

American Legion
University of Akron
Post 808
Post Minutes 12/5/2016

The 30th meeting of the American Legion University of Akron Post 808 was called to order by Commander Ashley Gorbulja at 6:20 PM.

The quorum call indicated 21 members present. The Commander declared a quorum was present for motion/voting for the post.

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

Steve Motika was given the floor to inform the post of the passing of post member Michael Besch. Mike had served in the US Army for 28 years achieving the rank of CW4. He then taught civil engineering at the University of Akron. He was a founding member of Post 808 and a good friend of the post. Ashley added that she was very thankful to those who founded the post as it has been very helpful to her and other student veterans successfully navigate through their college experience.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Aug/Sept/Oct/Nov meetings was made. The motion was seconded by Chris Catalano.

Commanders Report – The spring Post Fundraising Dinner will take place on April 20, 2017 at the Crystal Room. The tickets will be \$25.00 for students and \$30.00 for non-students. The Jack Casino in Cleveland contacted Ashley and they offered Christmas Trees for student veterans who might otherwise not be able to have them. We traveled to the casino in Cleveland and picked up 10 trees which are now available in the Veterans Lounge. Other members of the post donated ornaments. Five of the trees have been given to post members as of this time.

1st Vice Commanders Report – The post became involved in Wreaths Across America this season. While our participation should be greater next year. Membership renewals are lagging. Those of you who have not renewed your membership for 2017 please take the time to renew.

2nd Vice Commanders Report – Chris Catalano mentioned that he was organizing a fitness group. Those who might be interested in joining can see more about it on www.fit150.com.

Adjutants Report – Jay Musson added that two other post members passed away this year, CP Chima, a WWII and Korea veteran who achieved the rank of Colonel, and John Cline, a Vietnam veteran who achieved the rank of Lt. Colonel. Jay mentioned that a committee had been formed to work on pushing out the current lounge to roughly double its size. The intent is to create a separate quiet area to study.

Executive Board – No report.

Communications Officer – No report.

Committee Reports – No report

Youth Rifle Program – No report.

Service Officer – No report.

Old Business –

New Business – Brad Harvey made a motion to spend \$75.00 to help register the Ashland Eagles Jr. rifle team for the 2017 season. We have supported this group in the past as they are part of the Legion Jr. shooting program. The motion was made, seconded and past.

Next meeting will be held **January 23rd at the Military Lounge at Infocision.**

Reminders name tags/ preambles/ name tag return & Chaplain's Prayer led by Commander

Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm. Christmas Dinner was then served.

This meeting is available on WebEx :

<https://uakron.webex.com/uakron/ldr.php?RCID=68e663b2bef280358ffd3ceb26cd0813>

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)