

**The American Legion
District Eight
Department of Missouri
Meeting minutes for April 7, 2019**

The Joint Meeting of District Eight was held at American Legion Post 317, Freeburg, Missouri. The service was called to order by Terry McDonald, District Eight Commander at 1300 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 the Richard Pack for his work with Boys State and Bob Jordan for his work as Cadet Patrol Chairman. The District Eight Commander also thanked Post 317 and Post 5 for being District 8 meeting hosts

Introduction of Special Guests: Missouri Department Auxiliary President Sharon Slagle, who provided a brief regarding Heroes Camp being her project. District Eight Auxiliary President, Connie Pack. Hosting Post 317 Commander, Gary Bax, and the hosting Auxiliary president, Virginia Bax, 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, Sergeant-At-Arms Carl Smith, and Asst. Sergeant-At-Arms Paul Backes.
- The Past District Eight Commanders that were in attendance, which were Richard Pack, David Bexten, 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 were Zone 1 Vice Commander Robert Maddox and Chaplain Raymond Bassett.

George Sheppard announced his candidacy for Senior Vice.

Announcements:

P21 Reception/Truman Day Wreaths – Sunday, May 5 and Monday May 6, Independence Reception/Soldiers Memorial Re-dedication – Thursday May 9 and Friday May 10

- o Luncheon and Coin for \$32
- o Lodging \$121 for a single/double and \$135 for a suite

Memorial Day – Monday May 27

District 8 Meeting – June 2 at 11:00am at Post 624, Sunrise Beach

- o Memorial Service at 11:00am
- o Lunch at 12:00pm
- o Business meeting at 1:00pm

Legislative Update regarding SB431 and nonsupport thereof

Commander McDonald adjourned the joint meeting at 1331 hours.

The regular meeting was called to order at 1341 hours by Commander McDonald.

Commander McDonald appointed Craig Pickett of Post 229 as the Miller County Commander to replace Barlow Biggers

Roll call of district officers was taken with 7 officers present (Jackie Rodgers Jr. sitting in for Adjutant Joseph Toepke). Absent was the Cooper County Commander. 8 posts were represented with a total of 22 members present.

Roll Call of Post Commanders:

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 2 members present	Post 0193 0 members present	Post 0202 2 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 10 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 1 members present

5 Posts present with 15 members in attendance.

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

Finance: Richard Pack provided a Transaction Report. Major transactions highlighted and discussed included: consolidating all account in Central Bank, Jefferson City, MO and buying two CD's totaling \$10,000—\$5,000 at River Region Credit and \$5000 at Providence Bank.

Richard Pack provided a non-profit status update, specifically that it would cost \$650 to reinstate tax exempt status. Jim Rosenberg made motion to spend \$650 to get back tax-exempt status. Charlie Goodin seconded and the motion passed.

Richard Pack also noted the donation from Post 317, Freeburg, for a hospitality suite. Finally, Richard Pack reported that 6 Posts have not paid their per capita dues (193, 231, 304, 415, 424, and 506). Christine Sapp made a motion to accept the finance reports. Jim Rosenberg seconded and the motion passed.

Guests and Candidates: George Sheppard stumped for his candidacy for Senior Vice.

Robert Maddox, Zone 1 Commander, spoke regarding Youth Programs, the Fisher House, and Membership.

Historian Report: No report

Membership: Brian Sapp Reported: 3 posts at 100%; 7 posts at >90%; 8 post at >80%; 4 posts >70%; and 2 posts less than 70% [see attached District Membership Report]. District is tied for 4th place of 18 districts

County Commander Reports:

Boone: Vicki Buss reported.
Camden-Morgan: No report.
Callaway / Cole / Moniteau: Richard Pack reported.
Cooper: Scott Gamel absent. No report.
Miller: Craig Pickett reported.
Osage: Don Schmitz reported.

Post Reports: Posts 5, 152, 202, 229, 231, 317, 524 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. 89 applicants with 69 funded.

Cadet Patrol: Bob Jordan reported. Less than half the 40 slots were filled

Children & Youth: No report.

County Government: No report.

Heroes to Hometown: Vacant.

Homeless Veterans: Vacant. Vicki Buss spoke about Welcome Home; Christine Sapp spoke about KC Tiny Home Project.

Legion Riders: Dan "Frenchie" LeVasseur. Could use help for Honor Flight; 30 Indiana Riders planning to lay a wreath at Capital Memorial.

Legislative Chairman: Charlie Goodin. [See report from Joint Session].

Membership: Brian Sapp. [See report above].

Membership Vice Chair: No report.

Homeland Security: No report.

Oratorical: Christine Sapp. No submissions for this year; still \$1,000 outstanding

Publicity: No report.

School Awards: No report.

State Youth Government: No report.

Veterans Affairs & Rehab: No report

100th Anniversary: Vacant

Unfinished Business:

Discussed children who lose parent/service member while parent/service member is deployed.

Discussed American Legion booth at State Fair.

New Business:

Discussed hospitality room at next Department Conference – Richard Pack stated one is not needed/

Discussed support for the Past Commanders Golf Tournament. Richard Martin made a motion to support with a \$50 donation. There was a seconded and the motion passed.

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.

Correspondence: None.

Time and Place: The next meeting will be Sunday, June 2, 2019 with 11:00 a.m. memorial service @ Post 624 in Sunrise Beach, Missouri. Then, September 8, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. @ Post 202 in Columbia, Missouri. Then January 5, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. @ Post 5 in Jefferson City, Missouri. Then in April 2020, at 1:00 p.m. @ post 317 in Freeburg, Missouri.

Chaplain Christine Sapp offered a closing prayer and Commander McDonald adjourned the meeting at 1505 hrs.