

American Legion
University of Akron
Post 808
Post Minutes 3/20/2017

The 33rd meeting of the American Legion University of Akron Post 808 was called to order by Commander Ashley Gorbulja at 6:34 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 Chaplin Jim Perrine.

The quorum call indicated 12 members present and two guests (Mike Livingston & Larry Moore), two WebEx attendees (Darryl Mauder & Jason Graven). Total 15 present at meeting. The Commander declared a quorum was present for motion/voting for the post.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January and February meetings was made, and it was noted that the Chaplain's name needed to be corrected before approval. Both January and February minutes were then approved March 20th, 2017 meeting.

Guests speaker: Summit County Veterans Director: Larry Moore and Project Summit Director: Mike Livingston

- Mike announced the return of the "Wounded Warrior's Amputee Softball Team" which will take place July 15, 2017 at Canal Park. Mike asked if Post 808 could field a baseball team to play the Veteran Amputee Softball Team. Mike went on to explain the background of the game and what he would like to have happen this time. He would like to have a luncheon take place at the Veterans Lounge for the Amputee Team and other participants. Member Mike Rodriguez volunteered to recruit a team for Post 808. Other details for the day were covered

Commanders Report – Ashley discussed having Steve Motika be the speaker at our next meeting. Ashley spoke about the Chipotle fundraiser. The post raised \$991.40! Thank you to all who participated in that event. There will another fundraiser at Melt, in Montrose, on April 6. Discussion followed on the fundraising dinner which is lagging in ticket sales. Details were covered. Ashley covered her trip to Washington D.C. to attend the US Army Women's Summit. It was a great networking tool and spread the work about the existence of Post 808 and its mission. There was a military women's panel held at the University of Akron including several women veterans around campus. They discussed women's roles in the military. The event was covered by the Akron Beacon Journal. There will be a bowling outing at the student center for veterans and their families on April 13th at 5:30. Pizza, popcorn and refreshments will be served. President Wilson has been invited to participate. Daryll Mauder is looking for volunteers to help on the Wags for Warriors Military Ball. Post election nominations will be made in April with elections being held in May. Robert Scherer has accepted an appointment to be the Post Judge Advocate. Jackie Ashbaugh has made a number of special center pieces and prizes for the post fundraising dinner.

1st Vice Commanders Report – Not present – No report.

2nd Vice Commanders Report – Not present – No report.

Adjutants Report – The new veterans lounge, FOB Polsky, is nearing completion and will have a formal opening ceremony on April 20 at 11:00 AM which you are all invited to attend. Stop in when you have an opportunity. It is a small version of the InfoCision lounge and is the brainchild of Veterans Steering Committee member Kelly Webb Bronstrup and CAST Dean Elizabeth Kennedy.

Executive Board – No report.

Communications Officer – No report.

Committee Reports – No report

Service Officer – No report.

Old Business – No report

New Business – Daryll Mauder mentioned that the Indians offered the Student Veterans an opportunity to man a concession stand for 10 games for profit to the veteran organizations. He is looking for volunteers. Jackie Ashbaugh would like to add a Humor in Uniform type feature in the monthly newsletter provided by Post 808 members. Bronson is still working on the POW/MIA chair. Hopefully it will be complete by the next Veterans Appreciation Day Football Game. Brad Harvey and Steve Motika interviewed and accepted two Boys State candidates last week. One is from Revere High School and one from Akron Early College. The Revere candidate is a third generation Boys State attendee. His father attended Boys State at Bowling Green State University and his grandfather attended Boys State at Camp Perry. These two boys will attend Bays state at Miami University. This will be the first time that Akron Early College has attended Boys State. Jackie Ashbaugh commented that free CCW classed are being offered to post members on April 8. Jackie can provide details.

Next meeting will be held **April 17th** at the **Military Lounge at Infocision Stadium.**

Reminders name tags/ preambles/ name tag return

Chaplain's Prayer led by Chaplin Jim Perrine.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

MISC Information:

This meeting is available on WebEx:

<https://uakron.webex.com/uakron/ldr.php?RCID=accac21565ae831f15bf889ac2463e80>

Student Veteran fundraiser ticket and Donation Link: <http://commerce.cashnet.com/orgmilvet>

- Our Facebook page is up and running. Post activities can be viewed going back to October, 2014.
- Google - American Legion Post 808 Akron.
- Also, our website is up and running. (www.al808.org)