

**THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA**  
**10<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 7, 2008**

Morning Session: 11:00 a.m.

The joint meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> District was opened in proper form by District Commander Terry Moore. The 10<sup>th</sup> District Color Guard posted the Colors.

Eatonton Post 583 Commander Larry Pascal and Auxiliary President Helen Nelson welcomed us. S.A.L. member Michael Gordon also welcomed us.

Our guests were Department Sr. Vice Commander Butch Adams, Jr. Vice Commander Willie Reynolds, and Jr. Vice Commander Larry Hoff.

District Auxiliary President June Moore introduced Department Chaplin Susie Mash, Past Department President Minnie Lynch, and Past Department President Mary Jo Childers.

Dates to remember:

December 10<sup>th</sup> .....The 75% membership goal is due. District 10 is there.

We need to work the 400 list.

January 15<sup>th</sup> .....The application for Law Officer of the Year is due.

January 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> ....The Department Caravan will visit each Post.

January 29<sup>th</sup> -February 1<sup>st</sup> .....National Commander's visit.

March 1<sup>st</sup> .....10<sup>th</sup> District Meeting in Conyers.

Spring Conference will be in March

March 14<sup>th</sup> ....Oratorical Contests.....All Posts competition should be completed by Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> .....all District competition should be completed by March 1<sup>st</sup> ...All Area competition should be completed by March 8<sup>th</sup>. The State Competition will be held in Perry on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Oratorical Chairman Larry Hoff reported that the District Contest will February 6<sup>th</sup> at Post 233 at 6:00 p.m.

May 31<sup>st</sup> .....10<sup>th</sup> District Meeting in Loganville.

June 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> ....Department Convention in Duluth.

August 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> .....National Convention in Louisville, Ky.

Today being Pearl Harbor Day, Our WW11 Veterans were recognized. Two were present.

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

Chaplin Sandra Shockley read the names of our deceased members. Deceased Unit members were announced by their Post. Taps was played by Color Guard member Bill Henry. Chaplin Shockley continued with the Religious Service, "Remembering Pearl Harbor". The text was taken from James 1: 3-4

Sgt-at-Arms Butch Henson undraped the Charter.

District President June Moore conducted the ½ & ½ drawing which was \$80 won by Susie Mash. The Eatonton Basket of Cheer was won by Auxiliary member Joyce Lemonds. The Woman's Stocking was won by Violet Mahaffey. The Men's Stocking was won by Catherine Humphries. The Candy Dish was won by Caroline Hillman.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Afternoon Session: 12:45 p.m.

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

District Adjutant Diane Adair took the Officer's roll call. Jr. Vice Commander Benny Parker and Service Officer Ralph Mullens were absent. Post roll call was taken with twelve Posts present.

The minutes of the last meeting were passed out for all members to read. Minutes were approved. The Finance report was passed out for all members to read. Finance report was approved pending audit.

Finance Officer Lee Griswold had concerns over a payment to District Jr. Vice commander Tommy Hatton for expenses incurred while attending the ROTC Drill Meet. He attended the Drill Meet as District Historian. Department Jr. Vice Commander Larry Hoff explained what functions Tommy performed. A motion was made to pay District Historian Tommy Hatton \$175.00. Motion approved. Mr. Griswold had concerns over the mileage quarterly maximums. Sr. Vice Commander Harvie Lance reported that it was discussed and voted on in the last meeting to keep the maximum at \$600.00 per year, but omit the quarterly amount.

**Committee Reports:**

**Boy Scouts:** Chairman Tommy Hatton reported that the Boy Scouts are doing good especially Eatonton Post 583. He requested that he needs all the reports on the Scouts.

**Blood Donor Program:** Chairman Jerry Mahaffey reported that the last Blood Drive for Post 233 was November 25<sup>th</sup> with a good turnout. Anyone wanting to start Blood Drives for their Post should see Jerry Mahaffey for instructions.

**District Color Guard:** Captain Jack Wade reported that they had 12 funerals in the last 3 months.

Commander Moore thanked the Color Guard for all that they do for the District.

Larry Hoff reported that our web site address is: <http://www.ga-dist10.org> All Posts of the 10<sup>th</sup> District are welcomed to have data on the web site. E-mail Larry in jpg.

