

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

**April 16, 2023  
Regular Meeting – Minutes**

Commander Stefanie Otto called the meeting to order at 1600 hours. There were 9 officers present:

Commander Stefanie Otto  
1st Vice Commander David Pyke  
2nd Vice Commander Bill Brown  
Service Officer Bill Brown  
Adjutant Larry Dick  
Finance Officer Jimmy Baughman  
Sgt-at-Arms Wayne Huebner  
Chaplin Richard Ater  
Judge Advocate Trey Pryor - Absent  
Historian Robert Howard

And 16 other members for a total of 24 present. A quorum was met, and the meeting continued.

**Minutes:**

Adjutant-elect Terry Coon read the minutes from the March meeting. Robert Howard motioned to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Donna McCarty. Motion passed. Jimmy Baughman submitted 2 corrections to the minutes that were noted. Motion was then approved by membership.

**Finance Report:**

Finance Officer: Jimmy Baughman reported that the available funds of Post 324 were \$9,500.49 as of 04/15/2023. Motion to accept finance report pending further audit was made by Bill Brown and seconded by David Pyke. Motion passed and was approved by membership.

**Commanders Report:**

Commander introduced new member Ernest Lopez, U.S. Marine Corp to the group.

Sick Call: Iren Infante had a mini stroke and temporary blind in right eye. She's having a rough go.

**Committees**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice David Pyke: Spring Convention we had a number of guest speakers including past commander Jeff Perkins. He is also riding a bike for a 100 miles and asking for support. Gene Tomey is running for Department Commander.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: (none)

**Chaplin: Everything is good.**

**Sgt of Arms: Absent**

**Commander: Boys State is coming up in June. We will have meetings here on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and then on June 11<sup>th</sup> they will be leaving on the bus from here. They will return on the following Friday. Anybody can come on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to 12pm for the meeting please join us. So far Donna has done a fantastic job with 15 young men going. Reminder May 1<sup>st</sup> is the last day to get a refund.**

**Service Officer Bill Brown: I have had an opportunity to over the past two months to listen to the VA representative talk through the benefits from the PAC act and normal benefits. I have brought materials to share with the group. It can also be downloaded from the VA site. I Used VA representatives slides to present to Veterans at Phillips 66. At least four of them did not know about the spousal benefit for those with 30% or more disability. Many standards have changed from prior years. Phone numbers in pamphlets are still good to get you to the right person. Do check it out.**

**Historian Robert Howard: Be sure to submit your service stories. My book "An Uncharted Progression" is available in both paper back and digital formats from Google Play, iTunes, Barnes and Noble and Amazon. Link for webpage is: [https://fultonbooks.com/books/?book=an\\_uncharted\\_progression](https://fultonbooks.com/books/?book=an_uncharted_progression) . The book has the theme of saving the world.**

**Larry Dick commented that the stories already submitted are on the web site and available for you to read.**

### **Old Business:**

- 1. Commander recognized by standing and thanked those that helped out at the Home and Garden Show; Steve Volkman, David Pyke and Bob Riley in March. Sold over \$600 in raffle tickets, added a couple of new members and transfers.**
- 2. Last night was our first ever Chili Cookoff. Came in 4<sup>th</sup> out of 4. Sold \$1,300.00 in raffle tickets. Recognize by standing and thanks the following: Steve Volkman, Jerry Roberts, David Pyke and Curtis Haverty. A great time was had by all. 22 teams were invited and we came in 4<sup>th</sup>.**
- 3. Raffle tickets for our fundraiser are due today or by May 21st. or next meeting which will be our last before drawing on Memorial weekend.**
- 4. Spring Convention we had a great turnout from our post and the district. Recognition by standing Jimmy Baughman, David Pyke, Wayne Huebner, Trey Pryor, Mike LaRose and Bill Brown all helped load and unload my truck and were instrumental in making the day run smoothly.**
- 5. Grace After Fire is our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter charity and they need nice women's clothing and Walmart gift cards. May and June left to receive donations. Not everyday clothes. Bring them to the hall.**

### **New Business:**

1. Curtis Haverty commented on the comradery of being together at events. He encouraged all to come to events.
2. The installation of new Post officers occurred with all below taking the oath:
  - Commander: Stefanie Otto
  - Adjutant: Terry Coon
  - Finance Officer: Mike Larose
  - 1st Vice Commander: David Pyke
  - 2nd Vice Commander: Open
  - Chaplin: Richard Ater
  - Sgt-at-Arms: Wayne Huebner
  - Service Officer: Bill Brown
  - Historian: Robert Howard
  - Judge Advocate: Trey Prior (absent)
  - 2 alternates for the Executive Committee: 1<sup>st</sup> alternate Bob Riley.  
Second alternate Jerry Rogers.

### **Good of the Legion:**

1. Steve Volkman commented that he couldn't take credit for helping with the chili making at the cook off but was quickly reminded of his success with walking around the event selling raffle tickets totaling \$1,300.00.
2. Commander reminder: Shirts are in and let me know if you want to order some. The price is unknown since it went up last time without warning but will settle after the order is completed.

### **Adjourn:**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1659 hours. Our next scheduled meeting will be on Sunday, May 21st at 1600 hours (4 pm) at VFW 8905, HWY 290 next to Carl's BBQ.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Terry Coon  
Adjutant