



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**  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

POSITION	NAME	OTHER
*COMMANDER	<b>GRANT WHITELEY</b>	<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u>
*ADJUTANT	THERESA BISKER	
*SR. VICE CMDR.	BRUCE A. EARLY	*1. PAUL ANDERSON, Sr.
*1 <sup>st</sup> VICE CMDR. (Kitchen)	VACANT	*2. HENRY KING
*2 <sup>nd</sup> VICE CMDR. (Lounge)	ROBERT CARUSO	*3. RAYMOND JOHNSON
*3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. Vice/Cmdr; ( P ); Jim Brendle 3<sup>rd</sup> Jr. Vice/Cmdr. ( A ); David Myer Finance Officer(P ); Theresa Brisker Adjutant ( P ); Henry Walters, Judge Advocate(P ); Scott Perry Sgt-At-Arms ( P ); **William Crain Chaplain (E) ; Chris Robinson IT Tech (E)**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD:** Paul Anderson Sr. ( P ); Raymond Johnson ( P ); Henry King( A ); Lee Whitlock ( P ); 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: 12 MEMBERS: 2 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 January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as distributed.

Made by Past CMD Oscar Sims Seconded by: Bruce Early

**(10) FOR: ( 0 ) AGAINST. Motion Carried.**

**Motion:** To approve the Executive Board Minutes dtd February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as distributed.

Made by EB Raymond Johnson Seconded by: SVP Bruce Early

**(13 ) FOR: ( 0 ) AGAINST. Motion Carried.**

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

**Fort Gordon, GA:** None

**Department of GA:** None

**11<sup>th</sup> District:** None

**Politician –** None

**Post:** None

**Prospective New Members:** None

**New Members:** 4 Not Present

**Regular Transfers:** None

## 5. OFFICER REPORTS

**Commander: (Grant B. Whiteley) – SEE BELOW**

**Adjutant: – Theresa A. Brisker** February Heart Health Month Discussed prevalence of heart disease, sign & symptoms of heart disease and preventive measures.

**Sr. Vice Cmdr.: Bruce A. Early (E)** – Membership Renewals at 330 Paid + 10 awaiting to be processed bringing the total to 340 at 90.6 %.

**1<sup>st</sup> Jr. Vice Cmdr. Mike Anderson** – R.I.P. take a moment for a silent prayer.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. Vice Cmdr. Robert Caruso** – Lounge improvement hire someone to paint the bar area. Call to alarm company some difficulty with connections between the APPs problem occurred because power outage, issue resolved. Still having difficulty receiving product from National Distribution's. Spoke with local person for her to follow up with company to encourage them to meet our product needs. Stove in kitchen needs repair still under warranty they will be out to repair in several days.

**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 December 2022 subject to audit.

Made by EB Henry King Seconded by SR Vice Bruce Early.

**(13) 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) –** Polar Bear Run held, not as much participation several other events were being held at the same time.

**Americanism – Cdr Grant Whitley** – The purpose of The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program “A Constitutional Speech Contest” is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States among high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, rights, and privileges of American citizenship. Recently, 11<sup>th</sup> District submitted an individual last week to the state finals and this individual took 3<sup>rd</sup> Place netting \$300.00 for his effort. 11<sup>th</sup> District Jr. Vice Commander Thomasena Sanderlin escorted the individual to the State Finals.

**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 – EB Raymond Johnson and Joseph Wetherbee donating blood for February.** Legionnaires can give blood by making an appointment for a donation at The American Red Cross' website. Posts interested in hosting drives can set up a blood drive by visiting the Red Cross' blood drive registration page. Members and posts can also contact the American Association of Blood Banks, their local American Blood Commission or American Blood Resources Association, or the Council of Community Blood Centers. Local hospitals and medical doctors can also help coordinate community blood drives.

**Patriotic Observance – Cdr Whiteley –**

**February 22 – President's Day – Originally George Washington** was born on February 22nd -- his birthday was noted as a federal holiday from 1879 until 1971. In some states it represents all presidents thus President's Day.

March 15                      The American Legion Birthday

March 25                      National Medal of Honor Day

March 29                      National Vietnam Veterans Day

**SAL Advisor** – Finance Officer David Myer – SAL had Fish Fry and they netted \$918.00.

**Community Service** – Sr. Vice Bruce A. Early – (P) Today was National Salute Day ceremony held 0900-1100.

**Religious Emphasis** – Chaplain Bill Crain – (E)

**Children & Youth** – Cdr Whiteley – No Report.

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

**National Security** – Cdr. Grant B. Whiteley – Ukraine war reopens allied ‘arsenals of democracy’ - “Democracy's fight against world conquest is being greatly aided, and must be more greatly aided, by the rearmament of the United States and by sending every ounce and every ton of munitions and supplies that we can possibly spare to help the defenders who are in the frontlines,” President Franklin Roosevelt intoned as tyrant regimes descended on democracies across Asia and Europe. Our enemies “must be out-fought and out-produced,” he said, adding, “We must be the great arsenal of democracy.”

Eight decades later, the valiant Ukrainian people are doing the fighting, while America and its allies are producing the weapons needed to defend the frontlines of freedom.

