closing Ceremony – Retiring of the Colors by the Service Officer

Meeting adjourned by the Commander at 2014 hrs.

Respectfully submitted by the Adjutant