

# The American Legion

## District Eight Department of Missouri Meeting minutes for June 2, 2019

The Joint Meeting of District Eight was held at American Legion Post 624, Sunrise Beach, Missouri. The service was called to order by Terry McDonald, District Eight Commander at 1302 hours. The colors being in place, Chaplain Christine Sapp offered the opening prayer. Then there was a remembrance for POW/MIAs, the Pledge of Allegiance, and finally a recitation of the preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion.

The District Eight Commander thanked Bob Jordan for his work as Cadet Patrol Chairman. The District Eight Commander also thanked Post 317 for hosting the April meeting

**Introduction of Special Guests:** District Eight Auxiliary President, Connie Pack. Hosting Post 624 Commander, Mark Schnoebelen, and the hosting Auxiliary president, Jane Boyce, were also introduced.

Commander McDonald introduced:

- The District Eight Officers that were in attendance, which were Commander Terry McDonald, Vice Commander Brian Sapp, sitting in for the Adjutant Joseph Toepke was Jackie Rodgers Jr., Finance Officer Richard Pack, Chaplain Christine Sapp, Historian John Picray, and Sergeant-At-Arms Carl Smith.
- The Past District Eight Commanders that were in attendance, which were Richard Pack and Charlie Goodin;
- The Past Department Commanders that were in attendance, which was Charlie Goodin.

There were no NEC Members present.

Department Officers in attendance was Chaplain Raymond Bassett.

Gary Grigsby was unable to attend to discuss his candidacy for Sr. Vice Cdr, but Charlie Gooding mentioned that Mr. Grigsby was active in Boys State.

Announcements:

MO American Legion Convention – July 11 to July 15 at the Marriott Airport St. Louis.

District 8 Meeting – September 8 at 1:00pm at Post 202, Columbia.

Flag Day – June 14

Independence Day – July 4 (Reminder to pay annual membership dues).

Commander McDonald adjourned the joint meeting at 1319 hours.

The regular meeting was called to order at 1328 hours by Commander McDonald.

Roll call of district officers was taken with 7 officers present (Jackie Rodgers Jr. sitting in for Adjutant Joseph Toepke). Absent was the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms and the Cooper County Commander. 7 posts were represented with a total of 17 members present.

**Roll Call of Post Commanders:**

Post 0005 6 members present	Post 0052 0 members present	Post 0084 0 members present
Post 0104 0 members present	Post 0105 0 members present	Post 0113 0 members present
Post 0152 2 members present	Post 0193 0 members present	Post 0202 4 members present
Post 0210 0 members present	Post 0229 1 member present	Post 0231 1 members present
Post 0238 0 members present	Post 0266 0 members present	Post 0304 0 members present
Post 0317 0 members present	Post 0343 0 members present	Post 0415 0 members present
Post 0424 0 members present	Post 0506 0 members present	Post 0544 0 members present
Post 0545 0 members present	Post 0624 2 members present	Post 1111 1 members present

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Jim Rosenberg made a motion to approve the previous minutes that were sent out. Christin Sapp seconded and the motion passed.

**Finance:** Richard Pack provided a written Balance Sheet, with total assets of \$20,415.31: \$10,415.31 of which is in checking at Central Bank, and another \$10,000 of which is in savings-\$5,000 at River Region Credit and \$5,000 at Providence Bank, and with total liabilities of \$2,021.

Richard Pack reported that 3 Posts have not paid their per capita dues (304, 415, and 506), \$85 short of the per capita budget. There was discussion about the outstanding per capita with Jim Rosenberg asking what could be done to bring the posts into compliance and District Commander Terry McDonald responding that the posts could not vote until they had paid the per capita.

Richard Pack provided a non-profit status update that he was needing District Commander Terry McDonald to complete the forms.

Jim Rosenberg made a motion to accept the finance report subject to an audit. Charlie Goodin seconded and the motion passed.

Commander McDonald appointed Jackie Rodgers Jr. of Post 202 as the District 8 Adjutant to replace Joe Toepke.

**Membership:** Brian Sapp Reported: 2,822 of 3,092 goal [see attached District Membership Report]. District is 6<sup>th</sup> place of 18 districts

**Historian Report:** No report

#### **County Commander Reports:**

**Boone:** Terry McDonald reported for Vicki Buss.

**Camden-Morgan:** No report.

**Callaway / Cole / Moniteau:** Richard Pack reported.

**Cooper:** No report.

**Miller:** No report.

**Osage:** Don Schmitz previously reported verbally to District Command Terry McDonald.

**Post Reports:** Posts 5, 152, 202, 231, 624 and 1111 were represented and made reports of activities and membership status.

**Service Officer Report:** No Report

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Americanism:** No report.

**Baseball:** Vacant. Mentioned that anyone involved in any youth activities needs a background check.

**Boy Scouts:** No report.

**Boys State:** Richard Pack reported.

**Cadet Patrol:** Bob Jordan reported.

**Children & Youth:** No report.

**County Government:** No report.

**Heroes to Hometown:** Vacant.

**Homeless Veterans:** Vacant. Jim Rosenburg made a motion to make a yearly donation funded through the Legacy Run and added to next year's budget. Dan "Frenchie" LeVasseur seconded and the motion passed.

**Legion Riders:** Dan “Frenchie” LeVasseur reported.

**Legislative Chairman:** Charlie Goodin reported

**Membership:** Brian Sapp. [See report above].

**Membership Vice Chair:** No report.

**Homeland Security:** No report.

**Oratorical:** Christine Sapp reported

**Publicity:** No report.

**School Awards:** No report. Charlie Gooding and District Commander Terry McDonald reported about the good the school awards do.

**State Youth Government:** No report.

**Veterans Affairs & Rehab:** No report. Raymond Bassett spoke about Veterans Health Care.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Vacant. District Commander Terry McDonald spoke about 100 year in St. Louis

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Convention officers: Credentials-Brian Sapp, Resolutions-John Picray, Constitution and By-Laws-Christine Sapp

Discussed the pending resolution of Post 5. Richard Pack made a motion to endorse the resolution. Charlie Goodin seconded and the motion passed.

Raymond Bassett thanked District 8 for supporting him as Chaplain

**Sick Call & Relief:** District 8 Judge Advocate Robert E. Lee is fighting leukemia; in 625 W Tower Boone Hospital. Past Boone County Commander Ralph E. Shelly had a stroke and is in The Bluffs nursing home, but does not want visitors.

**Correspondence:** Operation Tiger emailed that it will be honoring D-Day & WWII Veterans at the Boone County Courthouse on June 6.

**Time and Place:** The next meeting will be Sunday, September 8, 2019 with 1:00pm lunch and 2:00pm meeting @ Post 202 in Columbia, Missouri. Then January 5, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. @ Post 5 in Jefferson City, Missouri. Then sometime in April 2020, at 1:00 p.m. @ post 317 in Freeburg, Missouri. Then May 31, 2020 at 11:00 p.m. @ Post in Sunrise Beach, Missouri.

Chaplain Christine Sapp offered a closing prayer and Commander McDonald adjourned the meeting at 1450 hrs.

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Terry B. McDonald, Commander