



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
 MAY 9TH, 2023

POSITION	NAME	OTHER
*COMMANDER	GRANT WHITELEY	<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u>
*ADJUTANT	THERESA BISKER	
*SR. VICE CMDR.	BRUCE A. EARLY	*1. PAUL ANDERSON, Sr.
*1 st VICE CMDR. (Kitchen)	R.I.P. W/PRAYERS	*2. HENRY KING
*2 nd VICE CMDR. (Lounge)	ROBERT CARUSO	*3. RAYMOND JOHNSON
*3 rd 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
IT. OFFICER	TBA	(9) Members constitute G.M. quorum
PAST/CMDR	BRUCE A. EARLY	

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 (P. Robert Caruso 2nd Jr. Vice/Cmdr. (P); Jim Brendle 3rd 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); Service Officer: N/A Vacant IT Officer: N/A; (Vacant) Historian** **EXECUTIVE BOARD:** Paul Anderson Sr. (P); Raymond Johnson (P); Henry King(P); Lee Whitlock (P); Past Cdr Oscar Sims (P)

PAST COMMANDERS: Grant Whiteley (P); Pat Garrett (E; Oscar Sims (P); Bruce A. Early (P)

MEMBERS: See Sign-In Sheet

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

OFFICERS: 13 MEMBERS: 3 GUESTS: TOTAL: 16
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 April 11th, 2023 as distributed.
Made by Vice Cdr James Brendle Seconded by: Judge Advocate Henry Walters.
(16) FOR: (0) AGAINST. Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the Executive Board Minutes dated May 2nd, 2023 as distributed.
Made by Sgt-At-Arms Scott Perry Seconded by: Judge Advocate Henry Walters
(16) FOR: (0) AGAINST. Motion Carried!

Motion: To approve the Special Executive Board Minutes dated (Not Applicable) as distributed.
Made by _____ Seconded by: _____
() FOR: () AGAINST. Motion Carried!

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

Fort Gordon, GA:

Department of GA:

11th District:

Post:

Prospective New Members: 0

New Members:

Transfers:

Other Guests:

5. OFFICER REPORTS

Commander: (Grant B. Whiteley) – SEE BELOW

Adjutant: (Interim) – N/A

Sr. Vice Cmdr.: Bruce A. Early – Our Membership is at 374 and one away from our 100% goal.

1st Jr. Vice Cmdr. Mike Anderson – Moment of Silent Prayer for Mike Anderson, RIP.

2nd Jr. Vice Cmdr. Robert Caruso – Lounge doing well hall rentals. Reminder to all members that hall rental people to do not get the same benefits as members of the Legion. We should not coach them on bar prices or specials.

Finance: (Dave Myer) – Finance Officer reported the finance reported for the month of March 2023 :

Motion Made: To approve the Finance Report for the month of March 2023 subject to audit.

Made by Past Cdr Oscar Sims Seconded by E-Board Lee Whitlock.

(16) For: Against (0). Motion Carried.

Sgt-at-Arms: (Scott Perry) – No Rpt.

Judge Advocate: (Henry Walters) – No Rpt.

Service Officer: (Cdr Whiteley) – No Rpt.

IT Officer: (TBA) – No Rpt.

6. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

A.L.R. Chairman: (Lee Galloway) – (P) RODEO May 13th at 8 AM

Americanism – Cdr Grant Whitley – (P) No Rpt.

Shooting Sports – Cdr. Grant B. Whiteley – No compliance this year from Cross Creek High School or Hephzibah High School. District Commander to approach both schools on support of American Legion Programs.

Oratorical Contest – Cdr Whiteley – TBA

School Awards – Cdr Whiteley – Work in Progress – Cross Creek High School has submitted names for school awards and have been picked up for presentation. However, Hephzibah has not submitted anything to date.

Blood Donors – Blood donors for April was E-Board Raymond Johnson and Joseph Wetherbee.

