

**American Legion
Jeremy E. Ray Post 324
Jersey Village, TX**

**November 10, 2019
Regular Meeting - Minutes**

Commander Otto called the meeting to order at 16:00 hours. There were 7 officers present:

Commander Otto
Vice Commander Pyke
Finance Officer Baughman
Service Officer Riley
Judge Advocate Pryor
Chaplain Link
Historian Howard

and 13 other members for a total of 20 in attendance. A quorum was met and the meeting continued.

Minutes:

Acting Adjutant David Pyke read the minutes from October's meeting. Donna McCarty made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Robert Howard. Motion passed and was approved.

Finance Report:

Finance Officer Jimmy Baughman reported that the available funds of Post 324 were \$16,302.71. Motion to accept finance report pending further audit was made by Lawrence Sinsel and seconded by Ron Supler. Motion was approved by membership.

Guests:

Two guests were introduced, David Chu (Army 82nd Airborne) and Jerry Thurston (Army transfer from state post 345), are transferring their membership to this post.

Committee Reports:

A. Vice Commander David Pyke read a letter from District 8 DEC noting some requests of the VA Hospital. They include: Christmas help beginning November 30th, 4th floor auditorium from 2-4pm; gifts for mailing costing between \$12 - \$15; to participate in the MEDVAMC's 18th annual "Adopt a vet program" by donating a \$25 gift card. For questions contact Ms. D. Sias at 832-421-7706. James Hardy (Recreation Therapy) requesting money for Wheel Chair games travel expenses. Ph. 713-791-1414.

Honor Flight Houston is requesting Viet Nam veterans to go on line and fill out application to fly to Washington. (www.honorflighthouston.org)

B. Chaplain John Link read some thank-you letters from former Boys State attendees and how it has helped them. He and Wayne Huebner also attended Leigh McAuliffe's funeral.

C. Trey Pryor (Judge Advocate) noted minor changes to Post Bylaws.

D. Robert Howard (Historian) again requested service-related stories.

Commander's Report:

Commander Stefanie Otto reminded post of the dates for Oratorical contests. Post being December 13th and District 8 on January 11th, 2020.

The 244th birthday of the United States Marine Corps was recognized, today.

December's meeting will be at Carl's BBQ at 4:00pm. Family is invited.

Raffle ticket drawing will be tomorrow November 11th in the VFW parking lot.

Certificates of appreciation were sent to both companies affiliated with raffle tickets.

Sick Call:

Sick call remains as last month: Ron Lance, Tim Givens, Howard Mead, Ted Lukeman- wife Janet on Chemo, and Janet Donath

Old Business

For legion shirts, see Donna McCarty. She needs a certain quota to get them at a discounted cost.

New Business:

Village on the Park needs a speaker.

Salute to Heroes will be on February 8, 2020. Josh Bleil will be the guest speaker.

Member Curtis Haverty explained the significance of "Blue Water Navy Veterans Act of 2019" allowing navy veterans to apply for assistance for exposure to agent orange.

Good of the Legion:

Trey Pryor noted "Tribute to Veterans" by Precinct 4 was held on Nov. 9th.

Small flags were given to post members from "US Flag Maker" by Donna McCarty.

Adjourn:

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1700 hours. Our next scheduled meeting will be at Carl's BBQ on Sunday December 8th.

Respectfully Submitted:

David W. Pyke
Vice Commander
(Acting Adjutant)