



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 14th, 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)	VACANT	*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	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 (P); Robert Caruso 2nd Jr. Vice/Cmdr; (E); 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 (E); **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: 13 MEMBERS: 1 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 February 14th, 2023 as distributed.
Made by Judge Advocate Henry Walters Seconded by: Sgt-At-Arms Scott Perry
(14) FOR: (0) AGAINST. Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the Executive Board Minutes dtd March 7th, 2023 (NOT AVAILABLE) as distributed.
Made by _____ Seconded by: _____
() FOR: () AGAINST. Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the Special Executive Board Minutes dtd N/A as distributed.
Made by _____ Seconded by: _____
() FOR: () AGAINST. Motion Carried.

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

Fort Gordon, GA: None

Department of GA: None

11th District: None

Politician – None

Post: None

Prospective New Members: None

New Members: Not Present

Regular Transfers: 1

#400 Transfers: 7

5. OFFICER REPORTS

Commander: (Grant B. Whiteley) – SEE BELOW

Adjutant: – Theresa A. Brisker- March is National Nutrition Month: heme Fueling Our Body, reminder to eat healthy. It is also National Kidney Month. kidney disease is a silent disease ensure when you do annual check-up that your doctor order laboratory test to monitor your kidney functions. Women's History Month

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 %.

1st Jr. Vice Cmdr. Mike Anderson – R.I.P. take a moment for a silent prayer.

2nd Jr. Vice Cmdr. Robert Caruso – (E)

Chaplain William Crain – (E)

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

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

Made by Past Cdr Oscar Sims Seconded by Sr. Vice Cdr Bruce Early.

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

Sgt-at-Arms: (Scott Perry) (P) – Baseball – 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) – ****

Americanism – Cdr Grant Whitley –

Shooting Sports – Cdr. Grant B. Whiteley – No Return on the letters that went out to both Cross Creek and Hephzibah High Schools. Program has not been initiated.

Oratorical Contest – Cdr Whiteley – Contest over but two District Individuals went up for Area Competition and only one placed 3rd winning \$150.00.

School Awards – Cdr Whiteley – – Received input from Cross Creek High School for school awards both Legion and Auxiliary.

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. Informed membership that the Blood Mobile would be here for the Carnival.

Patriotic Observance – Cdr Whiteley –

March 15	The American Legion Birthday
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 25	National Medal of Honor Day
March 29	National Vietnam Veterans Day
April	Month of the Military Child
April 5 th	Gold Star Spouses Day
April 7 th	Good Friday
April 9 th	Easter

April 9 th	National Former POW Recognition Day
April 14 th	Air Force Reserve Birthday
April 15 th	Purple Up! Day
April 23 rd	Army Reserve Birthday
April 30 th	National Military Brats Day

SAL Advisor – Finance Officer David Myer – Informed the Membership that the SAL Commander had resigned however still trying to get hold of him. Have not received a Letter of Resignation.

Community Service – Sr. Vice Bruce A. Early – (P) VA has new system for people to get direction in the building by using a smartphone download QR code and it will assist you with locating areas in the building.

Religious Emphasis – Chaplain Bill Crain – (E)

Children & Youth – Cdr Whiteley – April is Children Youth Month . brochures are available in the vestibule

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

National Security – Cdr Whiteley (P) - Putin’s plans, pretext for war obliterated; A year after Vladimir Putin’s unprovoked full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the Russian strongman’s pretext for war, basic premise of the war, and plans for how the war would progress have been exposed as false and deeply flawed. The primary reason for this welcome turn of events is the courage of the Ukrainian people, who are teaching Putin a lesson about the power of free men and women fighting for a just cause.

Putin’s views on Ukraine’s legitimacy and sovereignty - In his major public statements (here, here and here) about the war he unleashed against Ukraine, Putin made it clear that he rejected Ukraine’s independence and had contempt for the very notion of Ukraine as a historical entity.

According to Putin, “Ukraine is not a real country” and “never had stable traditions of real statehood.” He called Ukraine “an inalienable part of our own history.” He claimed, “Since time immemorial, the people living in the southwest of what has historically been Russian land have called themselves Russians.” He said, “Modern Ukraine was entirely created by Russia.”

All this was part of a campaign to delegitimize and ultimately erase Ukraine.

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) No Report.

Special Olympics – Sr. Vice Bruce A. Early – (P) No Report.

VA/REHAB – Sr. Vice Bruce A. Early – (P) Met with Assistant Director regarding support. The Assistant Director stated within next 30 day the engineering department, himself and Sr. Vice Early will go to Modock to complete plan to open,

Boys State – Cdr. Whiteley – Received notification that Cross Creek is interested in Sending individuals both Boys and Girls State. Commander informed Cross Creek that we would take as many as possible.

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 - ****

Legislative – Judge Advocate Henry Walters – No Report.

