

American Legion
University of Akron
Post 808
Post Minutes 4/16/18

The 46th 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 Chris Catalano.

The quorum call indicated ten members present and three guests (Mary Rossett, Brian McGowan, Amanda Skinner). Comrade Robert Maldonado attended via Webex. Commander King declared a quorum was present for motion/voting for the post.

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

Guest speakers: Brian McGowan from NeoVets and Amanda Skinner from Coleman Professional Services.

Commanders Report – We have the third Charity Dinner coming up on Thursday, April 19. 52 tickets have been sold. Great job to all involved with the organizing of the event.

1st Vice Commanders Report – 2018 membership card issues were discussed.

2nd Vice Commanders Report – 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. There will be a Night with the Rubber Ducks May 26th at 6:30PM. Details to follow.

Speakers – The first speaker was Amanda Skinner from Coleman Professional Services. Coleman is a Kent based non-profit whose mission is three fold. Fostering recovery without concerning ability to repay, tending to the homeless and helping find work for the unemployed. Their largest operation is behavioral health issues. In short, they try to get people jobs and help them keep the job.

The second speaker was Brian McGowan “Gunny” from NeoVets. Gunny provides job search and coaching for veterans at no cost. Also he is the CEO of NeoVets, a non-profit which covers 22 counties in Ohio providing training for companies on how to hire veterans.

Adjutants Report – We will be having our 2018-2019 Post 808 elections at our next meeting, May 21. We have a full slate of candidates and these is what is known as the second call for candidates. Anyone interested in running should see Jay.

Executive Board – No report.

Committee Reports – Think Tank Committee – No report. Boys State Committee – Tim Jones has contacted Ellet High School and they seem to be very interested in being involved in this program so he is moving ahead.

Service Officer – No report.

Old Business –

New Business – A question was raised about restarting our 50/50 program at membership meetings. We will start that program at the next meeting.

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 **May 21** 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 7:15 pm.

MISC Information: None.

This meeting is available on WebEx:

<https://uakron.webex.com/uakron/ldr.php?RCID=ee19e31b62afe3af7816228797a22fce>

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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