



Weston, MO Post 501
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Agenda – Membership Meeting, 27 August 2024

1. **Opening:** Pledge of Allegiance
2. **Roll Call: (Sick Call / TAPS / Employment issue):** None identified
 - a. Executive Committee:
 - b. Members:
 - c. Guests:
3. **Call to Order:** Commander Lowe, Time:
4. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. July Membership Meeting - **Motion to approve – Approved , Abstained , Disapproved**
 - b. August Executive Meeting – **Did not meet**
5. **Reports from Officers and Committees:**
 - a. Finance Officer - Treasurer Report
Motion to approve – Approved 0, Abstained 0, Disapproved 0
 - b. Adjutant – Membership-
Motion to approve – Approved 6, Abstained 0, Disapproved 0
6. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. Post Leadership installment
 - b. **Ceremonial Weapons (Update)**

2/27/2024 - We are still awaiting the Police Report on the missing rifle. We are unable to address the subject without Mr. Beasley being present. We have to wait to turn in the remaining rifles until this report is complete.

*6/25/2024 – Attempts to contact the investigator have not been returned. Mr. Lowe will continue to contact. Motion to retain rifles to use as ceremonial events. The use would be for static events for color Guard and not for firing due to the safety issue. Last firing at a memorial two of the rifles jammed. We received positive response from visitors at the ceremony that we did not fire the rifles. The need to have a gun safe is a requirement which would be \$500 to \$1000. Desired storage is at a Police station or Armory. Motion: Table the turning in of the rifles once we receive the police report to take a better look at retaining some or all of the rifles. Mr. Studdenbeck does not approve the retaining of the rifles due to the safety issue. That if we retain them someone will try to shoot them. Is there a way to make them static? **Motion to Table turn in of rifles - 7 Approved, 1 Abstained, 0 Disapprove***

7/23/2024 -

 - *Executive Committee Turn-In Weapons (use old until purchase replicas are turned in)*
 - *We received the report from TACOM. We will be recommend that we turn in all the weapons. We can vote to authorized that we turn in the 9 ceremonial weapons.*



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- Will discuss Replica Weapons for next meeting.

Motion to turn in rifles by Rick Dunn - Approved 6, Abstained 0, Disapprove

8/27/2024 –

c. Banner of Past Members (Update)

2/27/2023 - The Weston Chamber of Commerce will pay cost of membership for the Post. \$60 of each Veteran Banner goes to support other Veteran areas. We suggest that we purchase two for Larry Whitt and Larry Crockett but need to contact families for approval. Vote taken in February to purchase banners for Mr. Joe Collison, Mr. Whitt and Mr. Crockett.

6/25/2024 – Two of them are mostly complete. We are needing family approval to complete this and need to find family for Mr. Collison. His records may be incomplete showing what others have provided (Iwo Jima veteran). Will contact Larry Whitt's son to get approval. This will not cost the families anything and will be paid by the CoC. We need to get Mrs. Crockett phone number so we can make contact.

7/23/2024 -

2 Table Banner purchased. Used to be displayed at events. Will bring to next meeting.

8/27/2024-

Tasks to accomplish:

1. Collison family approval and complete application (Dunn) **Sent in to CoC**
2. Whitt family approval and complete application (Stir)
3. Crockett family approval and complete application (Lowe) **Sent in to CoC, possible Larry's brother Pee Wee.**

d. Flag Drop-Off container

2/27/2024 - Motion was to place a flag drop off container at Platte City. Which will expand to communities around and not just a Weston organization. Will bring up as unfinished business at the next meeting.

3/26/2024 - This container would require maintenance and collection by a member. We don't have a plan worked out. We do have a member that goes by the YMCA twice a week. Ms. Franco has a contact that would help with turning in for burning by Boy Scouts. There is one at Sharps Market and another at City Hall. This one would be for Platte City. No new information received so a motion was raised to Table again. **Motion to approve - Approved 7 Abstained 0 Disapproved 0**

6/25/2024 - Motion made to not do the Flage drop off container and coordinate with the Scouts to help in some ways. We could possibly go to Platte City later and focus currently on Weston. **Motion is to help the logistics of the Scouts in Weston - Approved 7 Abstained 0 Disapproved 0**

8/27/2024-

e. Insurance for Bonding

2/27/2024 - We have received 3 quotes of which one is from Savannah, Mo and another from Platte City. We are looking for the least expensive. It is insurance in case of lost funds. Cost is between \$700 and \$1,000. With the \$600 we put toward Boys State it



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leave us will \$2,300 in operational budget. Taking another \$1,000 would bring us to \$3,300. This will limit us to support other programs until the CD starts bring in additional interest payments. Need to have the Commander and Financial Secretary bonded upon getting appropriate quote.

