



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  
 March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

POSITION	NAME	OTHER
*COMMANDER	<b>GRANT WHITELEY</b>	<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u>
*ADJUTANT	THERESA BRISKER	
*SR. VICE CMDR.	BRUCE A. EARLY	*1. PAUL ANDERSON, Sr.
*1 <sup>st</sup> VICE CMDR. (Kitchen)	MATTHEW FUNSCH	*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	TBA	
CHAPLAIN	WILLIAM CRAIN	(*) Members of Executive Committee
HISTORIAN	VACANT	(8) Members constitute E.C. quorum
I.T. OFFICER	TBA	(9) Members constitute G.M. quorum
PAST/CMDR	GRANT B. WHITELEY	

## 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: 19:00

## 2. ROLL CALL – SIGN IN SHEET

**OFFICERS:** Grant B. Whiteley. Cmdr. (P); Sr. Vice Cmdr. Bruce Early ( P); Matthew Funsch, 1<sup>st</sup> Jr. Vice/Cmdr. (P); Robert Caruso 2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. Vice/Cmdr.(P ); Jim Brendle 3<sup>rd</sup> Jr. Vice/Cmdr. ( P ); David Myer Finance Officer(P); Theresa Brisker Adjutant ( P ); Henry Walters, Judge Advocate(P); Scott Perry Sgt-At-Arms ( P ); **William Crain Chaplain (E )**.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD:** Paul Anderson Sr. ( P ); Raymond Johnson ( P ); Henry King(P ); Lee Whitlock ( P ); Past Commander Oscar Sims (P).

**PAST COMMANDERS:** Grant Whiteley (P); Oscar Sims (P); Bruce A. Early (P)

**MEMBERS:** See Sign-In Sheet

(P) Present. (E) Excused, (A) Absent.

**OFFICERS:** 13 **MEMBERS:** 2 **GUESTS:** 0 **TOTAL:** 15

( 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 February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as distributed. Made by Vice Commander James Brendle Seconded by: Sr. Vice Commander Bruce Early.  
( 15 ) FOR: ( 0 ) AGAINST. Motion Carried.

**Motion:** To approve Executive Board Meeting minutes for March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 CANCELLED as distributed.

Made by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_.  
( ) FOR: ( ) AGAINST. Motion Carried.

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

**Fort Gordon, GA:**

**Department of GA:**

**11<sup>th</sup> District:**

**Post:**

**Prospective New Members:**

**New Members: Charlie Sims**

**Transfers:**

**Other Guests: Humana Presentation by Agent Salena Sumpter**

## 5. OFFICER REPORTS

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

**Adjutant: (Theresa A. Brisker)** – Be the One is important initiative just a reminder to continue to do our buddy checks. The 11th District plans on having an event supporting Mental health in the Month of May, Women's History Month

**Sr. Vice Cmdr.: Bruce A. Early (E)** – Membership is at present we have 395 renewed and 6 awaiting to be processed. This puts the post membership at 109.0%.

**1<sup>st</sup> Jr. Vice Cmdr.** – Matthew Funsch (A) -

**2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. Vice Cmdr. Robert Caruso (P)** – Revolutionary Soldier gravestone needed to be placed back on isi gravesites family requested our help. The SAL will help the family with this project. Lounge continues to do well on Friday nights

**Finance: (Dave Myer) (P) –**

Motion Made: To approve the Finance Report for the month of No Report Available subject to audit.

Made by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

( ) For: Against ( ). Motion Carried.

**Sgt-at-Arms: (Scott Perry) – No Rpt.**

**Judge Advocate: (Henry Walters) – Constitution & By-Laws – Mailed to Department for approval.**

**Service Officer: (Cdr Whiteley) – No Rpt.**

**IT Officer: (TBA) – No Rpt.**

## 6. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

**A.L.R. Chairman:** (Lee Galloway) – (A)

**\*Americanism – Cdr Grant Whiteley – Women's History Month**

**American Legion Baseball – Sgt at Arms Scott Perry –** March 28<sup>th</sup> a baseball meeting will be held at Post 178.

**Shooting Sports – Cdr. Grant B. Whiteley –** No compliance from Cross Creek or Hephzibah High Schools. The District and the Post was scheduled a meeting at Post 63 on October 21<sup>st</sup> however the meeting was cancelled due to District Commander's calendar and would have to be rescheduled in January 2024. The subjects were for encouraging both high schools for Oratorical, Shooting Sports, Boys State and Girls State student involvement.

**Oratorical Contest – Cdr Whiteley – No Report**

**School Awards – Cdr Whiteley –** Work in Progress – Waiting on Schools submission.

**Blood Donors – Cdr Whiteley -**EB Raymond Johnson donated Feb 2024.

**Military Suicides - Cdr Whiteley -**No Report.

**Patriotic Observance – MARCH 2024 - Women's History Month**

March is Women's History Month and well over 200,000 women serve on active duty in the U.S. military. The contributions of women to military history (and well beyond) cannot be ignored. While Women's History Month isn't a time to focus exclusively on the contributions of women in military service, the contributions of female veterans are certainly an important part of American history.

