



American Legion 3rd District of Missouri Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2014 - Smithville, Missouri – Smithville Post 58 hosting.

3rd District Commander John Kopp opened the meeting at 13:02 HRS with a salute to the Colors.

3rd District Chaplin R. E. Holtz gave the opening prayer.

3rd District Commander John Kopp read the POW/MIA Chair Remembrance.

3rd District Commander John Kopp led the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Preamble.

3rd District Commander John Kopp asked for roll call of Post present.

3rd District Adjutant Robert Emery read the roll call of Posts present. With six (6) Posts present a quorum was found to be present.

3rd District Commander John Kopp asked for the Finance Report.

Roy Rash asked about reading of the minutes from the last 3rd District Meeting. 3rd District Commander John Kopp asked for reading of the minutes from the last 3rd District Meeting. Judi Samborski made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and proceed with 3rd District business. Jake Samborski seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Finance Report:

3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski gave the finance report for the 3rd District.

CD with Academy Bank: \$3000.00 accrued interest \$68.42

Checking account Bank Midwest: \$4507.50

Total Balances: \$7575.92

Total Deductions: \$600.00

Total Current Assets: \$6975.92

3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski reported that she had submitted IRS Form 990 for the 3rd District via USPS on March 30th, 2014

Bob Box made a motion to accept the finance report as given. Roy Rash seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Guest:

3rd District Commander John Kopp introduced American Legion Department of Missouri Commander Tom Goodin.

American Legion Department of Missouri Commander Tom Goodin thanked the 3rd District for letting him attend the 3rd District Meeting. American Legion Department of Missouri Commander Tom Goodin thanked Smithville Post 58 for hosting the 3rd District meeting.



American Legion Department of Missouri Commander Tom Goodin gave bad news and good news:

Bad News Department of Missouri was below 95% target mark and that we need to work membership. American Legion Department of Missouri Commander Tom Goodin asked every Post to get on the phone and call members who have not yet renewed their membership.

Good News: American Legion Department of Missouri Commander Tom Goodin reported that the National Oratorical Contest was won by the contestant from Columbia Missouri.

State of the Department:

American Legion Department of Missouri Commander Tom Goodin reported that the Department of Missouri was in good shape. American Legion Department of Missouri Commander Tom Goodin reported that it was due to the partnerships between USAA and Lit insurance.

Consolidated Post Reports:

American Legion Department of Missouri Commander Tom Goodin said that he was expecting one hundred (100%) completion from the Posts in the Department of Missouri.

Rally at the Capitol:

American Legion Department of Missouri Commander Tom Goodin talked about the good turnout and that the state had returned the casino fees once again being sent to the Veteran Trust Fund.

American Legion Department of Missouri Commander Tom Goodin asked everyone to contact their representatives in Jefferson City and tell them to vote to restore monies to the veterans.

American Legion Department of Missouri Commander Tom Goodin thanked everyone for their work.

American Legion Department of Missouri Commander Tom Goodin reported that once again there would be Chinese Exchange Students in attendance at Missouri Boys and Girls State sessions.

3rd District Commander John Kopp reported that there were six (6) 3rd District Post at or over one hundred (100%) percent membership.

3rd District Commander John Kopp introduced David Page to talk about Armed Forces Day celebration.

David Page thanked Post 58 and the 3rd District for allowing him to talk about the upcoming Armed Forces Day Celebration.

David Page said that this year's event would be held May 16th to the 17th in Zona Rosa.

David Page talked about various events and the schedule of events for the week long event.



David Page talked about needing volunteers and donations and for more information check out www.heartlandafdc.com on the internet.

American Legion Department of Missouri Commander Tom Goodin talked about a donation of three thousand dollars that had been received for Operation Comfort Warriors. American Legion Department of Missouri Commander Tom Goodin talked about five hundred (\$500) dollars being donated to each of the three (3) camps for veterans in Missouri. Five hundred (\$500) donated to Operation Comfort Warriors, and one thousand (\$1000) dollars to national Comfort Warriors.

American Legion Department of Missouri Commander Tom Goodin asked for support for his Department Commanders program to support the NEF by donation fifty (\$.50) cents per post member to the NEF.

3rd District Commander John Kopp said that he would scan the information on the Armed Forces Day Celebration and email it out to all on his emailing list and have it posted on the 3rd District web site.

3rd District Commander John Kopp introduced George Scarborough, candidate for Senior Vice Commander Department of Missouri.

George Scarborough talked about running for Senior Vice Commander Department of Missouri and his initiatives for the coming year. He talked about working on plans for membership to help all Post have a common platform to follow. He talked about holding monthly teleconference calls with all Post and District Commanders every month.