3/26/2024 - Mr. Lau asked about the Post being part of the Chamber of Commerce. The Moonshiners organization (which he is a member) is a part of the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Chamber of Commerce you are covered with Liability Insurance. It would have cost the Moonshiners \$500 a year in liability insurance for their organization. Once you pay that \$75 fee you are being included in the liability insurance coverage. We will table that portion of the discussion. Question of is liability required. No it is not required but highly suggested. Bonding is a requirement. Question: Ms. Prior - Are you bonding the person or the Position? We are bonding the two officers that have check writing abilities. It is a requirement by the American Legion. Since there are two individual that have check writing authority then they both have to be bonded. We are only bonding the operational fund check writers. The CD requires two signatures to remove funds so no bonding is required. Ms. Prior suggested that we bond the position and not the person. Her previous organization was bonding based on the income of that position. We might want to consider changing the one person check writing. Motion to bond costing \$100 for two positions through NFP.

3/26/2024 - Recommend purchasing liability through MO Rural for \$515 **Tabled for further investigation.**

Recommend purchasing bonding through NFP \$50/\$100 for \$10,000. CD requires dual signature. **Motion to approve - Approved 7 Abstained 1 Disapproved 0**

6/25/2024 - Bond has been approved so the Post has been bonded by an insurance agency and this portion of the agenda can come off next month. Since the CD is two signature required we do not have to bond for that portion. We will keep on the insurance and drop off the Bonding portion.

7/23/2024 -
Liability Insurance move to another meeting. \$515 for \$2M of coverage for post.
Re-Confirm quotes.

8/27/2024-

f. Missouri War Medallion Program

(<https://www.moguard.ngb.mil/Resources/Veteran-Awards/>)

3/26/2024 - Submit applications in mass and schedule presentation ceremony. Need to fill out applications and submit verification documents. They will send it to you or come and award it to you. If your want to participate we can fill out your application and return but it requires a DD 214. Please redact your Social Security Number. We will await responses.

4/23/2024- Two have turned in their applications for the medallion program. The National Guard runs the program who maintains the records of the program. They could possibly award in the Fall. The need for Social Security number was confirmed to match military records. They also do this for deceased veterans, but the family will need to complete the application.

5/21/2024 - Please give your application and copy of your DD 214 to John Stir at the next meeting (25 Jun 24). We have not set a deadline, If you have not submitted already. Alternatively if you don't feel like giving us a copy you can mail in your application. The



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DD 214 is a requirement of the National Guard. The awarding will be used as photo opportunity by inviting Beth (Weston Chronical) to promote activities within the Post. We would perform this at the beginning of our meeting (awarding and Photo) and then go on with the official meeting. Tony Layton brought up the possibility of performing at the high school during the Veterans Day event. Possibly scheduling a guest speaker. Rick Dunn stated that the time period of Veterans Day would be about the time they could perform the awarding. The school is interested in the Veteran's day speaker. Tony Layton may have the ability to get a speaker for the event. Rick Dunn informed the group that the application can be use to be given for those Veterans that have passed. The June meeting will be the deadline to get the applications submitted If any member knows any family member. Mr. Joe Collison family is going to participate in the Banner program. Currently the banners that are posted are for those that have passed away. During the Veteran's Day ceremony, it is every veteran who is participating goes up. Possibility of having Larry Crocketts wife to the award ceremony along with his banner.

6/25/2024 The list went out of the of the personnel wanting to participate. Need to receive Victor's 214 to include and hopefully get them awarded on Veteran's Day. Will send in after that.

7/23/2024 - Will be submitted packets on 7/24/2024. Requesting medallion presentation at Weston Veterans Day Ceremony.

8/27/2024-

- g. **Veteran's Day Ceremony**- any suggestions on a guest speaker. We should have a lot of options but need to check availability.

8/27/2024 -

h. Shut-In/Nursing Home Member Visitation

We would need to pick up one of our members to attend our meetings. We would need to contact the nursing home before we stop by to pick them up.

7/23/2024 – Looking Committee Volunteer to visit

-Bringing Veterans to meeting will require liability insurance.

-CDR will take it on the program.

8/27/2024-

i. Fundraiser Opportunities

-Poppy Donations – Tony and Rick

- AL pins (AppleFest) AJ will bring prices

j. AL clothing

-10 x Tie for new members (Adjutant send info to Finance Officer)

7. **New Business:**

8. **Open Discussion:** Limit 5 topics, 3 min per topic:

9. **Adjournment:** Commander Lowe, Time:



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James F. Lowe
Commander
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John Stir
Adjutant
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Calendar

Date	Organization	Description
27 August 2024	Post 501	Membership Meeting – Installation of Officers
8 September 2024	4 th District	District Meeting
13 September 2024	Weston Chamber	General Meeting
24 September 2024	Post 501	Membership Meeting
28 September 2024	Moonshiners	Cruise Night - Support American Legion booth
5 October 2024	Weston Chamber	Apple Fest Parade
22 October 2024	Post 501	Membership Meeting
26 October 2024	Moonshiners	Cruise Night - Support American Legion booth
8 November 2024	Post 501	Veteran's Day Ceremony (West Platte HS)
11 November 2024	Post 501	Veteran Ceremony
22 November 2024	Weston	Holiday Tree Lighting in Holladay Park
8 December 2024	4 th District	District Meeting
9 March 2025	4 th District	District Meeting
8 June 2025	4 th District	District Meeting

Legend
Post Event
Dist/Dept Event
Post Support
Informational