Patriotic Observance – May 2023

May	National Military Appreciation Month
May 5	National Day of Prayer
May 8	V-E Day
May 21	Armed Forces Day
May 30	Memorial Day (May 29 observed)
May 29	Patrick Henry's Birthday

JUNE 2023

June 6	D-Day
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SAL Advisor – Finance Officer David Myer – No Rpt.

Community Service – Sr. Vice Bruce A. Early – (P) Reported over 45 hours of volunteer service. He will ensure that we have sign up roster to track volunteer hours, All Legion are encourage when volunteering at the VA to sign in to get credit for volunteer hours

Religious Emphasis – Chaplain Bill Crain – (E) No RPT.

Children & Youth – Cdr Whiteley – No RPT.

Employment – Rebecca Shores – (E) - No Rpt.

National Security – Cdr. Grant B. Whiteley –

1. The U.S. Army's top general, during meetings Monday with Japan's top military officials, pointed to the war in Ukraine as a warning about the dangers of regional conflicts. Army Chief of Staff Gen. James McConville spoke to Minister of Defense Yasukazu Hamada and the chief of the Japan Self-Defense Forces Joint Staff, Gen. Yasunori Morishita, at the ministry in Tokyo.
2. House Armed Services Committee leaders will unveil the first outlines of their annual defense authorization bill this week, providing hints at their plans for defense spending and military training changes in fiscal 2024. The defense policy bill is one of the few reliable pieces of legislation to advance through Congress annually, passing into law for more than six consecutive decades. It sets the parameters for military spending priorities, renews a host of pay and benefits authorizations, and includes hundreds of new program parameters and personnel rules.
3. Ukraine air defenses shot down 35 Iranian-made drones over Kyiv in Russia's latest nighttime assault, as attacks across Ukraine by the Kremlin's forces killed four civilians, officials said Monday. The bombardments came as Moscow enforced tight security on the eve of traditional Red Square commemorations marking the defeat of Nazi Germany in World War II.

Public Relations – Rebecca Shores – (E) No Rpt.

Alcohol & Drug Abuse – Jr. Vice Robert Caruso – No RPT.

POW/MIA – Lee Galloway – (P) No Rpt.

Special Olympics – Sr. Vice Bruce A. Early – (P) Golden Age Games scheduled for May 20 – 25th, 2023. Donald Preston being sponsored by the Post through VA.

VA/REHAB – Sr. Vice Bruce A. Early (P) - No RPT.

Boys State – Cdr. Whiteley – Cross Creek providing three boys and two girls for Boys and Girls State. Hephzibah has not requested any support for both school awards and Boys and Girls State.

Baseball – Sgt-At-Arms Scott Perry (P) – Head gear has be order for our team as well as 3 dozen for the post to sell in support of our team. . Commander gave report on donation and expenditures related to the baseball fund

Inventory Chairman – Cdr Whiteley – Work in progress.

Legislative – Judge Advocate Henry Walters – No RPT.

7. BALLOTING ON APPLICATIONS & INITIATION OF CANDIDATES:

NONE

1. Transfer #400:
2. Transfer Regular:
3. New Members:

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

Made by _____ Seconded by _____

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

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; and Archie R Bozeman who is in Hospice. Please keep them in your prayers as well the people on our Buddy Check Watch List.

B. BUDDY CHECK/WATCH LIST – PERFORMED - APRIL

NO	NAME	PERFORMED YES/NO	REMARKS
1	Oscar Sims	YES	(706)840-4856) (qsims16990@att.net)
2	Chuck Hafey	YES	(Dave Myer/Oscar Sims) (706)793-2337
3	William Crain	YES	(706)592-6744) (wmcrule62@aol.com)
4	Robert Beaty	YES	(Vice Cdr Caruso) (706)836-3320) (thor753@yahoo.com)
5	Malcom Kelly	YES	(Lounge Manager Frances Bowman)
6	Russell/Lisa Collins	YES	(Aux Pres Miriam Stein) (706)650-8838) (jomt1@bellsouth.net)
7	Ron Ness	YES	EB Henry King
8	Lee Whitlock	YES	(Vice Cdr Caruso)
9	William Hackley	YES	(706)863-8699) (williamhackley@bellsouth.net)
10	James Brendle	YES	(Lounge Manager Frances Bowman)
11	Ennis Dudley	?	Sassy - 3201 Kevin Dr., Augusta, GA 30906-4909 (No Phone)

