

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

**November 14, 2021
Regular Meeting – Minutes**

Commander Stefanie Otto called the meeting to order at 1600 hours. There were 6 officers present:

**Commander Stefanie Otto
Vice Commander David Pyke
Adjutant Larry Dick
Service Officer Bill Brown
Historian Robert Howard
Chaplin Richard Ater**

And 10 other members for a total of 13 members and 2 guests in attendance. A quorum was met and the meeting continued.

Minutes:

Adjutant Larry Dick read the minutes from the October meeting. Robert Howard made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Bill Brown. Motion passed and was approved by membership.

Finance Report:

There was no finance officer or report.

Commander Otto welcomed new transferring members to Post 324. Grady Jones (Wife Lily) – Air Force, Charles Crawford – Marines and Tom Lauman – Army.

Committee Reports:

1st Vice David Pyke discussed attending the DEC meeting he attended on November 2nd. Boys State is December 17th and January 8th is the Oratorical District at JV Civic Center.

Commander mentioned to have a motion to have Richard Ater as our Chaplin. Jerry Roberts motioned and David Pyke seconded. Motion passed and was approved by the membership. Commander Otto installed Richard as our new Chaplin.

**Historian Robert Howard need more personal stories form the members.
Service Officer Bill Brown**

Bill helped a veteran and David Pyke motion to reimburse him. Ted Lukeman seconded and the motion passed and was approved by membership.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- Assisted a veteran by providing one night which got him to Friday of that week when he would get paid. Advised him of various VA resources and also told him we would only be limited to this support. Motel cost was \$55.00. Will request a motion for reimbursement.
- Assisted a veteran family in initiating a VA application for benefits. Also provided Texas Veterans Commission contact but no disability was involved here.
- Assisted a recent retiree from the US Coast Guard begin her disability claim process and gave contact information for the Texas Veterans Commission in Tomball, TX.

Additionally

- Attended and participated in the Phillips 66 Corporate Veterans Day event on November 11, 2021. The Jeremy E Ray American Legion Post 324 provided the color guard for the service.

Old Business

VA stopped taking donations from the Legion.

Blue Santa, collecting unwrapped toys for the Houston Police Dept.

We will have our Family meal at the December 12th, meeting at Spring Creek BBQ from 4-6pm.

We have someone to do members shirts, they are \$35.

New Business

Commander wanted to purchase Wreaths for Wreath's Across America from the post. David Pyke motion and Ted Lukeman seconded the motion. Motion passed and was approved by membership.

Eric discussed fundraiser doing firework stand for 4th of July. He also made a large donation for the VA or Camp Hope.

Sick Call:

RON LANCE

TIM GIVENS – Cancer

TED LUKEMAN – Wife Janet Chemo

JANET DONATH

TRENTON DAVIS – Wife Kristi

JOHN LINK – Wife Penny

STEFENIE OTTO – Mother-in-law Marian

Good of the Legion

David Pyke noted that at every show at Branson they honor the veterans.

Adjourn:

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1700 hours. Our next scheduled meeting will be on Sunday, December 12th at 1600 hours (4pm) at Spring Creek BBQ.

Respectfully Submitted:

Larry Dick

Adjutant