

**MINUTES OF THE ONION CREEK POST 326**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**August 4, 2010**

Following proper protocol, Commander Ken Baucom called the meeting to order.

Chaplain Fred McCarthy offered the invocation.

Members and guests recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Members and guests recited the preamble to the American Legion Constitution.

In the absence of Sergeant-at-Arms Rowland Greenwade, Past Post Commander Don Jones acted as Sergeant-at-Arms and advised Commander Baucom there was a quorum of the membership present.

Member at Large Clyde Walls offered three corrections to the Minutes of the General Meeting of June 2, 2010. The corrections were approved by the membership.

As approved, a motion was duly made and passed to waive a reading of the Minutes of the General Meeting of June 2, 2010 and the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of July 7, 2010.

Vice Commander of Membership Tom Harder and wife, Judy, introduced their son, Sergeant Jon Timmons, USMC, who just recently returned from the Middle East where he had been serving.

Commander Baucom introduced District 10 Commander Bill Moore who will serve as the Installation Officer for the Post 326 officers for 2010-2011.

Commander Baucom requested members present to uncover and they and their guests to enjoy dinner.

Commander Baucom advised the membership that the Executive Committee had determined that amendments to the Post 326 Constitution and By-Laws were in order to create the offices of First Vice Commander and Second Vice Commander, to establish the duties of these two officers and to clarify the duties of the Post Finance Officer. Commander Baucom explained the amendments and advised there was insufficient time to give the membership advance written notice of these amendments. He then requested that the membership temporarily suspend the By-Laws in order to take up the proposed amendments. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the By-Laws were temporarily suspended. A motion from the floor was made, seconded and passed to amend Section 4. Duties of Post Finance Officer to change the requirement checks to be countersigned by another authorized signature when the check is in excess of \$1,000. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the proposed amendments to the Post 326 Constitution and By-Laws, as amended, were approved. Commander Baucom advised the membership that the amendments will be filed

with the Department of Texas. A copy of the amendments are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

Commander Baucom explained that Vice Commander of Activities Don Wyatt had indicated to the 2010 Nominating Committee that he would like to remain on the Executive Committee and serve in the position of Second Vice Commander. However, Vice Commander Wyatt indicated that he had applied for a job, and if selected, he would be moving from the Onion Creek community possibly during the month of July or August. In view of his desire to continue to serve Roy Dalton, Chairman of the 2010 Nominating Committee concluded that it would not be necessary for them to seek a nominee for the position of Second Vice Commander. Later, Vice Commander Wyatt received confirmation that he had been selected for the new position and would be leaving earlier than originally planned. Upon leaving the Onion Creek community in early June 2010, the position of Second Vice Commander became vacant. Commander Baucom opened the floor for nominations and Tony Nuccio was nominated. On a Motion to cease nominations, nominations were closed and Tony Nuccio was elected to be Second Vice Commander by acclamation.

Commander Baucom introduced 10<sup>th</sup> District Commander Bill Moore. Commander Baucom called each of the officers for 2010-2011 to come forward and stand before Commander Moore. Commander Moore then installed the following Post 326 officers for 2010-2011. Commander, Ken Baucom, First Vice Commander, Clyde Walls, Second Vice Commander, Tony Nuccio, Adjutant, Jerry Prestridge, Finance Officer, Rocky Eubank, Sergeant-at-Arms, Mike Jackson, Service Officer, Bob Purcell, Historian, John Vinciguerra, Chaplain, Fred McCarthy, and At-Large Committee Members, Mike Rodriguez, Fred A. Hannah and Past Commander Don Jones. These officers will make up the Executive Committee for 2010-2011.

Commander Baucom announced that the following will serve as Chairs of the Post 326 Committees: Golf Tournament, Tony Nuccio, Scholarship, Mike Rodriguez, Membership, Tom Harder, Oratorical, Gerry Kern, Audit Committee, First Vice Commander Clyde Walls, and Finance & Budget Committee, Finance Officer Rocky Eubank. Commander Baucom advised that he had served as Chair of the Boys/Girls State Committee for the past several years but that with his duties and responsibilities as Commander he could no longer serve as Chairman of the Committee. Therefore, the Chair of the Boys/Girls State Committee is vacant. Commander Baucom announced that he is working with Past Commander Don Jones in search for a successor.

Commander Baucom stated that in the absence of Sergeant-at-Arms Rowland Greenwade, Past Commander Don Jones, Tom Harder and Tony Nuccio have done a very commendable job of keeping records, membership lists and notifying members of meetings. Commander Baucom also said that Mike Jackson, the new Sergeant-at-Arms, has worked diligently with support from Past Commander Don Jones in making the transition in a year of many changes.

Commander Baucom announced that at the first meeting of the Executive Committee on September 1, 2010 a Post 326 budget will be prepared and it will be presented to the membership at the October 6, 2010 General Meeting.

Membership Committee Chair Tom Harder reported that the second of three \$500 donations Post 326 will make to the Homeless Veterans of Austin. The \$500 check will be presented in a ceremony at 3:00 p.m. on August 5, 2010 at the Onion Creek Club and Post 326 members should attend if they can. Also, at this ceremony, a \$500 check will be presented to Bob Purcell Texas State Guard.

Service Officer Bob Purcell explained that the Texas State Guard is an all-volunteer organization and when they respond to various disasters are different locations that much of the money required comes out of the pockets of the members themselves. Therefore, the \$500 from Post 326 will be very beneficial to Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, and 2nd Regiment of the Texas State Guard. The unit will conduct a regular drill at the National Guard Armory in San Marcos on August 21, 2010. The drill begins about 11:00 a.m. and all members are invited to attend. Lunch will be served and there will be tee shirts for sale.

Second Vice Commander and Golf Committee Chair Tony Nuccio announced that the Member Fall Mixer will be held on November 4, 2010. The Mixer is open to all active (current) Post 326 members, immediate family members and guests (potential new members). Nuccio stated that a brochure has been handed out explaining the Mixer and it has a place to RSVP and select the activities to participate in at the Mixer.

Commander Baucom expressed appreciation to all of the volunteers who worked to make the General Meeting a success: Leora McCarthy, Robin Baucom, Sue Nuccio, Eliza Walls, Genie Jones, Tammy Jackson, Bruce Conover and Don Jones. The Onion Creek Club was also recognized for the good job their service staff provides.

Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Jackson conducted the raffle.

Chaplain Fred McCarthy offered the closing prayer. Commander Baucom recited the American Legion dismissal charge. The meeting was adjourned.

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Jerry Prestridge, Adjutant