

**BILLY CALDWELL POST 806,
THE AMERICAN LEGION,
DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS**

Minutes of the meeting of November 18th, 2017

- A general meeting of the membership was held at St. Paul's House in Chicago, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Commander Dale Tippet at 12:00PM. With the American Flag in place a hand salute was rendered. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution were recited. A moment of remembrance was given for those who are POW/MIAs.
- A roll call of Post Officers and Members was taken

In attendance:

Dale Tippet, Commander
Gregg Weghorst, Chaplain
Bob Harriett, Sgt-at-Arms
Bruno Renkal, Post Member
Al Pizarro, Service Officer
Pete Hirt,, Senior Vice Commander
Jim Kostka, Junior Vice Commander
Joe Sedivy and Randall Schwerdman Post Members
Al Coughlin, Finance Officer / Adjutant was Excused

Reports Summary:

Finance Report postponed until December meeting.

Membership is in mid-80's% range.

Motion was made by Joe Sedivy and 2nd by Al Pizarro and approved/carried

to make the following donations:

St Cyprian's Food Pantry	\$100
Ray Toczek / Bingo at JBVA	\$100
National Veterans Art Museum	\$100
U.S. Flags	\$250
Egyptian Past Commanders Club --The Haven	\$100
Post 806 Auxiliary (Christmas gifts w/GTTY)	\$125
GTTY Dept of Illinois	\$1,000

Chaplain Gregg brought up that he has a popcorn machine and two professional quality sewing machines that he would like to find a new home for.

Al Pizarro took a copy a U.S. Flag Replacement Letter template to be retyped and customized to be from Billy Caldwell Post 806, that will be sent

out as a friendly reminder to "maintain and/or replace" displayed U.S. Flags. We got the template from Portage Park Post 183 Commander & 9th District Service Officer Ray Toczek.

Commander Dale asked Sr.Vice Cmdr. Pete Hirt to summarize the 1st Division's participation in "The Wall That Heals" project, when Pete was the 1st Division Commander. We know that his leadership enhanced the visitor's experience to the Wall by linking pictures of our fallen veterans to the exhibit. Commander Dale believes that 1st Division Past Commander Pete Hirt's contribution should be noted. Also, Commander Dale noted that Billy Caldwell Post 806 is active and growing in participation of GTTY, School Awards, VAVS at JBVA and other Americanism functions. In addition, Post membership had a good presence at our Veterans Day events at the Austin-Irving Library, St. Pauls House and Norwood Crossing. Lastly, Chaplain Gregg presented a certificate of appreciation to United in Faith Lutheran Church for their promotion of The American Legion.

Folded and enveloped Legion, Auxiliary & S.A.L. applications from Department were handed out to members to make it a bit easier to have an application handy in case of a chance meeting with prospective members.

Honor Flight recipient and Post member Randall Schwe??? brought in his souvenir book, cap and jacket. Randall told the Post of his fantastic, "Honor Flight" experience.

The meeting ended at 12:50pm with appropriate protocol.

Respectfully submitted,

DALE TIPPETT / COMMANDER
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