

Leonard Moore Post #71
American Legion
Clayton, NC
Meeting Notes
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The monthly meeting of Leonard Moore Post #71 American Legion was held on Thursday night 12 January 2012. Commander Wade Stanley called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours. Our Nations Colors were posted by Sergeant at Arms Joe Capps and Joe Hester. Commander Stanley asked the Post Chaplain Royal Williams to give the opening prayer. Commander led the Post in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution.

The cook committee chaired by Mike Arrington served a delicious meal of hamburger steak and gravy with mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and iced tea.

Commander called the meeting back to order after the meal. Historian Gene Karaszewski read the minutes from 8 December 2011. A motion was made by Ken Parker and seconded by Henry Benevides to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Commander introduced our newest members Melvin Rutledge (Navy), James Williams (Marines) and Joe Garner (Army). Each was given an opportunity to give a brief biography.

Finance report was given by Finance Officer Joe Hester. Ron Perri made a motion to accept the Finance Report. Motion was seconded by Glenn Creech and motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Service Officer: Nothing to report.

Building and Grounds: Rudolph Allen reported that all of the lights at the front of the building are now functioning.

Sick Call: None.

Legion Riders: Richard Neville reported that although the Post 71 Legion Riders were unable to participate in the AL World Series on field Opening Ceremonies due to rain, they received a letter of appreciation that Dick forwarded to the Post Commander. After the January 7th POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony the Legion Riders participated in a Patriot Guard Riders mission. The Riders will participate in an awards ceremony honoring a Vietnam Veteran at the end of January. Post 71 Riders will also participate in the Vietnam Veterans 2012 Homecoming Celebration being held at the Charlotte Speedway on March 31, 2012.

BBQ Committee: The Commander presented the idea of firm dates to the assembly. If an event by another organization falls on the same date as our BBQ we will keep our date but cook less chickens. The dates presented for the Spring and Fall BBQ are 13 April 2012 and 7 September 2012. A motion to accept the suggested dates was made by Gary Meek. Motion was seconded by Robert Hatch and motion carried.

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Commander asked all to stand and give a moment of silence for departed member Z.V. Spellman JR.

Unfinished business: After reviewing a request for a donation to the SSS Physics Class by Mark Peterson, the Executive Board suggested a \$100 donation. A motion to donate \$100 to the SSS Physics Class was made by Richard Neville and seconded by Emory Howard. Motion Carried.

New Business: Commander Stanley explained the Adopt A Highway to the assembly. He explained if the Post adopted a highway we would be required to police a 2 mile section 4 times per year. It was suggested that the Post adopt Old Hwy 70 W starting at the Johnston County line (Pine Hollow Golf Club) going east for 2 miles (just past Shotwell Road). A sign will be posted at each end of the 2 mile stretch indicating that Post 71 has taken responsibility for keeping that section of road clean. Motion to Adopt A Highway was made by Keith Rutter and seconded by Lea Rutter. Motion carried. A request to adopt the section of highway above will be submitted to Johnston County AAH for approval.

A request for a donation to send 87 year old USMC veteran George Cattelona to Iwo Jima on the Iwo Jima Commemorative Tour. Since the funding deadline is January 16, 2012 a motion was made by Gary Meek to suspend the requirement of sending a written request to the Executive Committee for their consideration. Motion was seconded by Richard Neville. Motion passed. Gary Meek made a motion to donate \$100 to help return a veteran to Iwo Jima. Motion was seconded by Richard Neville and motion was carried. Norwood Williams stated he would match Post 71's donation.

Good of the Legion: Because of his service above and beyond the call of duty to Post 71 and the assistance he provides to Members in need, Paul Forbes made a motion to have Post 71 pay yearly dues for life for Adjutant Ken Parker. Testimonies by individuals who had first hand knowledge of his endeavors were given. Motion was seconded by Joe Hester. Motion carried.

James Williams donated an autographed picture of 5 Star General Omar Bradley. Commander Stanley thanked Willie for his donation.

It was suggested by Devell Durham that Member Birthdays be announced in the Post newsletter. The meeting sign-in sheet will be modified to allow members to list their birth date.

Commander Stanley announced that on Friday 13 January 2012 a District 11 meeting was being held at Raleigh Post 1. All Members are welcome to attend.

Commander Stanley requested that Adjutant Ken Parker suspend his kitchen duties and make his presence available at the podium. Commander Stanley thanked Ken for his service to the Legion and his fellow members and informed Ken that the Membership, in appreciation of his efforts, had passed a motion that Ken's dues to the American Legion would be paid by Post 71 for life.

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Jackpot was won by Norwood Williams . Norwood indicated that his winnings would be donated to help return a veteran to Iwo Jima.

There being no further business before the body, Commander Stanley asked the Sergeant at Arms to retire the Colors. Chaplain gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned in due form at 20:20 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Karaszewski, Historian