

American Legion
University of Akron
Post 808
Post Minutes 8/15/2016

The 26th meeting of the American Legion University of Akron Post 808 was called to order by 1st Vice Commander Patricia Stofiel at 6:35 PM.

The quorum call indicated 14 members present. The 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.

A motion to approve the minutes of the 7/23/2016 meeting as presented was made and seconded. Motion was carried and minutes were approved.

Commanders Report – No report.

1st Vice Commanders Report – Patricia mentioned the passing of post member and university benefactor CP Chima several weeks ago. He was a highly decorated WWII Army Air Corps and Korean War Air Force veteran. She then introduced our new post member Anna Friske who is a PAVE team leader. Anna spoke about PAVE which is a peer advisory program which introduces new student veterans, about 230 veterans this fall, to current student veterans to help them navigate their way through the campus. Mary Rossett spoke further about the details of PAVE and also announced that the Veterans service center would be getting a full time VA outreach person to advise student veterans on campus about available VA benefits. This is a very big advancement for the university's ability to be veteran friendly. This highly trained person will have the ability to interface with the VA in behalf of our students. Patricia reminded the membership that we reimburse post graduates for their caps and gowns at graduation. She also mentioned that we have several post officer positions open, Judge Advocate, Chaplain and Historian. Anyone interested in these positions can contact the commanders or adjutant. District 14 would like us to concentrate on membership retention.

Patricia then introduced Adam Cassetty who is a senior at Field High School and the person that Post 808 supported at Buckeye Boys State this year. Adam shared his experiences and thanked the members of the post for helping him go through the program. He is hoping to become a commercial pilot. Denny Stafford suggested that Adam write a report for next year's person so he will not have as much trouble getting a feel for how things work.

Adjutants Report – No report.

Executive Board – No report.

Communications Officer – No report.

Committee Reports – Jim Perrine shared progress on the Military Ball event. Brad Harvey clarified Fall events, Jackie Ashbaugh spoke about the Range and Rubber Ducks events and how involved we want to be with the Stand Down project.

Youth Rifle Program – No report.

Service Officer – No report.

Old Business – Post 808 stickers are in process and will be available soon for \$2.00 apiece. Steven Downey requested that we look at featuring his grandfather, a WWII veteran, at the Veterans Appreciation Football game. Other ideas for the game involving WWII veterans were discussed. Also we need to do a follow up on the POW/MIA Chair at the football stadium. Discussion followed about the Veterans Stand Down Day which takes place September 13. There was an article in the Beacon Journal today about the project and contact information. Our annual Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Fall Leave run will take place October 22. The Veterans Appreciation day football game will take place on October 15 which will feature our annual tailgate party on the corner of E. Exchange and Sumner St. Veterans week will take place November 7-12. The Acme cashback program is on again. A vote was taken to participate this year and the motion passed. Brad Harvey mentioned that the Knights of Columbus were having a charity golf outing. See Brad for details. Jason Graven mentioned that the Legion National Magazine featured the Mt. Everest Project on it's cover. He also mentioned that he was made aware that a new post is being started in Michigan that is modeled on our post. He reminded us that when we started this post that the eyes of the nation were going to be on us both from positive and negative people. We have continued to change the culture of the world's largest veterans organization. We need to keep this in mind as we move forward.

New Business – None

Next meeting will be held **September 19, 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.

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)