**Oratorical Program:** Chairman Larry Hoff reported that the district Oratorical Contest will be held at Post 233 on February 6<sup>th</sup>. It will start at 6:00 p.m. The area Oratorical Contest will be March 8<sup>th</sup> in Perry. We should try to get Speech Coaching from UGA for the winner of the District Contest. Requirements for the Oratorical Contest are on the web site.

**Boys State:** Chairman Larry Hoff reported that it will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June in Statesboro. Sr. Vice Commander Harvie Lance thanked Winder Post for sponsoring a student from his area to go to Boys State. At our next meeting, Chairman Larry Hoff will discuss an overall Boys State Orientation.

**ROTC:** Colonel Hoff reported that we are the only District to hold a Drill meet.

**Shooting Sports:** Larry Hoff reported that we have 3 teams in District 10. He would like the District to support the teams with a \$500.00 donation. They are not supported by the school or the Air Force. All 3 teams shoot for the American Legion.

**National Security:** Chairman Larry Hoff reported that President Bush's National Security policies are on the web site. President-elect B.H. Obama's policies are also on the web site. He attended the National Legion College. He talked about how to increase membership with people who want to help the community.

**Jr. Vice Reports:**

**Sr. Vice Harvie Lance:** Jefferson Post is at 130%. The other Post are near 100%. Post 56 gave award to the Legionnaire of the Year. They also gave Safety Awards to the Police and Firemen. Post 56 received the Public Service Award from the Chamber of Commerce.

**Jr. Vice Tommy Hatton:** He attended the ROTC Drill Meet. He attended the Winder Post representing the 10<sup>th</sup> District and 3 Veteran Services in Oxford.

**Jr. Vice Coy Gibson:** Three Posts are at 80 + %. He is working hard with Danielsville to get a meeting with them. Their Adjutant is good, but he is active duty. They meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month. He and veterans in his area enjoyed the Veterans Day Dinner at the Golden Coral. He thanked The Lions Club and Ted Ridgeway for all their support.

**Jr. Vice Kenneth Thompson:** All Posts are in good shape. His Posts will be starting a PTSD Support Group. This will be for Walton and Gwinnett County families.

Commander Moore reported that the 10<sup>th</sup> District is at 75%. Applications for Law Officer of the Year are due on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Department Caravan will be January 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. This must be done in 2 days. Please fill out your forms before the Caravan arrives. Commanders and Adjutants must be present. Larry Hoff reported that the schedule is on the web site.

The National Commander will visit January 29<sup>th</sup>- February 1<sup>st</sup>.

The next District meeting will be March 1<sup>st</sup> in Conyers at Post 77.

Spring Conference will be June 25-28<sup>th</sup> at Gwinnett place, Duluth.

National Convention will be in Louisville, Ky. August 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:** Hospital visits will be December 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> starting at the Ga. War Veterans home.

The National American Legion sponsors Vet Cam. You can go on line at the National web site and look under Vet Cam. You must have a computer with a camera. You can talk to active duty soldiers, American Legion members, National Guard, and veterans. They also sponsor "Operation Comfort Warrior", which supplies non-essential items to veterans in the War Homes. Donations are accepted.

A motion was made to sponsor the Shooting Sports with \$150.00. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

Larry Hoff talked about the Commemorative Coin Program Resolution. The resolution is also being distributed in Maine, Connecticut, Missouri, Colorado, California, Florida, and Georgia. They plan to hit National with the resolution at the same time. A motion was made to accept the resolution. Motion passed. The resolution was signed by Commander Moore.

Post 0233 Commander Bobby Boss reported that he will be back at the Capitol to get the "Pull Tab" bill passed by both houses. David Poythress will be running for Governor. He is a member of Post 0233.

Loganville Post 0233 and Jefferson Post 56 reached 100%. There were 4 Posts over 90%.

Department Jr. Vice Larry Hoff reported that Fall conference was cancelled due to the hotel going bankrupt.

Jefferson Post 56 donated \$1000.00 to the Commanders Project. A motion was made for the District to give \$1000.00 to the Commanders Project. Motion Passed.

Department Sr. Vice Commander Butch Adams thanked all WW11 Veterans for their service. He also thanked District 10 for the \$1000.00 donation. The department was at the closing of Milledgeville. He reminded all Posts to do their consolidated reports. Only 53% of all Posts in Ga. did a consolidated report last year.

Adjutant Diane Adair was presented with an award for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Yearbook contest.

With no further business on the floor, the meeting was closed in proper form at 2:20 p.m.

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Diane Adair, District Adjutant

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Terry Moore, District Cmdr.

