

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

**May 21, 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 - Absent  
Historian Robert Howard

And 17 other members and 4 visitors for a total of 29 present. A quorum was met, and the meeting continued.

**Minutes:**

Adjutant-elect Terry Coon read the minutes from the April meeting. Robert Howard motioned to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Donna McCarty. Motion passed. Motion was then approved by membership.

**Finance Report:**

Finance Officer: Michael LaRose reported that the available funds of Post 324 were \$11,326.29 as of 05/21/2023. Motion to accept finance report pending further audit was made by Jimmy Baughman and seconded by Jerry Roberts. Motion passed and was approved by membership.

Visitor Warren Brown, Audiologist from Veterans Affairs in Tomball spoke to the post about the availability of hearing care. Contact the VA for appointment with him to test your hearing (281)516-1505.

**Committees**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice David Pyke:** Sign the Roster for today.

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

**Chaplin:** Take a rosary from the bag donated today for anyone who you think may want one. A Catholic Bible has been donated. This will go to family of members that have passed of the Catholic faith.

**Sgt of Arms:** Nothing to report

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) .

**Service Officer Bill Brown: Absent**

**Old Business:**

1. 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 16 young men going.
2. Raffle tickets for our fundraiser are due today or before the drawing on Memorial Day, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Jimmy Baughman is leading the raffle event.
3. 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:**

July's 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 starting at 1600 hours.

**Good of the Legion:**

1. Irene Infante:
  - a. Coloring cards for children to give to Veterans ask Catherine Mondy-Boyce
  - b. Have Poppies and donation jars for hand out
  - c. Propose the Post start an Auxiliary unit. We have 8 and it only takes 10.
  - d. New Donation Receipts available for veteran organizations that you can fill out ahead of time
  - e. Sewing day is planned at Eastwood High and Charter Schools to make pillows for Veterans. Specific dates to come. Target date of June 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - f. Catherine Mondy-Boyce stated that June 12<sup>th</sup> is Women in the Military day. 6 ladies will be interviewed with the Houston Mayor. Monday,
2. Commander introduced a new member. Peggy Mondy a Marine. Transfer form provided.
3. Catherine Mondy-Boyce is Peggy's daughter. She will receive a National American Legion TALMA (The American Legion Media Alliance).public relations award for community outreach through her numerous newspaper articles published in 2022. The ceremony will be held 28 AUG at the 104th National American Legion convention in Charlotte, NC.
4. Commander presented Award to Paramedic of the Year of 2022, Robert T. Missail, JR. Jersey Village Fire Department.
5. Commander presented Awards of service to Larry Dick, 14 years the Adjutant and Jimmy Baughman, Finance Officer, and former Commander.
6. Stay for Cake after the meeting is adjourned.

**Adjourn:**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1652 hours. Our next scheduled meeting will be on Sunday, June 11th at 1600 hours (4pm) at VFW 8905, Hwy 290 next to Carl's BBQ.

**Respectfully Submitted:  
Terry Coon, Adjutant**