

**American Legion
Jeremy E. Ray Post 324
Jersey Village, TX
February 11, 2024
Regular Meeting – Minutes**

Commander Stefanie Otto called the meeting to order at 1601 hours. There were 9 officers present:

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

And 10 other members and 1 visitor for a total of 20 were present. A quorum was met, and the meeting continued.

New Members:

Paul Sarraf is an Air Force Veteran with experience on C-141 and C-130 aircraft. He is still working at driving truck but will participate as he can.

Minutes:

Adjutant Terry Coon requested a motion to forgo reading the minutes from the last meeting by distribution of minutes via email to all members. Jimmy Baughman motioned to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Wayne Huebner. Motion was then passed by membership.

Finance Report:

Finance Officer: Michael LaRose reported that the available funds of Post 324 were \$8,105.01 as of 02/01/2024 (not including the \$500.00 set aside for Veterans in need, return of check from Irene Infante and \$57.00 restricted funds for Women's Auxiliary.) Motion to accept finance report pending further audit was made by Dave Pyke and seconded by Bill Brown. The motion passed by membership.

Committees

Chaplin: We had a member death back in January of Gordan Lee Carpenter who was 95 years old. Will provide family with Bible and request permission to send the check for remembrance.

1st Vice: Nothing to report.

Sgt of Arms: Nothing to report.

Service Officer: There have been no calls from veterans needing assistance. Attended the 8th District Annual Scouting Awards ceremony where Post 324 received the Charter Partner of the Year. Out of the 33 units of scouting we have 4. They stated our Post was very well appreciated. One of our troops, troop 3, was awarded number 1 in sales for fund raising. The Business Partner of the Year was awarded to the City of Jersey Village. The Eagle Scout of the Year was from one of our troops.

Judge Adjutant: Nothing to report.

Historian: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

1. Commander Stefanie Otto reported that the Junior Shooting team from Langham placed 37th out of the 74 teams at state.
2. The Commander spoke to the Membership drive stating that we needed 30 more members to renew, join or transfer by April to make our 100% goal.
3. The test program from National to sign up for 3 years at \$40.00/year is now paused for further evaluation.

New Business:

1. Boy State is coming up in June 9th to 14th and we are looking for Boys going into their Junior year of High School. Currently we have one that signed up. If you know of any, reach out to Jimmy Baughman or Donna McCarty. Cost is \$330 plus \$85 for transportation for a total for \$415. Orientation date is June 3rd at Post 586, 708 E. Parker Rd, Houston, TX 77076. Application link is <https://www.texasboysstate.com/apply>.
2. Richard Ater submitted a motion to vote on a 3rd quarter charity of Tunnels to Towers facility run by USVETS.ORG. It is located at 18818 Tomball Pkwy, Houston, TX 77070 in an abandon motel near Willow brook Mall. It is a new space and currently has 69 occupants. You can contact Doug Drexler for more information 832 390-3544 or dtraxler@usvets.org. Wayne Huebner moved we accept this as our 3rd quarter charity and the motion was seconded by Jimmy Baughman. The membership voted and the motion passed.
3. The Commander requested nominees for officers:
 - a. Commander – Stefanie Otto
 - b. 1st Vice – David Pyke
 - c. 2nd Vice – James Bramble
 - d. Adjutant – Terry Coon
 - e. Chaplin – Richard Ater
 - f. Finance Officer – Mike LaRose
 - g. Judge Adjutant – Trey Pryor
 - h. Service officer – Bill Brown
 - i. Historian – Irene Infante
 - j. Sergeant of Arms – Wayne HeubnerAll positions remain open and can be submitted in next month's meeting. We vote in March.
4. Membership was the primary discussion at the last DEC meeting.
5. Wayne Huebner for Vietnam Veteran's Day of the 29th and Post 586 invites everyone to the post on March 30th from 9am to 12pm for car show. A flyer should be sent out by Post 586
6. Wayne Huebner announced that Emerald Bowl Lanes offers lanes free of charge to Veterans on Tuesdays 10am to 12pm.

Good of the Legion:

1. Trey Pryor announced the March 23rd bus trip will be the Windish museum in Giddings. It cost \$20 to tour the church and museum, and lunch on site. We meet by 8:15am at the Weekly Center, 8440 Greenhouse Rd. Contact him at least by Friday a week before so we have a head count. Jimmy Baughman submitted the trips are not at all boring and encouraged everyone to go.
2. Irene Infante submitted a flyer for post member distribution on Sewing Day, Saturday February 24th.

Adjourn:

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1643 hours. Our next scheduled meeting will be on Sunday, March 10th at 1600 hours (4pm) at VFW 8905, HWY 290 next to Carl's BBQ.

Respectfully Submitted:

Terry Coon, Adjutant