

American Legion
University of Akron
Post 808
Post Minutes 4/18/2016

The 22nd 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 – Not working

A motion to approve the minutes of the 3/14/2016 meeting as presented was made by Stephen Motika, seconded by Chris Catalano. Motion was approved.

Guests in Attendance – Rev. John Schleup from Warriors Journey Home and John Life representing Legion Riders Kenmore Post.

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

Guest speaker John Schleup spoke about the Warriors Journey Home program which is designed to help veterans with PTSD. This program takes a holistic approach following the Native American model of recognizing and dealing with PTSD. Rev. Schleup has set up a number of groups in this area and around the country. There are a number of veterans who prefer this approach of dealing with PTSD to the Veterans Administration treatment programs.

John Life spoke about the Legion Riders motorcycle group and how they operate. Since Post 808 does not have a Legion Rider group yet any Post 808 members are welcome to rider with any Legion Rider group they might like to associate with.

Commanders Report – No report

1st Vice Commanders Report – No Report

2nd 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 Legion Formal Caps cannot be worn to political rallies.

Communications Officer – No report.

Committee Reports-

Youth Rifle Program – No report.

Executive Board – No report.

Summer Events – Steve Motika – No report

Old Business – Jackie Ashbaugh mentioned that there would be a range day on Saturday, May 6, 2016 at Kelbly's Range in North Lawrence Ohio. This is free to Post 808 members. Ear protection provided. Members need not bring weapons or ammo as it will be provided .

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.

Elections were held resulting in the election of Ashley Gorbulja being elected Commander and Patricia Stoffiel being elected 1st Vice Commander, both by unanimous proclamation. The election of 2nd Vice Commander resulted in a tie vote between Daryl Mauder and Chris Catalano. It was agreed that another election would be held at the next membership meeting to break the tie.

Next meeting will be held **May 16, 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 cannot be viewed as we experienced electronic difficulties.

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)