**America’s arsenal Defense** - Secretary Lloyd Austin cogently explains why America and its free-world allies have reopened their arsenals to support Ukraine. “Putin's war of choice is a direct threat to European security ... Russian aggression is a clear challenge to our NATO allies ... Russia's deliberate cruelty is an attack on our shared values ... And finally, Russia's invasion tears at the rules-based international order that keeps us all secure ... Our support for Ukraine's self-defense is an investment in our own security and prosperity.”

A U.S. fighter jet shot down an "unidentified object" over Lake Huron on Sunday on orders from President Joe Biden. It was the fourth such downing in eight days and the latest military strike in an extraordinary chain of events over U.S. airspace that Pentagon officials believe has no peacetime precedent. Part of the reason for the repeated shootdowns is a "heightened alert" following a spy balloon from China that emerged over U.S. airspace in late January, Gen. Glen VanHerck, head of NORAD and U.S. Northern Command, said in a briefing with reporters.

**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) Vietnam PFC Arthur Piece and PVT Carl G. Dorsey.

**Special Olympics** – Sr. Vice Bruce A. Early – (P) Spoke with person about Special Olympics she has not responded and given an update.

**VA/REHAB – Sr. Vice Bruce A. Early – (P)** 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, will be ordering new freezer for the kitchen this week along with ordering the Auxiliary Storage Trailer.

**American Legion Baseball back to Georgia - Sgt-at-Arms: (Scott Perry)** – Contacted Mr. Orr to inform of AL 178 support and request information on cap design.

**Legislative – Judge Advocate Henry Walters – No Report**

## 7. BALLOTING ON APPLICATIONS & INITIATION OF CANDIDATES:

1. **Transfer #400:** None
2. **Transfer Regular:**
3. **New Members: (4)** Bruce Hall, US Army Global War on Terrorism (Adj); Clarence Burley, US Air Force, Vietnam (Adj); Donald M. Cashwell, US Army, Vietnam (Adj); Nancy M. Adams, US Navy, Lebanon/Grenada (Adj)

Motion: Motion made to accept new members into Post 178

Made by Past Cdr Oscar Sims Seconded by EB Lee Whitlock

**(13) 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; Laurie Ross, Charlie (Camo) who is in VA Hospital, and Keith Sims. Please keep them in your prayers as well the people on our Buddy Check Watch List.

## B. BUDDY CHECK/WATCH LIST – PERFORMED – FEBRUARY 2023

NO	NAME	PERFORMED YES/NO	REMARKS
1	Oscar Sims	YES	(706)840-4856) ( <a href="mailto:gsims16990@att.net">gsims16990@att.net</a> )
2	Chuck Hafey	YES	(In the Blue Goose – Sr. Vice Cdr Bruce Early)
3	William Crain	YES	(706)592-6744) ( <a href="mailto:wmcrule62@aol.com">wmcrule62@aol.com</a> )
4	Robert Beaty	YES	(Vice Cdr Caruso) (706)836-3320) ( <a href="mailto:thor753@yahoo.com">thor753@yahoo.com</a> )
5	Malcom Kelly	YES	(Lounge Manager Frances Bowman) Or Doyle (706-872-6307)
6	Pat Garrett	YES	(Aux Pres Miriam Stein) (706)650-8838) ( <a href="mailto:jomt1@bellsouth.net">jomt1@bellsouth.net</a> )
7	Russell/Lisa Collins	YES	(Aux Pres Miriam Stein) (706)650-8838) ( <a href="mailto:jomt1@bellsouth.net">jomt1@bellsouth.net</a> )
8	Ron Ness	NO	Does not want to be contact
9	William Hackley	YES	(706)863-8699) ( <a href="mailto:williamhackley@bellsouth.net">williamhackley@bellsouth.net</a> )
10	James Brendle	YES	(Lounge Manager Frances Bowman)
11	Timmy Bours	YES	Sassy Bours (706-550-3232)
12	Ennis Dudley	Yes	No Phone or Email to get hold of him

## 9. MEMORIAL TO A DEPARTED POST MEMBER:

### A. None

## 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Cdr Whiteley** – Door Frame – 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 in May.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

- A. **February 19<sup>th</sup>** – Luncheon Fundraiser for Lounge Shepherd's Pie, cost \$7.00.

## 12. THE GOOD OF THE AMERICAN LEION

- A. **February 15<sup>th</sup>** - GA Wars returning back to the post tomorrow and we hope to see Chuck Hafey.
- B. **February 20<sup>th</sup>** - The Auxiliary is offering a special luncheon for President's Day honoring all Presidents.
- C. **March 12<sup>th</sup>** – Will be the District Meeting at Post 120.
- D. **March 15<sup>th</sup>** – The American Legion Birthday in the Lounge.

- E. **March 17<sup>th</sup>** – St. Patty’s Day Luncheon with the Riders Steak Night at 6 PM
- F. **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Cdr will be leaving for the Spring Conference @Duluth, GA. Returning on 26<sup>th</sup>. Sr. Vice Bruce Early, Jr. Vice Robert Caruso, and Jr. Vice James Brendle will have the command
- G. **Ft. Gordon-** We still need snack donations for children on post crackers and other healthy snacks no candy.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

TIME: 19: 53 hrs

**Motion:** Motion made to adjourned Made by EB Lee Whitlock

Seconded by EB Paul Anderson Sr.

(13) FOR; (0) AGAINST). **Motion Carried!**

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

**Next General Membership meeting will be on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

*Theresa A. Brisker*

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Adjutant

*Grant B. Whiteley*

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Commander