

American Legion
University of Akron
Post 808
Post Minutes 5/15/2017

The 35th meeting of the American Legion University of Akron Post 808 was called to order by Commander Ashley Gorbulja at 6:42 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 11 members present, one WebEx attendee (Jamie McKay) and one guest (Mary Rossett). Total 13 present at meeting. The Commander declared a quorum was present for motion/voting for the post.

The minutes for the April meeting were not sent out so they will have to be reviewed and approved at the June meeting.

Guest speakers:

Mike Livingston then spoke about the upcoming wounded Warrior Amputee Softball at Canal Park on July 15, 2017. He showed us the prototype shirts for the Post 808 team players and other details.

Commanders Report – Ashley discussed recent fund raisers for the post. One at Chipotle raised \$966.80, the one at Melt raised \$152.85 and the Post fundraising dinner raised \$818.00. Jackie sent out a notice that we will be placing flags on veteran graves at Greenlawn cemetery for Memorial Day. Ashley and Daryl are considering possible collaboration with the Patriot Project who have a Patriot Ball and the SVA Military Ball. The rifle raffle will not be taking place at the SVA Military Ball. Wags for Warriors will be having the raffle independently. Also, the Military Ball scheduled for October 14, 2017 is moving forward. Daryl mentioned that he is looking for volunteers and sponsors for the Military Ball.

Annual post election – Commander – Chris Catalano and Stephen King.

1st Vice Commander – Michael Rodriguez

2nd Vice Commander – Daryl Mauder

Executive Board – Robert Maldonado

Steve Motika

Daryl Mauder

Results – Steven King elected Commander. All others were unopposed. Daryl will be on the executive board by reason of being elected 2nd Vice Commander therefore there will be another election in June to elect another Executive Board member due to the resignation of Brad Harvey.

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

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

Adjutants Report – Jay spoke about the upcoming Boys State program. Brad mentioned that one of the boys had not showed up for orientation. Brad will follow up along with Steve Motika who will be taking over Boys State. Dr. Liz Kennedy will be taking over for Brad Harvey as Co-chair of the Veteran’s Steering Committee. Janice Vaughn will be the new assistant for the Steering Committee. The FOB Polsky veterans lounge was dedicated on April 20. By all reports veterans are very happy with the facility which has computers, a printer, refrigerator and microwave. There are also discussions about putting one at the remodeled CBA. The Wounded Warrior Amputee softball game is moving forward. The game will take place on July 15 at Canal Park. Post 808 will field a team with celebrity players filling in. The 808 team will play at 5:00. The capital planning department has changed the area set aside for the lounge expansion to an area across the hall from the current lounge. This area is a bit larger than the current lounge and will be able to accommodate larger meetings. The POW/MIA chair project has moved forward. Posts have been installed around the chair with chains being the only part left to be installed.

Executive Board – No report.

Communications Officer – No report.

Committee Reports – No report

Service Officer – No report.

Old Business – No report

New Business – No report.

Next meeting will be held **June 19th** 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 7:25 pm.

MISC Information:

This meeting is available on WebEx:

<https://uakron.webex.com/uakron/ldr.php?RCID=25d618a19beb0d5058f41fe97948532f>

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)