

American Legion
University of Akron
Post 808
Post Minutes 3/19/18

The 45th meeting of the American Legion University of Akron Post 808 was called to order by Commander Rusty King at 6:32 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 Ashley Gorbulja.

The quorum call indicated ten members present and three guests (Mary Rossett, Gene Mone, James Sheppard). Total 13 present at meeting. The Commander declared a quorum was present for motion/voting for the post.

The minutes for the February meeting were posted on Google Drive and they were approved by the membership.

Guest speakers: Gene Mone from ContiTech and James Sheppard from Westfield Cos.

Commanders Report – On further review and additional information, it was determined and voted upon by the executive committee that the post should cancel the tee shirt project and refund all deposits received to date. It was clear that we were not able to generate enough demand to go ahead with the project. The third issue of our newsletter created by comrade Jason Graven has been issued. We are very happy with these newsletters.

1st Vice Commanders Report – Bronson Lukzsa, the eagle scout candidate who finished the Post 808 POW/MIA Chair project at InfoCision Field, was issued his Eagle Scout badge yesterday. Chris attended the ceremony. Revere High School contacted Chris and stated that they would not be participating in Boys State this year. We are very disappointed that Revere was not able to field any candidates as our last year's participant was very successful. Tim Jones volunteered from the floor to be chairman of the Boys State Program in 2019. Membership is still open for 2018. We have 50 members for this year. You can renew on our website.

2nd Vice Commanders Report – Our April 19 dinner is moving forward. Rates are being posted. Coleman Professional Services has donated \$100.00 to the post for the dinner. We are looking for people to look for gift baskets for the dinner. You can sign up for tickets at <http://commerce.cash.net.com/orgmilvet> . The Out of the Darkness Walk will be held on April 29 at the Stile Field House from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Information is available on our website and Facebook. Family Bowling night will be held tomorrow, March 20 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM at the Eddie Elias Bowling Center in the Student Union. There will be a Night with the Rubber Ducks May 26th at 6:30PM. Details to follow. Also, the mock interview system will be in place in the lounge teleconference room in the next few weeks.

Speakers – The first speaker was Gene Mone from ContiTech. She works in the Fairlawn office location which is their headquarters for North American Operations. Contitech is a very diversified German firm

which has an office here due to their tire and rubber products. Gene is recruiting mainly marketing people for a wide range of products throughout the United States.

The second speaker was James Sheppard with the Westfield Companies. They are an insurance located in Westfield Ohio. They have been located there for many years and noted for being very good place to work. They also have a wide variety of positions open mostly on the east coast. James is a veteran and has been charged with developing a veteran's program.

Adjutants Report – As was stated, we have cancelled the shirt project for this year. Refund check went out Sunday, so you should be receiving them soon. We sold a full page add this month and hopefully we will be able to sell enough advertising to cover the cost of creating the newsletter.

Executive Board – No report.

Communications Officer – No report.

Committee Reports – No report

Service Officer – No report.

Old Business – Mary and Ashley mentioned that the Women's Military Discussion Panel was a great success. There was a wide area of experience on the panel. It was very informative for students who attended.

New Business – Jay spoke about the elections which are coming up in May. This is what is known as the first call for the Election. We have two people running for Commander – Chris Catalano and Daryll Mauder. We also have one person running for 2nd Vice Commander – Talmadge Grigsby.

Ashley spoke about progress of the "think tank" committee who have organized to come up with ideas to improve what the Post can provide to student veterans.

Next meeting will be held **April 16** at the **Musson Veterans Lounge at Infocision Stadium**.

Reminders name tags/ preambles/ name tag return

Chaplain's Prayer led by Ashley Gorbulja.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

MISC Information: None.

This meeting is available on WebEx:

<https://uakron.webex.com/uakron/ldr.php?RCID=5cdc8d930e545d667cdb063c4d7f1219>

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

- Facebook -@akron808. Post activities can be viewed going back to October, 2014.
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