He also mentioned the Past Post Commanders Golf Tournament to be held just before the Department of Missouri Golf Tournament. Calvin Bumgarner talked about sponsorships available like fifty (\$50) dollars to sponsor a hole.

George Scarborough asked if anyone had questions.

A member asked about the gaps in eligibility dates for membership in the American Legion. American Legion Department of Missouri Commander Tom Goodin talked about the American Legion being chartered by Congress and that Congress set the dates for eligibility and that the American Legion had no control over those dates.

Another member talked about setting up a web page and seeing if there could be set up a way to show other Posts how to do the same thing. The member said that is what younger members are looking for from The American Legion. George Scarborough said that these were excellent tools but the Posts needed to get out in the community and let them be seen in the communities.

3rd District Commander John Kopp asked if there was any correspondence to be read. 3rd District Adjutant Robert Emery reported that there was none to be read.

3rd District Commander John Kopp reported that the 3rd District was in 3rd place in membership in the Department of Missouri and that there were six (6) posts at or over one hundred (100%) in membership.

3rd District Commander John Kopp presented Post 58 with a Certificate of Appreciation for achieving one hundred (100%) percent in membership for 2014 membership year.



3rd District Missouri Boys State Chairman John Kopp reported that Missouri Boys State would be in session June 14th to the 21. 3rd District Missouri Boys State Chairman John Kopp reported that he had received seventy two (72) applications, sixty two (62) were sponsored, nine (9) were alternates and had one (1) withdrawal. 3rd District Missouri Boys State Chairman John Kopp reported last years numbers were fifty two (52) applications and forty five (45) sponsored.

3rd District Missouri Boys State Chairman John Kopp said that every one was welcome to visit Missouri Boys State while it is in session but, please contact Marvin Harper to schedule your visit. 3rd District Missouri Boys State Chairman John Kopp said that Marvin Harper phone number was (660) 652-3291.

Oratorical Contest:

3rd District Commander John Kopp reported that the American Legion National Oratorical Contest was won by the contestant from Missouri.

3rd District Commander John Kopp talked about the 3rd District hosting the Zone Two Oratorical Contest next year and that the Chairman would be looking for Post to host the event and that Post 58 had already offered to host the contest.

Cadet Patrol:

3rd District Cadet Patrol Chairman Bob Box reported that he had received three (3) applications and Post 58 had sponsored all three (3) candidates.

Americanism: No Report

Service Officer: No Report

Old Business:

3rd District Commander John Kopp reported on the recent visit by the National Vice Commander to the 3rd District.

New Business:

Truman Days:

3rd District Commander John Kopp talked about Truman Days May 7th to the 8th and that all Adjutants should have received information on the event already.

Department Convention:

3rd District Commander John Kopp reported on the Department Convention schedule – this year in Jefferson City, next year in Springfield, and the next year in Kansas City.

American Legion Centennial:

3rd District Commander John Kopp talked about National American Legion wanting all local Post to post their histories and programs on the centennial web site.

3rd District Commander John Kopp talked about Post being proud of all the good work they do.

Post Consolidated Report:

3rd District Commander John Kopp asked all Post to be sure to list all they do on their reports and that the numbers help the American Legion do all of their good works.

A member asked about how many applications could be sent to Cadet Patrol.



3rd District Cadet Patrol Chairman Bob Box reported that each district were allowed two (2) applications but due to some District not sending applications there was always some wiggle room available. 3rd District Cadet Patrol Chairman Bob Box reported that all three (3) candidates sponsored by Post 58 would be attending Cadet Patrol this year.

3rd District Meeting:

3rd District Commander John Kopp reported that the next 3rd District Meeting would be June 8th at Post 95 meeting place at Our Lady of Mercy Country Home in Liberty Missouri.

3rd District Commander John Kopp reported that Robert Emery had been selected as 40et8 Grande du Missouri Distinguished Voiture of the Year.

Post 61 member asked if anyone knew of a source for some ten (10) foot gates to contact someone from Post 61 with the information.

Post 58 Commander Dwayne Knott explained the flag at half staff for Fort Hood victim from Missouri.

Roy Rash asked for a moment of silence for Past 3rd District Commander Bob Allee.

3rd District Commander John Kopp thanked Post 58 for hosting the 3rd District Meeting.

3rd District Commander John Kopp asked for a moment of silence in honor of Fort Hood victim and Past 3rd District Commander Bob Allee.

3rd District Chaplin R. E. Holtz gave the closing prayer.

3rd District Commander John Kopp closed the 3rd District meeting in due form at 14:21 HRS

Submitted by:

Robert C. Emery
3rd District Adjutant

Approved by:

John Kopp
3rd District Commander