

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA
10TH DISTRICT MEETING
SEPT. 13, 2009

MORNING SESSION: 11:00 a.m.

District website: <http://www.ga-dist10.org>

The Joint Meeting of the 10th District was opened in proper form by Commander Terry Moore. The 10th District Color Guard posted the Colors.

Commander Bobby Hamby of Post 32, Covington, welcomed us.

Commander Moore introduced our guests: Roger Tingler-Past National Vice Commander and now serving on the National Legislative Committee, Bill Lienhop-Dept. Jr. Vice Commander, Harry Branham-Past 10th District Commander.

Sgt-at-Arms Butch Henson draped the charter in memory of our fallen comrades.

Chaplin Sandra Shockley played Taps on the trumpet.

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Auxiliary President June Moore read the names of auxiliary members who have passed on.

Chaplin Sandra Shockley played the trumpet as members sang "Onward Christian Soldiers". The devotion was taken from Phillipians 4:6

Sgt-at-Arms Butch Henson undraped the charter.

Department Jr. Vice Commander Bill Lienhop reported that there is a scam regarding veterans and the pharmacy. The VA will not call you to update your profile. He urged all veterans to be alert for scams. National Committeeman Ray Hendrix's retirement party will be Sept. 18-19 at Lake Lanier Legacy Lodge. Fall Conference will be Oct. 24-25 at Windy Hill Marriott. All Posts were urged to turn in membership. There is a National Commander's incentive pin award. You must recruit five new members to get the pin. There is a new American Legion Firefighter of the year award.

Larry Hoff reported on the Family Support Network, which is a National Organization. It is headquartered in Ga. It consists mostly of wives. They are running out of money to support

our troops. They are working effortlessly to raise money. They also help the family of the person deployed. They babysit, run errands, and help in any way they can. The members of their organization were encouraged to join The American Legion Auxiliary.

Larry Hoff reported about Fallen Soldier Joseph Helton. KIA in Iraq. He was a member of Post 64 in Monroe. The body will be escorted by the Patriot Guard for burial in Canton.

The 50/50 drawing was held and Sandy Wittenmyer of Post 0233 won \$90.00. Jean Kelley won the vase. Roger Tingler reminded everyone that Sept. 16th is American Legion Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION: 12:35

The meeting was opened in proper form by Commander Terry Moore. District Adjutant Diane Adair took the Officer's Roll Call. All officers were present except for three; Jr. Vice Commander Ken Thompson, Judge Advocate Bobby Davis, and Service Officer Ralph Mullens. Posts Roll Call was taken with 12 present. Minutes of the May 31st meeting were passed out for all to read. Minutes were approved.

Finance Officer Lee Griswold passed out the financial report for all to read. Finance report was approved pending audit. Total District 10 funds on hand as of 09/12/2009 is \$4712.52.

While at lunch, Larry Hoff received sad news from home. He made his report on the ROTC Drill Meet in the dining hall before he left. The ROTC Drill meet will be Sept. 19th at Monroe Area High School. Our prayers are with him and his family.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Boy Scouts: Chairman Tommy Hatton reported that the Boy Scouts at Post 0233, Post 0064, and Post 583 are doing good.

Baseball: Chairman Butch Henson reported that Post 77 went to State, then to Regional, and came in 4th in Nationals.

Blood Drive: Chairman Jerry Mahaffey reported that at the last Blood Drive for Post 0233, we had 57 good donations. He encouraged other Posts to start a Blood Drive. Post 37 also had a Blood Drive with 55 good donations.

Oratorical: Commander Moore reported that the 10th District would like to have the Area Oratorical Contest this year. The District Contest will be at the end of January. The Area Contest will be the early part on February.

Legion Riders: Stan maudlin reported that the Legacy Run was successful. The contribution from Ga. was \$20,000.00. Post 0233 donated \$4,365.00 with the help of "The Ride for America" and other donations. The nationwide donations are expected to be around \$700,000.00 this year. The Legion Riders have at least one ride a month. September 25-26 they will be going to Ft. Benning, Ga. to visit the Infantry Museum and to honor Gary Lemonds at the Ranger Hall of Fame. They meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Color Guard: Post 77 of Conyers was 4th place in the National Color Guard competition.

S.A.L. Sgt-at-Arms Butch Henson reported that Mike Arneson is the National Commander for the S.A.L. He is from Post 127

Vice Commander Reports:

Tommy Hatton: Loganville-Post 233

Eatonton-Post 19 & 583

Elberton-Post 14

The only District Flag carried in the National Parade was carried by Captain Jack Wade. Tommy did not visit any Posts this time. He will start his visits next month.

Coy Gibson: Athens-Post 20 & 185 Post 185...membership is steady. But their participation in Legion programs is not good. Post 20 was not visited

Danielsville-Post39 Not visited

Lexington-Post 123 Doing good work within the Post. They are working toward an addition to the Post building.

Jim Crutchfield: Jefferson-Post 56

Homer-Post 215

Commerce-Post 93

Conyers-Post77 Labor Day was a fun day with yard sales and craft sales. The Blood Drive had 42 good donations. The Legion Riders and the S.A.L. made over \$100.00 each.

Did not make any visits to Posts.

John Ruckdeschel: Monroe-Post 531 Attended installation of officers. Discussed the importance of membership and the consolidated report. The first regular meeting will be Sept. 15th.

Monroe-Post 64 Holding membership good. On Sept. 26th they will have their annual bar-b-cue. They have plans to sponsor a Boy Scout Troop. It will be organized in the near future.

Madison-Post 37 Attended meeting. Introduced six candidates that attended Boys and Girls State. They spoke of their experience at Boys and Girls state. Commander Moore presented pins and ribbons to Post 37 for 100% membership for last year.

Lavonia-Post 92 Attended regular meeting. The members voted to donate dictionaries to all the fourth graders at the elementary school. Post 92 is leading the 911 Freedom Walk in Lavonia Sept. 11th. It will start at 6:00 p.m.

Commander Boss of Loganville post 233 reported that we will be back at the capitol when the session begins. We are still working on getting “pull tabs” for all non-profit veteran organizations.

Department Historian Diane Adair reported that the PUFL membership will be going up in price. The deadline is Oct.1st. She encouraged all Posts to submit articles from their Post.

New Business: Commander Moore reported that it is important that the 10th District hold a Service Officer’s School. It will probably take about 2 hours. Anyone can go to the meeting.

Every Post should turn in a consolidated report at the end of the year.

Any Post may contribute to the Department for the present for Ray Hendrix. It will be given to him at the Saturday night banquet.

Old Business: The 10th District did not make the membership percentage by Sept. 9th. We need 55% by Oct. 14th and 100% by Dec. We have one Post that has not turned in any membership.

Any Post that would like the Department Commander to attend your Veteran’s Day activities must turn it in now. It’s on a first come, first serve basis.

At the National Convention, the Ga. Legion Riders needed \$200.00 to complete the \$20,000.00. Commander Boss of Post 0233 wrote them a check for \$200.00.

A motion was made to repay Commander Boss \$200.00. The motion seconded and passed.

With no further business on the floor, the meeting was closed in proper form with the Color Guard retrieving the Colors. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Diane Adair, District Adj.

Terry Moore, District Cmdr.