AMERICAN LEGION
T/SGT Jack D Levy Post No. 573
Harker Heights, Texas

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES
December 14, 2024

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 10am**

2. **Administrative Items:**
   - Flags: Completed
   - Prayer: Completed
   - Preamble: Completed
   - Drape / Un-Drape Charter: Un-Drape

3. **Roll Call:**
   - Attendance is as follows:

Position	Name	Present	Virtual	Excused	Absent
Commander	Ray Cote	O			
1st Vice Commander	James Finley	X			
2nd Vice Commander	CJ Wallace	X			
Adjutant	Jay Bush			X	
Finance Officer	Sonja Skinner	X			
Chaplain	Pete Vanderham	X			
Judge Advocate	Rick Michael	X			
Historian	Jose Zayas	X			
Sergeant-At-Arms	Russell Wilbanks	X			
House Committee 1 (Canteen)	Jimmy Vazquez	X			
House Committee 2 (Inventory)	Carlos Figueroa			X	
House Committee 3 (Building)	Adam Taylor			X	
House Committee 4 (Grounds)	Ken Toth	x			
Hubmaster	Vacant	NA	NA	NA	NA
Service Officer	Tal Clayter				U
Service Officer	Carl Leonard	U			
Bar Manager	Nicole MacCallum				U
12	**Total Officers**	**9**	**0**	**3**	**0**
Per Post By-Laws, Art. VIII, Sec. 8, a Quorum is 4 members in good standing present not to include the Commander					
(O) = Commander, No Vote; X = Status; (U) = Unofficial Capacity, No Vote					

   - With nine officers present, zero officers virtual, three officers excused, zero officer absent, and thirty-four members present, there was a quorum to proceed.

- Meeting attendance included:
  - Cindy Johnson and Laurel – Lifewave – spoke about their company

4. **Previous meeting minutes:**
   - The Executive Board meeting minutes were read. Motion made by James Finley to approve minutes as read, 2d by Clarence Wallace, Motion carried.

5. **Reports:**
   - 1st Vice:
     - Currently at 132%, with 947 members
     - Motion made by James Finley to accept 54 new members; 2d by Neal Nesset, Motion carried

   - 2nd Vice:
     - Army/Navy game squares and cash giveaways – POC is Sonja Skinner
     - Superbowl Pre-Party hosted by Weekday Warriors – February 1, 12-6pm
     - See calendars

   - Adjutant: Nothing to report

   - Finance:
     - Sonja Skinner read the Finance report. Motion made by Neal Nesset to accept the finance report as read, pending an audit, 2d by Rick Michael, motion carried

   - Chaplain: Nothing to report

   - Judge Advocate:
     - Rick Michael discussed the legality and customs to all things political in nature.

   - Historian: Nothing to report

   - Sergeant-At-Arms: Nothing to report

   - House 1: Nothing to report

     - Bar Manager: Nothing to report

   - House 2: Nothing to report

   - House 3: Nothing to report

   - House 4: Nothing to report

   - Service Officer:
     - Assisted 6 veterans and had 9 hours

6. **Other Reports:**
   - Auxiliary: Nothing to report
   - Riders: Nothing to report

- SAL: Nothing to report

7. **Old Business:**
   - Veteran's Day – Stay around for events, food, drink specials, and Commander giveaways

8. **New Business:**
   - Alicia Sherman of the Women's Army Corp addressed the membership Stating the local chapter currently has 55 members. Commander stated that he would add an additional $2500.00 if their organization had 30 members join the post membership. Neal Nesset made a motion to donate $2500.00 and an additional $2500.00 as stated by the Commander. 2d by Ken Toth. Motion carried

9. **Good of the Legion:**
   - Certificate of Appreciation and coin received from AL Post No. 585
   - Commander stated that the election rosters will be reposted, and he only wanted those serious about holding a position, to add their name. Elections will be held on January 25, 2025.
   - Mid-Winter conference will be held January 15-19, 2025, in Austin.
   - Commander stated that there will be gift cards available for anyone to use if a ride home is needed. This is in place to prevent DWI's. Do not call the police on fellow members.
   - Commander also stated that he will suspend members if there is any acts of domestic abuse by a member.
   - James Finley and Sonja Skinner were presented with Navy T-shirts.
   - Commander addressed the membership with his personal situation and said he may be out of the loop some.

10. **Meeting Adjourned at 10:50a**

ATTESTED TO BY:

Jay Lyn Bush
Jay Bush
Post Adjutant

APPROVED BY:

Ray Cote
Ray Cote
Post Commander

Date approved by General Membership:_____