

American Legion
University of Akron
Post 808
Post Minutes 9/19/2016

The 27th meeting of the American Legion University of Akron Post 808 was called to order by Commander Ashley Gorbulja at 6:35 PM.

The quorum call indicated 16 members present. The Commander declared a quorum was present.

The presentation of the colors, pledge of allegiance, prayer and reading of the preamble were led by the Commander.

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 15 was made but the minutes were not available.

New members were introduced: Melvin Gray, Jamie McKay, Nicolas Gaspar and Fatima Dias.

Commanders Report – Ashley reviewed the upcoming events which are posted at the bottom of this meeting's agenda. There are a number of events listed including veteran's week. She encouraged the membership to participate. The past range day was reviewed with Jackie Ashbaugh. While the number of participants was small those in attendance had a good time. Organizational issues were discussed about the upcoming Veterans Appreciation Football Game and tailgate were discussed. Website issues were discussed.

1st Vice Commanders Report – Patricia introduced the membership to her new baby boy, Alexander James, via Webex. She brought the membership up to date on current happenings at Legion District 14. She also encouraged the membership to bring in ACME sales receipts. Some discussion followed with her and Robert Maldonado about starting a Sons of the American Legion post within Post 808. She also mentioned that the Kent State Vets Club has invited us to participate in their tailgate party at Kent State for the Akron vs. Kent football game October 1 at 2:30 PM.

2nd Vice Commanders Report – Chris introduced Bronson Luksza, a Life Scout working on his Eagle project, finishing off the POW/MIA chair at InfoCision Stadium. Bronson brought us up to date on his progress on the project.

Adjutants Report – Jay introduced Phyliss Fitzgerald from Legion Post 566. She brought us up to date on the results of the 2016 Veterans Stand Down. They had 351 veterans that came to the Stand Down this year which, while not a record, is a large number of needy veterans serviced. She was followed by John Life from District 14. He spoke about membership renewals. Jay mentioned that the Mt. Everest project involving two post members is being covered nationally. Brad Harvey spoke about the ROTC department was looking for veterans to lay the wreaths at the Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Commons. Mary Rossett spoke briefly about the PAVE program which is being developed on campus. Jay spoke about the upcoming meeting with the Resurrecting Lives Foundation from Columbus, and various members of the university and the VA to try to start a research project involving TBI, PTSD and telehealth methods. This appears to be a very promising opportunity to help student veterans.

Executive Board – No report.

Communications Officer – No report.

Committee Reports - None

Youth Rifle Program – No report.

Service Officer – No report.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Next meeting will be held **October 17, 2016** at **the Military Lounge at Infocision**.

Chaplain's Prayer led by Brad Harvey.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brad Harvey, seconded by Steve Motika. The motion was carried and meeting adjourned.

This meeting is available on Webex

<https://uakron.webex.com/uakron/idr.php?RCID=83cd3786c4456a159cec230977b243e3>

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)