

American Legion  
University of Akron  
Post 808  
Post Minutes 11/20/2017

The 41st meeting of the American Legion University of Akron Post 808 was called to order by Commander Rusty King at 6:30 PM.

The presentation of the colors and pledge of allegiance were led by the Commander. The Prayer and moment of silence honoring POW/MIA was led by Chris Catalano.

The quorum call indicated seven members present and three guests (Mary Rossett, Mya Levels, ). Total 20 present at meeting. The Commander declared a quorum was present for motion/voting for the post.

The minutes for the October meeting were not sent out so they were not approved by the membership.

Guest speakers: Mya Levels, Oriana House

Randy Thomas, Akron Children's Hospital

Commanders Report – The post is still looking for a Chaplain. Anyone interested in filling that position please contact any of the post officers. There have been many improvements in the post website made by Jason Graven. Please look it over. We had a Vietnam War panel consisting of two Vietnam Veterans and a University of Akron History Professor, Walter Hicks, commenting on the movie. This event took place on November 7. One episode of Ken Burns' Vietnam War was shown. We would like to make this an annual event. The December 18 membership meeting will include our annual Christmas Dinner. This will be coordinated by Mary Rossett. This is a pot luck type of dinner. Please contact Mary to coordinate the dishes for that meal.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commanders Report – Chris mentioned that our membership drive for 2018 was still in progress. Anyone wanting to renew their membership can contact him after the meeting. Chris has been working on a post trifold to help recruit new members. There was discussion on where to distribute these flyers.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commanders Report – Daryll thanked everyone who helped on the Chipotle fund raiser on November 15. A special thank you to Fatima Deas for helping in the terrible weather. The amount raised was \$259.55. This was quite a bit less than the last time we were there, but any money is helpful. The Career Fair was a success except for the less student turn out than hoped for. The Military Appreciation Football game on October 28 was a success. While the weather was terrible, the turn out for the tailgate party was about 50 people. The new pop up tents helped us out quite a bit. Thank you to Mary, Sherry and Jen for the food preparation.

Adjutants Report – The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad event took place Saturday, October 21. Turn out was less than in previous years. We will have to see how to get the word out better next year. The Post and the SVA purchased a table for 8 people. It was very pleasant evening. We met a lot of people in the veteran community and generated a lot of interest in what we are doing at The University of Akron.

Executive Board – No report.

Communications Officer – No report.

Committee Reports – No report

Service Officer – No report.

Speakers – Mya Levels, Oriana House. They are a half way house for people with substance abuse. They hire counselors, social worker and residence supervisors.

Randy Thomas, Akron Children's Hospital. Akron Children's is the largest hospital system in Northern Ohio. They hire all types of occupations. He also offered to work with us on setting up the teleconference room in the lounge for mock interviews and working with individuals on resumes.

Old Business – We have post shirts and caps for sale for those interested.

New Business –

Next meeting will be held **December 18** at the **Musson Veterans Lounge at Infocision Stadium.**

Reminders name tags/ preambles/ name tag return

Chaplain's Prayer led by Chris Catalano.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

MISC Information:

This meeting is available on WebEx:

<https://uakron.webex.com/uakron/ldr.php?RCID=50854b7330aba451708ca087e1fa7d30>

**Membership Renewals can be made on the Post Website AI808.org**

- Facebook -@akron808. Post activities can be viewed going back to October, 2014.
- Website – AI808.org
- Twitter - @ua\_legion808
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