March 3 - **Navy Reserve Birthday**: The United States Navy Reserve is not as old as the United States Navy itself and some readers are confused by the comparative ages of the full-time active duty Navy and the Navy Reserve. A little history lesson explains why the Navy Reserve, known until 2005 as the United States Naval Reserve, doesn't have an official history stretching all the way back to the 1700s.

March 5 - **Seabee Birthday**: That birthday is, believe it or not, a complicated thing. An innovation of military minds during World War Two, Navy Seabees have a dual mission to build and to fight in support of combat operations, humanitarian outreach, and nation-building. The first Seabee unit was known as "the Bobcats" and Seabees were among the very first to land during the World War Two invasion of Normandy.

March 10 - Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 13 - **K-9 Veterans Day**: A Military War Dog, or Military Working Dog (MWD), is a canine that has been trained to protect humans in dangerous situations, and March 13 has been unofficially designated as a day to honor these unique members of the military.

March 15 - **American Legion Birthday**: The American Legion has served wartime veterans through promoting patriotism, military service, national security, and dedication to current service members and vets alike. The organization's birthday is March 15, 1919. This is the day the organization, known as the American Expeditionary Force at the time, organized the first meeting in Paris, France.

March 17 - **St. Patrick's Day**: St. Patrick's Day is an Irish holiday celebrated March 17. Americans celebrate this holiday with a range of traditional-in-America activities including the famous St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City (which has been held in one form or another since 1762), plus the "wearing of the green," green dye in water-based landmarks such as the Chicago River and more. St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated next on Sunday, March 17, 2024.

March 21 - **Rosie The Riveter Day**: Rosie the Riveter Day is an observation honoring the hard work and sacrifices American women made in the workplace during World War Two.

During this time, women across the nation traded their pre-war activities for work in factories, electronics, welding facilities and many other industries supporting the American war effort. Some five million civilian women took over what used to be thought of stereotypically as "man's work," joining some 350,000 women who served during World War Two in uniform.

March 29 - **National Vietnam War Veterans Day**: National Vietnam War Veterans Day is observed every year on March 29 and is a way to thank and honor our nation's Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice. National Vietnam War Veterans Day will be observed on Sunday, March 29, 2024.

March 31- Auxiliary Unit 178 Children's Easter Egg Hunt 2 – 4 PM.

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

- 1. Transfer #400: 0**
- 2. Transfer Regular: 0**
- 3. New Members (3): Larry Cooks, USA, Vietnam (Brisker); Dennis N. Brinson, USA, Vietnam (Caruso); Sam Whaley, USA, Global War (Jennifer Burke).**

Motion: Motion made to accept all transfers and new members into Post 178.

Made by Past Commander Oscar Sims Seconded by EB Raymond Johnson

**(15) FOR; ( 0 ) AGAINST) Motion Carrie**

## 8. SICK CALL, RELIEF & EMPLOYMENT:

A. **SICK CALL** - Please keep the following people in your prayers: Chaplain Bill Crain who is continually on dialysis; Laurie Ross who is Home; Earnst (Gordy) Gordon who's in Hospice at home. Please keep them in your prayers as well the people on our Buddy Check Watch List below:

B. BUDDY CHECK/WATCH LIST – PERFORMED – March 2024

NO	NAME	PERFORMED YES/NO	REMARKS
1	Oscar Sims	YES	(706)840-4856) ( <a href="mailto:gsims16990@att.net">gsims16990@att.net</a> )
2	William Crain	YES	(706)592-6744) ( <a href="mailto:wmcrule62@aol.com">wmcrule62@aol.com</a> ) (HOME)
3	Russell/Lisa Collins	YES	(Aux Pres Miriam Stein) (706)650-8838) ( <a href="mailto:jomt1@bellsouth.net">jomt1@bellsouth.net</a> )
4	Lee Whitlock	YES	(Vice Cdr Caruso)
5	William Hackley	YES	(706)863-8699) ( <a href="mailto:williamhackley@bellsouth.net">williamhackley@bellsouth.net</a> )
6	James Brendle	YES	(Lounge Manager Frances Bowman)
7	Dale G Steidel	?	(706)869-2130
8	Miriam Stein	Yes	TC LeBlanc (706) 360-8941
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## 9. MEMORIAL TO A DEPARTED POST MEMBER:

A. **Commander:** "It is my sad duty to report that Comrades \_\_\_\_\_ has been called from our midst. They have gone to the Commander of us all in Post Everlasting.

