

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA
10TH DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 1, 2009

MORNING SESSION: 1100 a.m.

The joint meeting of the 10th District was opened in proper form by District Commander Terry Moore.

The 10th District Color Guard posted the colors.

Conyers Post 77 Commander Jack Murphy and Auxiliary President Betty Parks welcomed us.

District Commander Terry Moore introduced our guests: Past Dept. Cmdr. and Dept. Finance Chairman Bob Pollard, Dept. Judge Advocate Charlie French, and Dept. Jr. Vice Cmdr. Willie Reynolds.

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

Sgt-at Arms Butch Henson draped the Charter in Honor of our Fallen Comrades.

Chaplain Sandra Shockley read the names of deceased members. Auxiliary President June Moore read the names of our deceased Auxiliary members. Taps was played by Color Guard member Bill Henry. Devotional text was from Isaiah 53:5 "Freedom is not Free".

Sgt-at- arms Butch Henson undraped the charter.

District Commander Terry Moore introduced Dept. Jr. Vice Larry Hoff.

Winner of the ½ & ½ drawing was Commander Jack Murphy.

Sgt-at-Arms Butch Henson raffled off an Army Blanket. The winner was T.L. Collins. Proceeds of the raffle support the S.A.L. Squadron 77 of Conyers. Post 77 will be having Comedy Night with the proceeds going to support S.A.L. Squadron 77 of Conyers.

District Commander Terry Moore presented Eatonton Post 583 the Red Ribbon for 100% membership. Lavonia Post 92 and Commerce Post93 were also at 100%. Their Ribbons will be mailed .

In District 10, we have 11 Posts that are over 90%. We place 3rd at Department.

Area Oratorical Contest will be at Alpharetta Post 201 Saturday, March 14th at 1:00 p.m.

Spring Conference will be March 13-15 at Lake Lanier Islands.

Dept. Commander's Homecoming will be April 25th at Post 145 Douglasville.

The next 10th District Meeting will be May 31st at Post 233 Loganville.

Boys State will be June 14-20.

Dept. Convention will be June 25-28 at Duluth.

National Convention will be August 21-27 in Louisville Ky.

Legion College will be June 5-7.

The Youth Champions Banquet will be at Spring Conference on Saturday March 14th.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION: 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was opened in proper form by District Commander Terry Moore.

District Adjutant Diane Adair took the Officer's Roll Call. Sr. Vice Harvie Lance, Jr. Vice Kenneth Thompson, and Jr. Vice Benny Parker were absent.

Posts roll Call was taken with 10 Posts present.

Minutes of the December 7th meeting were passed out for all to read. Minutes were approved as written.

Finance Officer Lee Griswold reported a balance of \$6660.57 as of 03/01/2009. The finance report was passed out for all to read. Finance report was approved pending audit. The finance report is attached to the signed minutes. The account at the Essex Bank is still open with approximately \$93.00. (Just in case a future Officer lives in the area) \$650.00 was reimbursed to District Cmdr. Terry Moore for the Oratorical.

District Commander Terry Moore called on our guests:

Dept. Judge Advocate Charlie French reported that he is running for alternate NEC man.

Dept. Jr. Vice Cmdr. Willie Reynolds reported that he is running for alternate NEC man.

Dept. Finance Chairman Bob Pollard reported that he is running for alternate NEC man. The 11th District is 1% behind 10th district. He reminded everyone to turn in their raffle tickets for the Commander's Project. June 2010 we will be going back to Augusta.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Boy Scouts: Chairman Tommy Hatton reported that the Boy Scouts are doing very well. Four boys are up for Eagle.

Blood Drive: Chairman Jerry Mahaffey reported that Post 233 had a Drive on February 19th with 40 good donations. He encouraged all Posts to fill out the consolidated report if you give blood anywhere. This will help the 10th district with awards.

Oratorical: Chairman Larry Hoff reported that the 10th District Oratorical Contest was held on February 6th at Post 233 Loganville. The winner was David Lyle from Jackson Co. High School. He was sponsored by Post 56 Jefferson. The Oratorical report was passed out for all to read. It is attached to the signed minutes. He thanked Post 233 for all their help. The results are posted on the web site.

National / Homeland Security: The report was passed out for all to read. The report will be given at Spring Conference March 14, 2009. On March 5th the defense budget will be announced. It may be 25% of the entire budget. At present we do not have a published policy or strategy for Homeland Security. It may change. The report is attached to the signed minutes.

Shooting Sports: District 10 donated \$450.00 to the shooting Sports. Three counties received this money. Each received \$150.00. They were Rockdale Co., Newton Co., and Walton Co. They all sent e-mails thanking us. Walton Co. had one man to qualify for Nationals at Ft. Benning.

ROTC: Col. Hoff reported that the ROTC is very active.

District Commander reported that we have 5 posts that are 100%. We must work the 400 list.

Jr. Vice Coy Gibson reported that you must encourage members from the 400 list to pay dues at their assigned post and not at Department.

Boys State will be in Statesboro June 14-20. If you pay before the end of April, you get a discount. Application for Boys State are available. Cmdr. Moore inquired about using the Post 233 bus to transport to Boys State.

Resolution: Charlie Barrett is running for the NEC man. The current NEC man is stepping down. The current alternate NEC man (Charlie Wessinger) is running for the NEC Chairmanship.

District Commander Terry Moore reported that Homer has started the Legion Riders. Tommy Hatton reported that the Ride for America is still on for Memorial Day. The 10th District Legion Riders are absent due to the bad weather and they have a three o'clock meeting in Loganville.

JR. VICE REPORTS:

Jr. Vice Coy Gibson: Visited Athens Post 20...involved in Boys State. Next year they plan to add Girls State.

Lexington Post 123...Very active locally. They support many veteran families in the community

Athens Post 185...Meets at Piccadilly at Ga. Mall. Their Auxiliary meets at a different time.

Danielsville Post 39....Hard to find when they have their meetings. Their Adjutant is a Navy Chief Warrant officer. Their meeting are around his schedule. They have trouble recruiting members.

Service Officer's Report: District Service Officer Ralph Mullens reported on the correct procedure for getting someone into a state facility. The applicant should go to one of the Department of Veterans Services in the community to fill out an application. The application is forwarded to the Department of Veterans Affairs. An appointment is scheduled for the applicant to be seen by a physician at VA. If approved, the application is sent to Milledgeville or Augusta to see if there is an opening.

He also reported on DIC. (Dependent Indemnity Compensation) These are payments made to the dependents of a veteran who has died of service related injuries. It amounts to over \$1200.00 per month base pay.

Any time you send the VA an application, you should go to one of the Department of Veterans Services in your area and submit it. This way you will have it on file with the VA.

He also reported on The "Honor Flight".

Veterans drivers license and fishing license are free.

Get you reservations for the Youth Champion Banquet now. The dead line is the ninth.

Golf at Spring Conference will be \$50.00 plus tax.

Nominating Committee:

Cmdr. Bobby Boss, Bobby Davis, Larry Hoff

New Business: none

Old Business: MEMBERSHIP

For the Good of the Legion: Cmdr. Bobby Boss reported that we are still trying to get the "Pull Tabs" legalized.

Post 32 has their first General as a member effective march 1, 2009.

With no further business on the floor, the meeting was closed in proper form at 1:20 p.m. due to sleet and snowy weather.

