

American Legion
University of Akron
Post 808
Post Minutes 10/16/2017

The 40th meeting of the American Legion University of Akron Post 808 was called to order by Commander Rusty King at 6:31 PM.

The presentation of the colors and pledge of allegiance were led by the Commander. The Prayer and moment of silence honoring POW/MIA was led by Chris Catalano.

The quorum call indicated 12 members present and eight guests (Mary Rossett, Kenneth Laird, KD Drye, Clark Harvey, John Life, Maria Miller, Karla Smith and Dan Horrigan). Total 20 present at meeting. The Commander declared a quorum was present for motion/voting for the post.

The minutes for the September meeting were sent out so they were reviewed and approved by the membership.

Guest speakers: The Honorable Daniel Horrigan, Mayor of Akron

KD Drye, Great Work Employment Services

Clark Harvey, Kenan Advantage Group

Karla Smith, Summa Health Care

Commanders Report – The post is still looking for a Chaplain. Anyone interested in filling that position please contact any of the post officers. There have been many improvements in the post website made by Jason Graven. Please look it over.

1st Vice Commanders Report – Chris mentioned that our membership drive for 2018 was still in progress. Anyone wanting to renew their membership can contact him after the meeting.

2nd Vice Commanders Report – Daryll thanked everyone that attended the Military Ball on October 14. There were 97 attendees up from 79 last year. Over \$3,500 was raised for Wags 4 Warriors and \$339 for Post 808. Military Appreciation Football game will be held on October 28. Free tickets for veterans and their families are available. See Daryll for tickets. There will be a tailgate party starting at 9:00 AM in lot 9B next to the stadium. There will be breakfast food available. We will have a veteran for the Veteran of the Game presentation. The career expo will be on November 16. If you are looking for work see Daryll with what you are looking for and that list will be provided to the 50 employers signed up so far.

Adjutants Report – The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad event will be taking place next Saturday, October 21. We still have 10 tickets available. These tickets are free to post members and their immediate families. The veterans lounge, FOB Polsky, in the Polsky building expansion project is moving forward. There to be very few items to be addressed before that project can begin. This will triple the size of the current space. Jay is currently involved in producing a PBS documentary series on The American Veteran. We were hoping that the film crew would be on site for this meeting, but they

encountered scheduling problems. This project should cover the post and what they are doing here at the university.

Executive Board – No report.

Communications Officer – No report.

Committee Reports – No report

Service Officer – No report.

Speakers – Mayor Horrigan spoke in support of Issue 4 coming up on the ballot November 7. This issue is to raise the city income tax with the proceeds going to police, fire and roads. Our legion District 14 Commander, John Life, an Iraq veteran, was recently hired as an Akron Fireman and he mentioned that 28 of the latest class of 32 were veterans.

Clark Harvey, HR Manager, Kenan Advantage Group – They are a logistics and trucking company in North Canton. He gave some background on the company and positions available.

KD Drye, Great Work Employment Services. They are a temp to hire agency. Company background and positions available were covered.

Karla Smith, Summa Health Care. Summa is a Health Care delivery system in Akron. They are one of the largest employers in Akron. They offer a very wide variety of positions.

Old Business – We have post shirts and caps for sale for those interested. An article about our Boys state person was posted in the West Side leader. We will be showing a presentation of the Ken Burns show about the Vietnam war on November 7 in the student center. There will be the ROTC Veterans Day Breakfast in the Student Union on November 10 at 8:00.

New Business – Jason asked whether the membership would want to support alumni business and entrepreneurial on our website. Motion was made and past. Range Day is coming up October 7.

Next meeting will be held **November 20, 2017** at the **Musson Veterans Lounge at Infocision Stadium**.

Reminders name tags/ preambles/ name tag return

Chaplain's Prayer led by Ashley Gorbulja.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

MISC Information:

This meeting is available on WebEx:

<https://uakron.webex.com/uakron/ldr.php?RCID=b31b29ed571d73a24ba73fe652f949ff>

Membership Renewals can be made on the Post Website AI808.org

- Facebook -@akron808. Post activities can be viewed going back to October, 2014.
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