

General Membership Meeting – April 2, 2025

7:15 pm - Meeting called to order. Posted colors.

Roll call of officers. Absent Jim Votruba and Mike Connole

The Chaplain provided a card for everyone to sign for Len Leiber.

Minutes read from the previous meeting.

Treasurer report stands as read. The post currently has 9 different checking accounts. Work is being done to consolidate the accounts. Signatures are being corrected.

Chuck Vandevender reported that the rental of the hall is picking up. He is working on figuring out all the costs.

A contract has been presented to Big M Pizza at the American Legion. It is under review by their lawyers.

1st Vice read the names of those requesting membership. All were approved. It was reported that the post is at 92% and the 5th District is at 91%.

1st Vice read several thank you's for previous donations. Thanks for the Girl Scout cookies sent to Veterans overseas. Veterans Memorial Project, Post 211 updated the lighting. OVH bimonthly donation, Walleye for Wounded Heros, and Avon Lake City Schools for the Harlem Wizards fund raising.

OIC, Chuck Williams, reported that he and the Commander attended the first Memorial Day Parade meeting with the city. Gary Garner will act as Chaplain. Kitchen has been asked for a quote to provide the food for the city lunch. The Boy Scouts will be in charge of putting up the flags for Memorial Day at the larger cemeteries. The Post Honor Guard will handle 3 of the smaller cemeteries. High School trumpeters will play the lone bugle and response. Larry Sheppard will play the bagpipes. Mike Pippin's nephew will drive the Grand Marshall. The Grand Marshall is Ray Wozniak.

OIC requested help on April 9th at 7:00pm. Flags from the flag bin needed folding and boxing for removal.

Chaplain gave the Sick Call

VSO officer reported that he will be installing a pamphlet rack displaying information for Veterans.

Steve Mainger requested everyone provide him with current information so that he can update the web site. Discussion on how to reach members via email.

Trustee Ken Karpy reported that not much was happening with the legislation. He reported on a program offered by the post for Meals for Vets. This program will be paid for out of the Charitable Trust. 2 meals, twice a week offered to any ill or handicapped member of the post.

Ken networked with other Veteran Organizations regarding information on grants. The VSO and the Commander reported that the grant for the auto doors has been submitted. A grant is being worked on that would assist in the post acquiring a new roof. Also, one for a garage.

The Commander reported on a new game sponsored by the Department of Ohio 50/50 raffle gaming program. This is an online program. You play under Post 211. 20% of the gate will go to the post. Information is posted in the hallway. Go to MyLegion.com to play.

The Commander read a list of committees for the post. Please let him know if anyone is interested. Available committees are Americanism, Buckeye Boys State, Children and Youth, VA, Gift for Yanks.

Mike Schrull is going to be the Nation Security Chairman. There is a program available to honor a Police Officer and Fireman of the year.

There is an American Legion Recognition program – Awards folks in the public. Bill Gennochio is getting information.

Commander and SAL showed the plaques that they received for the generous Legacy Run donation.

The Veterans voted to give the auxiliary \$300 to purchase candy specifically for the float in the parade.

Closing ceremony.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm

Reviewed/approved 4/22/25 - GMS