**Commander:** "Before proceeding with other business of this meeting, we will Drape the Charter in memory of Comrade \_\_\_\_\_

**Sergeant-at-Arms,** obtain Drape in preparation for Draping Charter."

**Commander:** **(Rap gavel three (3) times)** "Members rise and face Charter attention."

**Commander:** "Sergeant-at-Arms, you will now Drape our Charter in memory of our beloved Comrade \_\_\_\_\_ who has passed on.

**Commander:** (While Sergeant-at-Arms is Draping the Charter) "By this act we, as members of Carter Burdell Hagler American Legion Post 178, Augusta, GA., proclaim solemn tribute to our departed Comrade \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hand salute! Two!"** (After "Two," Sergeant-at-Arms returns to his/her station)

**Chaplain:** "Almighty God and Heavenly Father, who has dominion over life and death, grant to us the grace to remember with love and reverence our valiant and honored departed Comrade \_\_\_\_\_, Grant peace and eternal rest to those who have gone before us and make us ready for that last hour. Strengthen and console those in sorrow and bestow upon us thy everlasting blessing .... Amen."

**Commander:** **(Rap gavel once)** "We will continue with the regular meeting

## 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Air Curtain -Vice Cdr Robert Caruso** - Under Suspension VOCO
- B. **Lounge Info Center/Bulletin Board** - Under Suspension VOCO
- C. **Office Reorganization** – Phase 2 on hold. (Work in Progress) - VOCO
- D. **Post Insurance** – Children’s Easter Egg Hunt Event Policy has been issued and payment made. Awaiting Event Policy for the Post Carnival on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Liquor Liability Insurance has been issued payment as well.
- E. **The Constitution and By-Laws** – Awaiting letter of approval from the Department of Georgia.
- F. **Post Dues Update** – Annual Post Data Report submitted to both District and Department for the upcoming fiscal year.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

- A. **Department Commander Home Coming** –  
Motion to allocate up to \$300 for gift for Departmen commander go to the baseball fund made by \_Past Commander Oscar Sims\_, and seconded by Jr. Vice James Brendle  
(15) \_ For, \_ (0 )\_, Against). Motion Carried
- B. **Baseball Raffle** – Its that time of year when the Baseball Team runs a raffle which is \$5.00 a ticket and we have 100 tickets for a prize of a 1-year membership to the River Golf Club or a 10 pack of \$30 Scratch Off Tickets. The Commander needs a motion that the Post purchase the 100 tickets and if the post wins, that it will take the scratch off tickets and any winnings of those tickets will go to the general fund for post projects.  
  
Motion to allocate \$500 for purchase of the Baseball Tickets and winnings of scratch off tickets go to the baseball fund made by \_Vice Cdr Robert Caruso\_, and seconded by Finance Officer David Myer.  
  
( 15 ) \_ For, \_ (0 )\_, Against). Motion Carried
- C. **GA Lottery** – Need immediate approval for a \$20,000 Financial Security Deposit (FSD) to be placed on the COAM account.  
  
Motion to allocate a FSD of \$20,000 be placed on the COAM account or in the future made by \_Judge Advocate Henry Walters and seconded by \_EB Henry King\_\_\_\_\_.  
  
( 15 ) \_ For, \_ (0 )\_, Against). Motion Carried

- D. VA** - Received letter from VA, Cheryle Safford, Advance Care Planning Coordinator of the Augusta Health Care System, requesting time to come over to one of our meetings which would include family members to provide education about this concept. I will inform her that family members don't come to our monthly meetings and that my recommendation would to schedule her (in the Hall) at the Carnival to provide this information.

## **12. THE GOOD OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

- A. American Legion Birthday March 15<sup>th</sup> –**
- B. St. Patty's Day Luncheon March 17<sup>th</sup> 1 – 3PM** - Corn Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes, Corn Bread, & Dessert for \$14.00 a plate.
- C. E-Board Henry King's Birthday March 19<sup>th</sup> -**
- D. Vietnam Day Recognition Ceremony and Luncheon March 29<sup>th</sup> -**
- E. Children's Easter Hunt Sunday Marh 31<sup>st</sup> from 2 – 4 PM.**
- F. Riders Legacy Ride April 13<sup>th</sup> –**
- G. Standing Operation Planning** – being completely revised at the Department Conference by Commander Whiteley.
- H. District Commander Thomas Pinkney** – Submitted resolution for the Office of Jr. Vice Commander, Department of Georgia which is fully being supported by the 11<sup>th</sup> District and Post 178. You can find all the resolutions of the Department of Georgia Website which will be voted on at the Convention.



## 13. ADJOURNMENT

TIME: 19:55 hrs

Being No Further Business...

NEXT MONTH HOUSE & EXEC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR: April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

NEXT MONTH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP SCHEDULED FOR: April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Past Commander Oscar Sims,  
and seconded by EB Paul Anderson Sr. to adjourn the General Board meeting at 19: 55 Hr

( 15 ) \_ For, \_ (0) \_ , Against). Motion Carried

*Theresa A. Brisker*

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Adjutant

*Grant B. Whiteley*

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Commander