

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

**June 11, 2023  
Regular Meeting – Minutes**

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

Commander Stefanie Otto  
1st Vice Commander David Pyke  
2nd Vice Commander Open  
Service Officer – Bill Brown, Absent  
Adjutant Terry Coon  
Finance Officer Michael LaRose  
Sgt-at-Arms Wayne Huebner  
Chaplin Richard Ater  
Judge Advocate Trey Pryor  
Historian Robert Howard

And 8 other members and no visitors for a total of 16 present. A quorum was met, and the meeting continued.

**Minutes:**

Commander Stefanie Otto requested a motion to forgo reading the minutes from the last meeting by distribution of May meeting minutes via email to all members. David Pyke motioned to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Donna Richard Ater. Motion was then approved by membership.

**Finance Report:**

Finance Officer: Michael LaRose reported that the available funds of Post 324 were \$12,432.61 as of 06/11/2023. Motion to accept finance report pending further audit was made by Jerry Roberts and seconded by Bob Riley. The motion passed and was approved by membership.

**Committees**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice David Pyke:** Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup> is flag day and the 248<sup>th</sup> birthday of the U.S. Army.

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

**Chaplin:** Pray for the leaders of our Country and the Country.

**Sgt of Arms:** Nothing to report.

**Historian:** Please read my book and spread the word. Link for webpage is:  
[https://fultonbooks.com/books/?book=an\\_uncharted\\_progression](https://fultonbooks.com/books/?book=an_uncharted_progression) .

**Service Officer Bill Brown:** Absent

**Judge Adjutant:** N/A

### **Old Business:**

1. Constitution and By-laws were submitted putting the Post at 100% eligibility for awards.
2. Add Bill Brown to the Sick Call for his injured back. Also pray for Jimmy Baughman for his heart concerns and procedures.
3. Next meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup> will be at the Backyard Grill 9453 Jones Rd, Houston, TX 77065. Bring your families for dinner after the meeting from 1600 (4pm) to 1800 (6pm) hours.
4. Who is not getting email notifications? Adjutant states there has been Outlook technical issues but will explore and correct what is found.
5. Wrapping up 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter charity Grace Under Fire requesting a motion for \$100.00 donation from the post. Motion submitted by Jerry Roberts and seconded by Richard Ater. Motion passed and approved by membership.
6. Raffle winner was Alex Cox who purchased his tickets at the Chili Cookoff. We cleared more than \$5000.00. Learnings for next raffle is to have numbers on tickets for tracking. It was noted that many individuals donated the money but did not want tickets for the raffle. Richard Ater stated that he will donate the tickets for next year.
7. June 12<sup>th</sup> is Women's Veterans Day, June 18<sup>th</sup> is Father's Day, June 19<sup>th</sup> is Juneteenth, June 20<sup>th</sup> is Bald Eagle Day and June 21<sup>st</sup> is Summer Solstice Day.
8. Department Convention is July 10<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup> in Austin, TX. Commander and Irene Infante are attending. Request was made to have the post cover 2 nights of accommodations for each of them at \$271.00 per person. Motion was made by David Pyke and seconded by Richard Ater. Motion carried. Discussion ensued to amend the amount to cover travel expenses. Michael LaRose moved to increase the amount to \$300.00 each person, seconded by Trey Pryor and motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

The Boy's State delegation of 47 was sent off this morning with 17 from our post, post 127 had 6, Post 132 had 5, Post 586 had 8, Post 578 had 1, Post 323 had 10, and Post 560 had 1. One from our post had to pull out due to an injury. Donna did a great job and Wayne thank you for helping and Mike thank you.

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

1. Irene Infante:
  - a. Requesting donations of men's shirts, pants, belts and shoes.
  - b. Sewing day on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 2pm to make pillows for Veterans. Location: St. Jerome Catholic Church, 8825 Kempwood Drive, Houston, TX 77080, next to Outback.
2. Trey Pryor states that the Precinct Bus is back in business for seniors 50 years or older. Full information distributed by email.

3. Wayne Huebner submitted that on June 26<sup>th</sup> at Katy Post 164, 22125 Kingsland Blvd a VA representative will answer any questions on benefits for members and spouses of post members. This will take place from 1pm to 3pm.
4. David Pyke submitted that Post 324 is one of 6 posts in the Department with 100%.

**Adjourn:**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1642 hours. Our next scheduled meeting will be on Sunday, July 9th at 1600 hours (4pm) at Backyard Grill 9453 Jones Rd, Houston, TX 77065.

**Respectfully Submitted:**  
**Terry Coon, Adjutant**