

American Legion  
University of Akron  
Post 808  
Post Minutes 3/14/2016

The 21st meeting of the American Legion University of Akron Post 808 was called to order by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Ashley Gorbulja at 6:30 PM.

The quorum call indicated 14 members present. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander declared a quorum was present.

The presentation of the colors, pledge of allegiance and reading of the preamble were led by the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander.

The Chaplain's Prayer was led by Brad Harvey.

Webex Attendees – Jason Graven (Legion Dept. of Ohio)

A motion to approve the minutes of the 12/7/2015 meeting as presented was made by Stephen Motika, seconded by Chris Catalano. Motion was approved.

Guests in Attendance – Jim Campbell, Commander, American Legion Department of Ohio,

The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander introduced the Officers in attendance – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Ashley Gorbulja, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Patricia Stofiel, Adjutant, Jay Musson and Judge Advocate, Chris Catalano.

Department Commander Campbell spoke about how happy the Department of Ohio is with the progress of Post 808 and thanked the officers and membership for their work in making the post a success. He also mentioned that the Department was bringing up a new web site which would bring a lot more information to the membership.

Guest speaker Ray Hoffman presented his program on the WASP (Women Air Force Service Pilots) project during World War II. The program was an episode of The American Experience. Several guests from the University attended and enjoyed the presentation and membership meeting. This was sponsored by Laura Conley with Adult Focus.

Guest Speaker Anthony Butler spoke on gaming to relax and work off stress due to PTSD. Anthony is a veteran and has worked with Operation Spydrop, a nonprofit organization, helping veterans via gaming. He had a very interesting presentation and a number of people spoke with him after the meeting.

Commanders Report – No report

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commanders Report – No Report

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander's Report – Patricia Stofiel spoke about tee shirts and hoodies for sale. She also presented pins to the officers for membership goals achieved in the 2016 membership drive. She reminded everyone that there would be a suicide prevention walk on April 24, 2016.

Adjutants Report – Jay Musson mentioned that elections would be held during the next meeting.

Communications Officer – No report.

Committee Reports-

Youth Rifle Program – Brad Harvey announced that Anabelle Stanek with the Ashland Eagles had advanced to the second round in regional rifle competition.

Executive Board – Brad Harvey mentioned that he and Robert Maldonado spent most of the weekend interviewing candidates for Boys State. We chose Adam Cassidy from Field High School. He has a 4.00 GPA

Summer Events – Steve Motika – No report

Old Business –

New Business – Darryl Mauder announced that a barbeque would be held on April 29, sponsored by the MVA. This will take place on the Commons from Noon to 3:00.

- Mary Rossett announced that there would a Post 808 fund raising dinner at the Culinary Arts dinner room on April 28, 2016. Flyers will be going out soon.
- Jason Graven explained the Grunt Style tee shirt sales program and how it would help the post in the future.

Next meeting will be held **April 18, 2016** at Veterans Lounge.

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.

Minutes for this meeting can be viewed via webex on the following link

<https://uakron.webex.com/uakron/ldr.php?RCID=66be4452c3d28a56bb9a375bd8d4c45e>

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](http://www.al808.org))