

American Legion
University of Akron
Post 808
Post Minutes 5/16/2016

The 23rd meeting of the American Legion University of Akron Post 808 was called to order by 1st Vice Commander Ashley Gorbulja at 6:30 PM.

The quorum call indicated 14 members present. The 1st Vice Commander declared a quorum was present.

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

The Chaplain's Prayer was led by Brad Harvey.

Webex Attendees – Jason Graven, Department of Ohio, Dr. Douglas Hubert, Post member.

A motion to approve the minutes of the 4/18/2016 meeting as presented was made by Stephen Motika, seconded by Chris Catalano. Motion was approved.

Guests in Attendance – Phyllis Fitzgerald, Post 556, Veterans Stand Down Chair, Neal Brooks, USMC Veteran, CBA Student.

The 1st Vice Commander introduced the Officers in attendance – 1st Vice Commander, Ashley Gorbulja, Adjutant, Jay Musson and Judge Advocate, Chris Catalano.

Guest speaker

Commanders Report – No report

1st Vice Commanders Report – Ashley mentioned that Steven Downey, past post commander, has been very active in the community advocating Post 808 and his start up business Utusk, a fitness app. She encouraged all post members to look up the app and use it. The post fundraising dinner was a great success. Ashley mentioned many of the special people who helped make it as successful as it turned out. The post made approximately \$1,500.00. She also said that she would like us to concentrate on three major events each year that we can concentrate our time and energy to.

2nd Vice Commander's Report – No report/

Adjutants Report – Jay Musson asked Jackie Ashbaugh for any information she had on the Memorial Day cemetery flag placement plans. She said that we have not been able to firm up plans at this point. PBS Newshour contacted Jay the previous week looking for drivers to help them during the Republican Convention in Cleveland during the month of July. They were looking first to offer these jobs to veterans. The jobs paid \$15/hr with overtime. Mary Rossett is the point of contact for anyone interested in these jobs.

Communications Officer – No report.

Committee Reports-

Youth Rifle Program – No report.

Executive Board – No report.

Service Officer – Jason Grenfell mentioned that presumptive disabilities for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans are coming to a close. There are several items on the list. Veterans of these campaigns should check with Jason to see if they may qualify for benefits.

Old Business – Phyllis Fitzgerald spoke about the progress of the Veterans Stand Down Program. This program has been in place for a number of years and involves all VSOs in the county benefits hundreds of needy veterans every year.

Jackie Ashbaugh announced that we would have a Post Night with the Rubber Ducks on July 15, 2016. The post will purchase 20 tickets for post members and their immediate families on a first come first serve basis. A motion was made seconded and passed to authorize that expenditure. She also mentioned that we would have the annual post picnic at Turkeyfoot Beach State Park on **July 23** from 1-4. The post will provide barbeque and members are asked to bring a side dish. A motion was made for the post to pay \$40 to secure the spot at the beach, **the post membership meeting will be held** and the post will pay for the barbeque. There was a second and the motion carried. July 9 will be another Range Day at Kelbly's Range. All post members and their immediate families are invited. MOAA invited post members to attend a membership meeting at Guy's Party center on September 15, 2016. Judge Amy Corrigan Jones, the Valor Court Judge, will be the guest speaker. And the last scheduled range day at Kelbly's will be September 17, 2016.

Steve Motika asked if any news had been heard about the Wounded Warriors Baseball game. Jay said he would check on that.

Mary Rossett mentioned that the PAVE program is looking for peer mentors for that program.

New Business – Elections for 2nd vice commander between Daryll Mauger and Chris Catalano were held resulting in the election of Chris as the new 2nd Vice Commander. The new Commander and 2nd Vice Commander were installed as officers for the next period.

Next meeting will be held **June 20, 2016** at Veterans Lounge. Again, **the July membership meeting will be held at Turkeyfoot Lake Beach on July 23.**

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.

Webex recording of this meeting can be viewed via

<https://uakron.webex.com/uakron/ldr.php?RCID=f92140404ec399ec4dabd07415547e0d>

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)