7. BALLOTING ON APPLICATIONS & INITIATION OF CANDIDATES:

1. **Transfer #400:** Kristopher Small, GW on Terrorism, Army; David Verrett, Army, Gulf War; Bucky Simpson, Army, Gulf War; Ean Haubenstricker, GW on Terrorism, Army; Carl Gaston, Army, Gulf War; Leo Trimble, Army, Vietnam; Stephen Kalili, Army, other Conflicts; Daniel Andrews, Army, Vietnam.
2. **Transfer Regular:** Brenda L. Myers – Army, Gulf War- From Post 192
3. **New Members:**

Motion: Motion made to accept new members into Post 178 when they verify the service.
Made by Past Cdr Oscar Sims Seconded by Judge Advocate Henry Walters
(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: Charlie (Camo) has return home to recoup: Keith Sims: 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 – FEBRUARY 2023

NO	NAME	PERFORMED YES/NO	REMARKS
1	Oscar Sims	YES	(706)840-4856) (gsims16990@att.net)
2	Chuck Hafey	YES	(In the Blue Goose – Sr. Vice Cdr Bruce Early)
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) Or Doyle (706-872-6307
6	Pat Garrett	YES	(Aux Pres Miriam Stein) (706)650-8838) (jomt1@bellsouth.net)
7	Russell/Lisa Collins	YES	(Aux Pres Miriam Stein) (706)650-8838) (jomt1@bellsouth.net)

8	Ron Ness	YES	Henry King
9	William Hackley	YES	(706)863-8699) (williamhackley@bellsouth.net)
10	James Brendle	YES	(Lounge Manager Frances Bowman)
11	Timmy Bours	YES	Sassy Bours (706-550-3232)
12	Ennis Dudley	YES	David Myer (In Hospice Care)

9. MEMORIAL TO A DEPARTED POST MEMBER:

A. None

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Cdr Whiteley** – Door Frame – has been repaired and grateful thanks to Donald Huffman, SAL 11th District Commander for the repairs. 1 May 2023 for implementation of door cards
- B. **Air Curtain -Vice Cdr Robert Caruso** – Will be moving forward on this installation after the door frame is reinforced with a bracket of some sort to accommodate the weight of the air curtain.
- C. **Lounge Info Center/Bulletin Board** – After the installation of the air curtain then we can move forward on this project.
- D. **Office Reorganization** – Phase 2 on hold. (Work in Progress) other projects have priority
- E. **Turkey Shoot Area** – To be started when the turkey shoot season stops.

11. NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

- A. **Golf Tournament** – Receive golf club tournament application from the District Meeting scheduled for April 30th, 2023 at Bartram Trail Golf Club, in support of the Baseball team. Four-man team, \$100 per man, Mulligans \$5 each. Application must be submitted by April 28th, 2023. (Pass this to the SAL) due to the Post is already paying \$400 for tickets in support of the Baseball Team.

In addition, looking for the post to be a Hole Sponsor; which is \$100 for a sponsor on a tee box; or \$250 per sponsor on 2 Tee Boxes & setup a banner at the clubhouse; or \$500 per sponsor on 2 tee boxes, banner at the clubhouse plus Company Logo on all Golf Carts.

Motion: Motion to donate \$100 for a sponsorship on a tee box.

Made by Past Cdr Oscar Sims Seconded by E-Board Raymond Johnson

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

12. THE GOOD OF THE AMERICAN LEION

- A. **March 15th** – The American Legion Birthday in the Lounge.
- B. **March 17th** – St. Patty's Day Luncheon with the Riders Steak Night at 6 PM
- C. **March 22nd** – Cdr will be leaving for the Spring Conference @Duluth, GA. Returning on 26th. Sr. Vice Bruce Early, Jr. Vice Robert Caruso, and Jr. Vice James Brendle will have the command.
- D. **April 11th**- First nominations for Post officers at the General Membership Meeting.
- E. **Downtown VA** – Sr. Vice Cdr Bruce Early and also VA Rep requesting that the American Legion Post 178 also handle a monthly donation of (\$150.00) which would be rolled over each month keeping the amount available not to exceed \$150.00 for the purchase of snacks and any hygiene and toilet items for the Hospital Veterans in downtown VA Hospital. It was already voted on at the E-Board and the only reason it is being brought up tonight is because we did not have the E-Board minutes to vote on.

Motion to allocate \$200 Dollars under the same conditions as outlined in B above and that Sr. Vice Early would keep track of it monthly.

Original Motion made by E-Board Henry King and
Seconded by: Finance Officer David Myer.

(13) _ For, _ (0) _, Against). **Motion Carried**

- F. **Nominations Election of Officer 's – Starts in Month of April**

13. ADJOURNMENT

TIME: 19: 51 hrs

Motion: Motion made to adjourned Made by Sr. Vice Cdr Bruce Early
Seconded by E-Board Raymond Johnson.
(14) FOR; (0) AGAINST). **Motion Carried!**

Nest EB Board & House Committee Meeting which was schedule on Tuesday, April 4th, 2023 is Canceled due to the Commander will be out of town.

Next General Membership meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11th, 2023.

Theresa A. Brisker

Adjutant

Grant B. Whiteley

Commander