9. MEMORIAL TO A DEPARTED POST MEMBER:

A. Commander: "It is my sad duty to report that Comrade David Moon has been called from our midst. He has 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 David Moon.

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 David Moon 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 David Moon.

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 (Comrades). 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

- B. Motion: Need a Motion to drape the American Legion Post 178 Charter in honor of our recent and departed Legionnaire ___David Moon___ to be effective from ___May 9th – June 13th, 2023___ our next regular General Membership Meeting.

Made by ___Vice Cdr James Brendle___.

Seconded by ___E-Board Henry King___.

(16) FOR; (0) AGAINST) Motion Carried

- C. Marie McCollum, member of the Auxiliary and Riders recently passed away. Check board for arrangements.

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)
- D. **Turkey Shoot Area** – Renovation of Turkey Shoot Area will commence around the 1st of May.
- E. **Trailers for Storage** – Have been painted on Four Sides (Phase II). Phase III will be sealing the top of both trailers will commence sometime in April.
- F. **Renovation of the Basement** – Basement renovation diagram has been submitted to the Commander for presentation to the Executive Board for Consideration. Need an estimate for the E-Board both for electrical (Phase 1) and Repair Cost & Labor which will be presented to E-Board at the next meeting and funded at the Budget meeting in August.

11. NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

- A. **Cdr Whiteley** - Request a motion from the floor to suspend normal business and proceed to the 1st Nomination of Officers for Post 178 for the year 2023 – 2024.

Motion: Motion made to adjourn Made by ___*Judge Advocate Henry Walters*___.

Seconded by ___E-Board Henry King___.

(16) FOR; (0) AGAINST). Motion Carried!

Nominations –The Floor is Open Up for Nominations of Post 178 Officers:

Commander - Are there any nominations for Commander. GRANT B. WHITELEY

Do You Accept? X Yes/No Are there any further nominations for Commander?

(After a reasonable pause) If not, nominations for the office of Commander are closed.

The Adjutant shall cast a single ballot for Grant Whiteley for the office of Commander.

Senior Vice Cdr - Are there any nominations for Senior Vice Cdr. Bruce Early

Do You Accept? X Yes/No Are there any further nominations for Senior Vice Cdr?

(After a reasonable pause) If not, nominations for the office Senior Vice Cdr are closed closed.

The Adjutant shall cast a single ballot for Bruce Early for the office of Senior Vice Cdr.

1st Jr Vice Cdr - Are there any nominations for 1st Jr Vice Cdr. Michael Dwyer

Do You Accept? X Yes/No Are there any further nominations for 1st Jr Vice Cdr?

If not, nominations for the office of 1st Jr Vice Cdr. are closed.

1st Jr Vice Cdr - Are there any nominations for 1st Jr Vice Cdr. Mathew Funsch

Do You Accept? X Yes/No Are there any further nominations for 1st Jr Vice Cdr?

(After a reasonable pause) If not, nominations for the office of 1st Jr Vice Cdr. are closed until next General Membership Meeting.

Note: The office of 1st Jr. Vice Cdr will be determined by the Elections on May 13th, 2023.

2nd Jr Vice Cdr - Are there any nominations for 2nd Jr Vice Cdr. Robert Caruso

Do You Accept? X Yes/No Are there any further nominations for 2nd Jr Vice Cdr?

(After a reasonable pause) If not, nominations for the office of 2nd Vice Cdr. are closed.

