

American Legion Post 211 – General Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order on December 3, 2025 at 1903 hrs.

Posting of the Colors by the Sargent at Arms

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commander

Opening Prayer led by the Chaplain

Moment of Silence for POWs and MIAs

In-unison reading of the Preamble. A quorum was present and the meeting was declared open by the Commander.

The Adjutant made a Motion that the regular order of business be suspended

Motion seconded by the Service Officer

No discussion, Motion passed by vote

Guests: Were present and asked to join the Post 211 Commander in front of the General Membership

Family of Wounded Lorain Police Officer Brent Payne

Family of Wounded Lorain Police Officer Peter Gale

Family of Deceased Lorain Police Officer Phillip Wagner

- Donation checks from the Post, the Auxiliary, and the Sons, were presented to each family in honor of the Officer's dedication and service to the community, as well as Family sacrifice. A standing ovation by the membership showed appreciation and support by the American Legion Post 211 overall membership.
- Guests were invited to stay for the remainder of the meeting. All guests voiced appreciation for the support, and departed.

The Adjutant made a Motion to return to the regular order of business

Motion seconded by the Service Officer

No discussion, Motion passed by vote

**Roll Call of Officers:**

Present:

Commander – Mike Schrull

Adjutant and Finance Officer – Chuck Vandevender

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice – Chuck Williams

Chaplain – Gary Garner

Service Officer – Will Smith

Trustee – Steve Mainger

Trustee – Jim Votruba

Excused:

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Mike Connole

Trustee – Ken Karpy

Sargent at Arms – Tom Vinci

Reading of the Minutes from past meeting:

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

Financial Report:

Bookkeeper Gabre Kemble provided a Treasurer's Report which was read by the Finance Officer.

The report included financial balances and listed donations made by Post 211.

The Commander requested discussion, there was none. The Financial Report was accepted as read.

Sick Call:

The Chaplain led a discussion of existing names on sick call, and listed new names to be added.

Introduction of Guests and new members:

The Sargent of Arms indicated there were no new members or guests present for the general meeting.

Communications and Membership Report:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice read thank you notes received from organizations and individuals regarding Post 211 donations.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice noted that membership in Post 211 stands at 482. The membership target for 2026 is 732, 66%
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice read the names of three Veterans and one daughter of a Veteran requesting membership. A motion was made to accept. The motion passed by vote.

Committee Reports:

Honor Guard Report (Chuck Williams)

The Honor Guard was asked to participate in two upcoming events:

1. December 8 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day at Avon Lake Learwood Middle School
2. December 13 – Wreaths Across America at Resthaven Cemetery

Chuck Williams provided details regarding event times and transportation options.

Scholarship Committee Report (Chuck Williams)

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice reported that one college scholarship is still available.

Legislative Report (Trustee Ken Karpy):

No report.

Service Officer's Report (Will Smith):

The VA is open for business following the government shutdown.

Building and Grounds Report (Trustee Jim Votruba):

The Grant for Electric Doors has been approved at all necessary levels. The installation contractor will be advised to move forward with purchasing the doors and related hardware for a 2026 installation.

Old Business:

No old business was discussed

New Business:

The Chaplain reported the need for gently worn blankets for Veterans. A collection box is situated just outside the south entrance to the Canteen.

Discussion for the Good of the Order:

Reminder that the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice and Len Lieber have organized a New Years Eve Party. Tickets can be purchased in the Canteen.

Commander reiterated 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.

When leaving a meeting prior to the end of the meeting: Veterans will honor the Flag by stopping and saluting, all others (Auxiliary and Sons) should stop and observe the Flag prior to leaving the meeting.

Reminder that "Night at the Races" organized by the Auxiliary, is scheduled for February 7, 2026.

The Meeting was Adjourned by the Commander at 1940 hrs.

Respectfully submitted by the Adjutant