

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA
10TH DISTRICT MEETING
MAY 31, 2009

MORNING SESSION: 11:00

District 10 website: <http://www.ga-dist10.org>

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

Post 0233 Commander Bobby Boss and Auxiliary President Anita Owens welcomed us.

Cmdr. Boss introduced our guest speaker, Mayor of Loganville, Ray Nunley. Mayor Nunley spoke about how members of Post 0233 are the "Unsung Heroes" of the Loganville community. Mayor Nunley was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from Post 0233.

Cmdr. Boss introduced Walton County Sheriff Joe Chapman. Sheriff Chapman was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from Post 0233.

Cmdr. Boss introduced Monroe Police Chief Keith Glass. Chief Glass was presented a certificate of Appreciation along with a collage photo.

The Tenth District Cmdr. Terry Moore introduced Department Jr. Vice Larry Hoff. The Tenth District Auxiliary President June Moore acknowledged Betts Marriott of Unit 0233.

At this time no one is on sick call.

Sgt-at-Arms Butch Henson draped the Charter in memory of our beloved comrades.

Chaplin Sandra Shockley read the names of our departed veterans. "Taps" was played by Bill Henry of Post 0233 Color Guard. Chaplin Shockley led us in singing "Precious Memories" in remembrance of Memorial Day. Devotion was taken from Romans 10:13. Chaplin Shockley will take prayer request at any time. Her phone number is 706-468-7179. The thought for the day: What a man is, is more important than what a man has.

A silent prayer was held in memory of our fallen comrades.

Sgt-at-Arms Butch Henson undraped the charter.

Ed Marriott commented on our foyer display.

Past Parley President Fannie Pearl Farley was recognized.

The drawings were held. Winners were:

Soldiers Connection Quilt...Anitia Owens

Half & half.....Tommy Hatton

Basket of Cheer.....Gordon Greenway

Cup & Saucer.....June Moore

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45

AFTERNOON SESSION: 12:45

The meeting was opened in proper form by Commander Terry Moore. District Adjutant Diane Adair took the Officer's Roll Call. Service Officer Ralph Mullens was absent. Posts Roll Call was taken with twelve Posts present. Minutes of the March 1st meeting were passed out for all members to read. Minutes were approved as written.

Finance Officer Lee Griswold reported that the account at the Essex Bank in Loganville is officially closed as of 3/31/2009. Total funds on hand as of 05/31/2009 is \$7131.37. Finance report was approved pending audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Boy Scouts: Chairman Tommy Hatton reported they are doing well. Post 583 reported that they had one boy to make Eagle. They placed about 250 flags on graves for Memorial Day. Troop 132 is getting ready for summer camp. Post 53 chartered their first Boy Scout Troop.

Baseball: Chairman Butch Henson reported that baseball is just getting started. Loganville and Conyers have 2 teams each.

Blood Donor Program: Chairman Jerry Mahaffey reported that Post 0233 had a Blood Drive on the 21st. They received 44 good units. He encouraged all members to fill out the consolidated report properly for blood donations.

Color Guard: Captain Jack Wade reported that in the last 3 months they did about 10 funerals.

Shooting Sports: Larry Hoff reported that they are preparing for next year's events.

ROTC: Col. Hoff reported that the Drill Meet will be in Monroe again. The ROTC is doing well in northeast Ga. They compete well.

Website: Larry Hoff reported that it has been up for the past year. It has covered The Oratoricals, ROTC Drill Meets, and every meeting. It has guides and links for your use.

The Legion College will be Next week-end in Macon.

Boys State: Boys State will be June 14-20. There are about 400 boys signed up.

Commander Bobby Boss made a motion to donate \$1000.00 to the ROTC Drill Team. The motion was seconded, and passed.

A motion was made to donate \$100.00 to keep the website up. The motion was seconded and passed.

Legion Riders: Director Al Burns reported that they participated in the "Ride for America" on Memorial Day. They had several funerals. They passed out fliers at several events. On June 12th they will have a "Retreat" sponsored by the Department of Ga. in Blairsville. Al will be participating in the Legacy Run. They have had yard sales and bar-b-cues to raise money for the Legacy Run.

Commander Boss of Post 0233 reported that we are still working on getting "Pull tabs" legalized in Ga. for non-profit Veteran organizations.

Jr. Vice Reports:

Sr. Vice Harvie Lance: Three Posts are at 100%. Membership is great. They sponsored Boys State and Girls State this year. They also sponsored a candidate for Oratorical.

Jr. Vice Tommy Hatton: Eatonton Post 19 is at 89.3%. Post 583 is at 100%. Loganville post 233 is at 132.3%.

Jr. Vice Coy Gibson: Two Posts are over 100% in membership. One post is 98.8%. One struggling Post at 80%. Post 20 will install incoming Officers in June. They had a successful fund raiser in Winterville at the Marigold Festival.

Jr. Vice Kenneth Thompson: Madison Post 37 is at 108.3%. Statham Post 163 is at 103%. Winder Post 53 is at 96.0%. Winder Post 509 is at 80.8%. Ken voiced his concerns about some Posts are paying twice on mail in membership. Post 53 did not receive printed cards this

year. Department Jr. Vice Commander Larry Hoff suggested to send the membership by registered mail.

Post 53 had several funerals. They participated in Flag ceremonies. They participated in the Armed Forces Day Parade.

Jr. Vice Benny Parker: Monroe Post 531 is at 94.8%. Monroe Post 64 is at 76.4%.

New Business:

Delegates to the National Convention: The nominating committee nominated the following people.

Tenth District Commander Terry Moore

Department Jr. Vice Commander Larry Hoff

Jack Wade

Bobby Boss

Alternates: Diane Adair, Tommy Hatton, and Al Burns

A motion was made to accept the nominees. Motion was seconded and passed.

Commander Bobby Boss made a motion to re-instate the present officers. The motion was seconded and passed. He also made a motion to nominate Jim Crutchfield and John Ruckdeschel for Jr. Vice Commanders. Motion was seconded and passed.

Officers for 2009-2010

Commander.....Terry Moore

Sr. Vice Commander...Tommy Hatton

Jr. Vice Commander...Coy Gibson

Jr. Vice Commander...Ken Thompson

Jr. Vice Commander...Jim Crutchfield

Jr. Vice Commander...John Ruckdeschel

Appointed Positions:

Adjutant..Diane Adair

Finance Officer...Lee Griswold

Sgt-at-Arms..Butch Henson

Judge Advocate...Bobby Davis

Commander Terry Moore reported that we have to do better on our reports to the Department. District 10 had six Posts that did not turn in Data Forms to the Department. Consolidated reports are due June 1st. This is how we get credit at State and National.

Commander Bobby Boss read the names of Posts that are not certified.

Commander Terry Moore asked that the following Posts sponsor District Meeting for 2009-2010. Eatonton Post 583, Monroe Post 64, Loganville Post 233, and Covington Posts 32.

Commander Bobby Boss made a motion to donate \$1000.00 to the Legion Riders Legacy Fund. Motion was seconded and passed.

Old Business: Tenth District is in 4th place in membership. We are at 97%.

Monticello Post 110 is in danger of losing their charter. They are down to 19 members.

Twenty-five are needed for a charter.

Commander Bobby Boss reported that Post 233 will have a hospitality suite in the Marriott Hotel. This is where we will have the caucus before the election.

Stan Maulden spoke about getting younger people involved in the American Legion.

With no further business on the floor, the meeting was closed in proper form at 2:30 p.m.

Diane Adair, District Adj.

Terry Moore, District Cmdr.