The Adjutant shall cast a single ballot for Robert Caruso for the office of 2nd Jr. Vice Cdr

3rd Jr. Vice Cdr _ Are there any nominations for 3rd Jr Vice Cdr. James Brendle

Do You Accept? X Yes/No Are there any nominations for 3rd Jr Vice Cdr.?

Are there any nominations for 3rd Jr Vice Cdr? (After a reasonable pause) If not, nominations for the office of 3rd Jr Vice Cdr. are closed.

The Adjutant shall cast a single ballot for James Brindle for the office of 3rd Jr. Vice Cdr

Adjutant - Are there any nominations for Adjutant? Theresa Brisker

Do You Accept? X Yes/No Are there any further nominations for Adjutant?

(After a reasonable pause). If not, nominations for the office of Adjutant are closed.

The Adjutant shall cast a single ballot for Theresa Brisker for the office of Adjutant.

Judge Advocate - Are there any nominations for Judge Advocate. Henry Walters

Do You Accept? X Yes/No Are there any further nominations for Judge Advocate? (After a reasonable pause) If not, nominations for the office of Judge Advocate are closed.

The Adjutant shall cast a single ballot for Henry Walters for the office of Judge Advocate.

Finance Officer - Are there any nominations for Finance Officer. David Myer (E)

Do You Accept? Yes/No Are there any further nominations for Finance Officer?

(After a reasonable pause) If not, nominations for the office of Finance Officer are closed.
The Adjutant shall cast a single ballot for David Myer for the office of Finance Officer.

SGT-AT-ARMS? Are there any nominations for SGT-AT-ARMS? Scott Perry
Do You Accept? X Yes/No Are there any nominations for SGT-AT-ARMS?
(After a reasonable pause) If not, nominations for the office of SGT-AT-ARMS are closed.
The Adjutant shall cast a single ballot for Scott Perry for the office of Sgt-At-Arms.

Executive Committee (5) – Paul Anderson Sr.
Do You Accept? X Yes/No Are there any nominations for Executive Committee.

Executive Committee - Are there any nominations for the Executive Committee.
Oscar Sims Do You Accept? X Yes/No

Executive Committee - Are there any nominations for the Executive Committee.
Henry King Do You Accept? X Yes/No

Executive Committee - Are there any nominations for the Executive Committee.
Raymond Johnson Do You Accept? X Yes/No

Executive Committee - Are there any nominations for the Executive Committee.
Lee Whitlock Do You Accept? X Yes/No
Are there any further nominations for Executive Committee? If not, nominations for the office of Executive Committee are closed.
The Adjutant shall cast a single ballot for Paul Anderson Sr., Oscar Sims, Henry King, Raymond Johnson, and Lee Whitlock for the office of Executive Committeemen.

Motion: Motion made to close the floor for nominations and return to Normal Business.
Made by Past Cdr Oscar Sims Seconded by E-Board Raymond Johnson.
(16) FOR; (0) AGAINST) Motion Carried!

12. THE GOOD OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

- A. **Memorial Day:** Flags will be placed at Hillcrest 0730 and afterwards Riders will be placing Flags Hephzibah – McBean Cemetery May 2. We need support for these events.^{7th}
- B. **Honoring Carter Burdell:** Flag will be placed at Carter Burdell burial site in Summerville on May 28,
- C. **American Legion Memorial Day Service:** Veteran's Hill of Remembrance 29 May 2023
- D. **Mental Health Month** Take care of your mental health and remember AL Be The One Campaign
- E. **Trailer:** Work is being completed on cargo trailer that can be utilized for various task at the AL 178

13. ADJOURNMENT

TIME: _____ hrs

Motion: Motion made to adjourned Made by E-Board Paul Anderson Sr.

Seconded by E-Board Lee Whitlock

(16) FOR; (0) AGAINST). Motion Carried!

The Nest House Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 6th, 2023.

Next Executive Board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 6th, 2023.

Next General Membership meeting will be on Tuesday, June 13th, 2023.

Theresa A. Bristol

Adjutant

Grant B. Whiteley

Commander