

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

**September 12, 2021
Regular Meeting – Minutes**

Commander Stefanie Otto called the meeting to order at 1600 hours. There were 8 officers present:

Commander Stefanie Otto
Vice Commander David Pyke
Finance Officer Jimmy Baughman
Adjutant Larry Dick
Service Officer Bill Brown
Sgt-at-Arms Wayne Huebner
Historian Robert Howard
Judge Advocate Trey Pryor

And 8 other members for a total of 16 members and 1 guest in attendance. A quorum was met and the meeting continued.

Minutes:

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

Finance Report:

Finance Officer Jimmy Baughman reported that the available funds of Post 324 were \$14,153.55 as of September 12, 2021. Motion to accept finance report pending further audit was made by Robert Howard and seconded by Ted Lukeman. Motion passed and was approved by membership.

Commander Otto welcomed guest speaker Charles Wright with Trauma & Suicide Prevention for Warriors by Warriors. They have published a book for people to read and it has helped save lives of some of these with PTSD. Books sell for \$15.95.

Committee Reports:

1st Vice David Pyke noted that the VA is still needing coloring books, games, cards, puzzles, etc., they are getting a lot of requests from Louisiana Vets. The District Fall Convention will be at Post 560 on October 7th. Also starting to get items for Blue Santa. They are trying to revitalize Post 827 and need volunteers to help.

Service Officer Bill Brown was able to attend and set up his Father's Military Funeral. He was able to because of some of the things he has been learning here.

Old Business

Commander noted that we were collecting money for the 3rd Quarter Charity and we have \$340 so far and this ends the 3rd Quarter Charity. Our 4th Quarter Charity is the VA. Because they needed them badly, we bought \$250 of men's underwear and they still need more. Members can do their part by purchasing white underwear for men and women and bring it to the post and it can be done monthly. We are also supporting the Blue Santa drive for Houston Police Department. Members will bring unwrapped toys to the December meeting.

New Business

The Salute to Our Heroes is coming up and we will continue to purchase a full-page ad. It is \$275 and Jerry Roberts motion to purchase the ad and it was seconded by David Pyke. Motion passed and was approved by membership. Guest Speaker will be the pilot that was with George Bush. Tickets are \$75. It will be at the Hyatt Regency Houston West, 1321 Katy Freeway, Houston 77079. October 23rd doors open at 6pm, event starts at 7pm and ends at 9pm.

Commander informed membership that John Link our Chaplin had to resign his position as Chaplin due to health issue with his wife. We have added them to our Sick Call for prayers. We now need a new Chaplin. Hopefully we will have someone to fill the position and we can install a new Chaplin next month.

Commander informed us the last month we were recognized in the Jersey Village paper for the Officer of the Quarter.

Commander noted we need to have buddy checks. We need to pick a date and we can divvy up the numbers and make the calls. If you can do this call or email the Commander, we can pick a date.

Motion was made by Wayne Huebner to purchase 10 Trauma & Suicide books for the Post for \$140 and we can send them around and Robert Howard seconded the motion. Motion passed and was approved by membership.

Sick Call:

RON LANCE
TIM GIVENS – Cancer
TED LUKEMAN – Wife Janet Chemo
JANET DONATH
TRENTON DAVIS – Wife Kristi
JOHN LINK – Wife Penny
JEAN DICK – Surgery
STEFENIE OTTO – Mother-in-law Marian

Good of the Legion

Wayne Huebner reminded us they have a group meeting on PTSD Monday's at Katy and it is helping the veterans.

Bill Brown discussed the need for a Color Guard for Veteran's Day and Veteran's Network. We will put together a Color Guard for November 11th. Bill Brown, Trey Pryor, Jimmy Baughman, Stefanie Otto together and provide the Color Guard.

Wayne noted that they have the Water Truck for the Veteran's Parade. Commander suggested we each invite a veteran to our next meeting.

Adjourn:

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1720 hours. Our next scheduled meeting will be on Sunday, October 10th at 1600 hours (4pm) at VFW 8905, Hwy 290.

Respectfully Submitted:

Larry Dick

Adjutant