

**The American Legion  
District Eight  
Department of Missouri  
Meeting minutes for September 9th, 2018**

The Joint Meeting of District Eight was held at American Legion Post 202, Columbia, Missouri. The service was called to order by Terry McDonald, District Eight Commander at 1400 hours. After the Honor Guard posted the colors, 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.

Commander McDonald noted a special “Thanks” to:

- the Honor Guard for posting the colors;
- the Baseball Legionnaires this year;
- Boys State Chairman Richard Pack for lead up to 2018 Boys State week;
- Cadet Patrol Chairman Bob Jordan;
- David Bexten, Brian Sapp, and Christine Sapp who served on committees at the State Convention; and
- Post 202, Post 202 Auxiliary, and Post 202 Commander, Ron McMillan, for providing food for the meeting.

**Introduction of Special Guests:** District Eight Auxiliary President, Connie Pack. Hosting Post 202 Commander, Ron McMillan, and the hosting Auxiliary president, Cheryl Wolfe 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, Judge Advocate Robert Lee, Chaplain Christine Sapp, Historian John Picray, and ALR Liaison Dan “Frenchie” LeVasseur;
- The Past District Eight Commanders that were in attendance, which were Richard Pack, Don Basler, Tom Goodin (who was present but had to leave), and Charlie Goodin;
- The Past Department Commanders that were in attendance, which were George Scarborough, Tom Goodin, and Charlie Goodin.  
Alternate NEC Tom Goodin.

Department Officers introduced were Commander Kerry Boardman and Chaplain Raymond Bassett.

Charlie Goodin addressed the meeting regarding the Postal Department’s bid to raise rates and admonished that the Legion has to be more involved legislatively.

Announcements:

- Patriot Day – Tuesday, September 11, 2018
- Department Cdr Kerry Boardman’s Homecoming Saturday evening, Sunday morning,  
September 23-23, 2018 at Post 21, Independence – Flyers were at the back of the room.
- MO American Legion Fall Conference October 19-21, 2018 Capital Plaza, Jefferson City
- Veterans’ Day - Sunday, November 11, 2018
- District 8 Meeting – Sunday, January 6, 2019 Post 5, Jefferson City – Dist Oratorical

Commander McDonald adjourned the joint meeting at 1425 hours.

The regular meeting was called to order at 1435 hours by Commander McDonald.

Missouri Department Commander Kerry Boardman addressed the meeting and swore in the District 8 officers elected at the June 2018 meeting. Commander McDonald then presented Commander Boardman with thank you card and gift.

Roll call of district officers was taken with 7 officers present (Jackie Rodgers Jr. sitting in for Adjutant Joseph Toepke). Absent were County Commanders from Camden/Morgan, Cooper, Miller, and Osage. 5 posts were represented with a total of 21 members present.

**Roll Call of Post Commanders:**

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| Post 0005 4 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 3 members present | Post 0193 0 members present | Post 0202 10 members present |
| Post 0210 0 members present | Post 0229 0 member present  | Post 0231 0 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 1 members present | Post 1111 3 members present  |

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**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Richard Pack made a motion to approve the previous minutes that were sent out. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Finance:** Richard Pack reported the Total Assets at \$18,357.10. Jim Rosenberg made a motion to move \$10,000.00 into CDs, with discretion to the Commander and Finance Officer how to divide that amount between financial institutions. After discussion about possible different amounts and different banks, a question regarding why the reserve fund was so large and answer by Commander McDonald (explaining that in the past, District 8 almost ran out of money, and it had a declining membership base. Membership temporarily raised the Per Capita due from posts and conducted several fund raising activities. Consequently, a reserve was built. Fund raising has since tapered off, and income is a little short of expenses. In addition, the temporary rise in Per Capita is due to expire in the near future. We may need to reinstitute fund raising activities, curtail some expenditures, or some combination of both.) and a suggestion that the money be used to reinvest in the posts and membership, such as advertising focused on increasing membership, the motion was seconded and passed.

Richard Pack outlined a budget for the year; specifically, the planned expenditures and that a reasonable cushion would be kept in liquid form.

Richard Pack provided a non-profit status updated and noted that he would need the last several years Finance Report. Charlie Goodin made a motion to approve the Finance Reports. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Historian Report:** John Picray reported that he is working with Post historians and discussed the Veteran's Oral History project.

**Membership:** District Vice Commander Brian Sapp reported that compiled numbers are not available yet Take Report from Post 5 out of order to facilitate Commander Rosenberg attendance at another meeting.

**County Commander Reports:**

**Boone:** Vicki Buss reported.

**Camden-Morgan:** Leonard Campbell provided a written report.

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

**Cooper:** Scott Gamel absent. No report.

**Miller:** Barlow Biggers absent. No report.

**Osage:** Don Schmitz provided a written report

**Post Reports:** Posts 5, 152, 202, 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. But Post 5 won District.

**Boy Scouts:** No report.

**Boys State:** Richard Pack. Good Report.

**Cadet Patrol:** No report.

**Children & Youth:** No report.

**County Government:** No report.

**Heroes to Hometown:** Vacant.

**Homeless Veterans:** Vacant.

**Legion Riders:** Dan "Frenchie" LeVasseur. Good Report

**Legislative Chairman:** No report.

**Membership:** Brian Sapp. Good Report.

**Membership Vice Chair:** No report.

**Homeland Security:** No report.

**Oratorical:** Christine Sapp.

Christine Sapp reported that outstanding commitments to Oratorical contest winners' totals \$1,000, but that the amount languishes out there for a long period of time and she often has a hard time contacting the winners.

Richard Pack made a motion that a two-year time limit be place on a contest winners time to redeem, with a deferment for military service. The motion was seconded and passed

**Publicity:** No report.

**School Awards:** No report.

**State Youth Government:** No report.

**Veterans Affairs & Rehab:** Raymond Bassett. Good Report

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Vacant

**Unfinished Business:** Charlie Goodin made a motion for District 8 to reimburse any meals for the National Commander up to \$1,000, to be divided equitably among any posts that provide a meals. The motion was seconded and passed

**New Business:**

District 8 will likely not be doing a hospitality room at the 2018 Conference at Capital Plaza in Jefferson City, MO.

The Central Missouri Fisher house is raising funds to build a house a Truman VA and is looking for anything the American Legion is willing to do to help.

Commander McDonald thanked everyone for entrusting him the duties of District 8 Commander

Christine Sapp noted that female veterans can be members of the Auxiliary with no other qualifications

**Sick Call & Relief:** Chuck White and Tom Goodin.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Time and Place:** The next meeting will be January 6th at 12:00 p.m. @ Post 5 in Jefferson City, Missouri.  
Then March 3, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. @ Post 317 in Freeburg, Missouri.  
Then June 2, 2019 with 11:00 a.m. memorial service @ Post 624 in Sunrise Beach, Missouri.  
And September 8, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. @ Post 202 in Columbia, Missouri.

Chaplain Christine Sapp offered a closing prayer and Commander McDonald adjourned the meeting at 1650 hours.