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The **September 8, 2022** collective meeting of the Post 394 Legion, American Legion Riders, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary was convened at **7:30 pm**, with 25 members present.

Kate Taylor and **Cathy Abdunassir** from the Williamson Middle School handed out invitations to the school's Veterans Day Celebration being held on Thursday, November 10, 2022. All local servicemen and women are welcome to attend the program, which includes a presentation and brunch. Those who wish to attend are asked to RSVP to the Middle School by November 1st.

Samantha Wilson, Service Officer from the Wayne County Veteran's Service Agency was introduced. She gave an overview of the services their office provides and answered questions asked by Commander Jerry Slater on the following topics:

- Veteran ID cards
- Hearing aids
- Camp Lejeune toxic water lawsuit
- Filing a claim for disability benefits
- Funeral/burial benefits
- Disability benefits for prescriptions
- Who gets medical benefits
- Eligibility for NYS and National Park passes
- Hunting licenses for disabled veterans
- Veterans property tax credits

Committee Reports

Membership

Legion - See Jim Weidner, John Pilc or Sue Brennessel and they can assist with online renewals.

Sons of the American Legion (SAL) – See Greg Palis. They have 47 members.

American Legion Riders (ALR) – See Dave Ares. They have 25 members.

Fellowship Room – Jim Weidner

Legion Loot tickets are still being sold for \$20. There will be several cash raffle prizes. The event on September 18th begins at 1:00 pm and will include food, beverages and a band. The drawing will be at 5:00 pm.

County

It was announced that there is a County meeting on Tuesday, September 13th in Red Creek.

ALR – Dave Ares

The ALR budget was submitted. Food boxes for Thanksgiving will be distributed November 19th. There will be a Ride Against Suicide on Saturday, September 17th. Riders will be leaving the post at 8:30 am and going to the Chili post. The ride will go from there to the Ontario post. Cost is \$25 per person.

They are starting a School to Service program to recognize Wayne County students going into military service.

Auxiliary – Denise Palis

The auxiliary will be doing a coat drive and are looking for a place to donate them to. They have a goal of 68 members. The Auxiliary Fall Conference is Saturday, September 10th in Phelps. They've ordered 500 poppies and will have them at Breen's and other businesses around town over the Memorial Day weekend.

SAL – Greg Palis

They have donated money to help Williamson resident Jeff Zorn, who is going through cancer treatment. The Williamson Fire Department is hosting a chicken BBQ fundraiser for him on Saturday, September 17th.

They made a \$500 donation to the ALR for food baskets.

The SAL Breakfasts are starting back up and will be the last Sunday of every month (except for November and December).

They are adopting a portion of Route 104 to clean-up. It will be from the intersection of Lake Avenue and 104 to Townline Road.

Jim Hoffman made a motion, seconded by **Dick Baxter**, for the Legion to donate \$100 to Jeff Zorn for his treatment. Motion carried.

Post Property – Tim Huff

New landscaping at the front of the Post has been completed. A tree has been removed and the gutters done. The flagpole has been fixed and it's going to be painted.

Cemetery – Tim Huff

Flag holders are being fixed as necessary.

Color Guard/Firing Squad – Tim Huff

September 17th at 9:00 am.

Publicity

Commander Jerry Slater stated that the Post Facebook page is available for the SAL, ALR and Auxiliary to use.

Sick Call

Legion Harold Stryker – recovering from a broken neck.

Jerry Slater – having surgery October 6th

ALR Mark Williams – cancer

Sandy Primmer – in hospice care

SAL Jeff Zorn – cancer

New Business

Commander Jerry Slater spoke about the new sign proposed for in front of the Post. This sign will replace the white sign on the left in front of the building, not the lighted one. It would have the emblems for all branches of service on it. He paid for the building permit and is donating \$300 towards it. **Jim Weidner** made a motion, seconded by **Steve Herbert**, to have a new sign made and installed at a cost to the Post of \$700. Discussion ensued in regards to the size of the sign and where the new one will be installed.

The **SAL** and **ALR** each decided to donate \$200.00 towards the new sign.

Jim Weidner amended the motion to have the new sign made and installed at a cost to the Post of \$300, seconded by **Steve Herbert**. A vote was taken and the results were 12 in favor, 2 opposed. Motion carried.

Nate Cianciola made a motion to have the sign installed on the north side of the front of the building, 40” off the ground, in line with the flag pole. **Steve Herbert** seconded. Motion carried.

Samantha Wilson, Wayne County Veterans Service Officer, announced that the county is going to discontinue the bus service they have that provides transportation for Veterans to VA appointments. The county has been maintaining a bus with a paid driver. She asked members to contact their county administrators and ask that they reconsider as it is an important and needed service.

Correspondence – Thank you cards were received from Harold Stryker, Eugenia Youngs, the family of Ray Walvoord and Laurel Taft.

There was a discussion about doing something to honor an individual who made a significant donation to the Legion. It was decided to table it for a future meeting.

Good of the Legion – There were American Legion Family stickers and decals available for everyone to take.

Legion Drawing – \$30.00 won by Bill Gleichauf.

Next Meeting – October 13, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Please take moment to remember our shut ins:
Walter Yantch, 5748 Walworth Road, Ontario NY 14519
John Becker, 2617 Route 88 N, Newark, NY 14513



American Legion Auxiliary

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I still can't believe that we have celebrated Labor Day and are moving toward the start of fall.

We had our first meeting of 2022-2023 on September 8th. It was a joint Legion Family meeting. At our next meeting on the 13th of October we will be discussing our new budget, committee chairs and upcoming events.

We have received our 22-23 membership goals from National. Our goal this year is 68. You should have or will soon be receiving your renewal notice. You can renew your membership 3 easy ways.

1. Mail your renewal notice
2. Online: www.ALForVeterans.org
3. By Phone 317-569-4570

I am looking forward to our upcoming year. Hope to see you at our next meeting on October 13th.

For God and Country

Sherryl Madison, President
Williamson Unit 394 American Legion Auxiliary

*The Administration, Staff, and Students
of the
Williamson Middle School
cordially invite you to attend our
Veterans Day Celebration, Thursday, November 10, 2022
Arrival beginning at 7:30AM with Ceremonies at 8:00AM
followed by a brunch
at the Williamson Middle School
All local servicemen and women are welcome*

*RSVP: Years and branch of service, and
number of guests attending
by Tuesday, November 1, 2022
Please call Kelly at (315) 589-9665*