



Minutes



General Membership Meeting
Greater Cincinnati Women's American Legion Post 644
21 October 2010

PRESENT

Kelly Knox

Darlene Edwards

Jane Root

Lynn Ashley

Kym Mader

Darleen Adkins

Amy Carter

Sharon Hook

Patricia Johnson

Meeting Was Called to Order at 19:00 hrs.

- Two visiting guests were recognized by Commander Knox:
 - Charlie Sollberger, American Legion 4th District Inspector
 - Captain Heather Aubrey, University of Cincinnati Army ROTC

Captain Heather Aubrey:

- CPT Aubrey presented the group with an update of the activities of the ROTC Program at UC and the benefits provided to its recruits.
- CPT Aubrey stated that members of ROTC are entitled to a 4-year, full-ride scholarship to the college of their choice. Therefore, she suggested that anyone interested in going through the ROTC Program should first decide on the college they want to attend before enrolling in the Program.
- The purpose of the ROTC Program is to teach leadership to young men and women at squad, platoon and company levels.
- Females currently make up 28%-30% of the ROTC members at UC.
- ROTC carries an 8-yr commitment, including 4 years of active duty or 6 years of reserve duty.
- CPT Aubrey stated that she is proud to serve as the first female Officer/Commander of her unit.
- CPT Aubrey stated that she is looking for women veterans who are willing to serve as mentors in the new mentor program that she is initiating at UC. Anyone interested in serving as a mentor should contact CPT Aubrey for more details.

Membership Report by 1st Vice Commander Amy Carter:

- 31 members have paid their dues for 2011, which puts us ahead of our standing for this same time last year. Amy asked that everyone work to remind other members to pay their dues.
- The Women Veterans Luncheon and Health Fair, which will be held on November 19th provides us with an excellent opportunity for signing up new members. Anyone interested in working the sign-up station with Kelly and Amy should contact one of them as soon as possible.

New Business

- There will be a fundraiser held at the Grand Finale Restaurant in Glendale on Thursday, November 4th. The Grand Finale will donate 20% of all food purchased by Post 644 members or our guests to the Post.
- There will be a Veterans Day Banquet on November 5th. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased by contacting Bill at 738-3844 or 706-5475. Kelly made a motion to purchase a ticket for Sister Marguerite to attend. Lynn seconded the motion and following a vote, the motion passed. Further details regarding the banquet will be forthcoming.
- Post 644 members will be honored as Grand Marshalls for the Veterans Day Parade to be held in Harrison on Sunday, November 7th. Everyone please do your best to participate. Patricia will email further details regarding the parade to the members.
- The Women Veterans Display will be shown at the Cincinnati Museum Center on November 13th & 14th. Kelly asked for volunteers to help man the display on either the 13th or 14th. If interested, please contact either Kelly or Lynn.
- The Women Veterans Luncheon and Health Fair will be held in the VA Medical Center auditorium on November 19th. Special parking for the event will be provided at the Cincinnati Zoo with shuttle buses to transport women to and from the auditorium. Author Rosemary Neidel-Greenlee will be the guest speaker and the entire event will be video taped by C-Span.
- Lynn gave the group a short update on our Chaplain, Joyce Leneave's attendance at the Business and Professional Women's Summit in Washington, DC on Thursday, Oct 21, on the topic of homelessness among women veterans. The Summit was shown live on the web at:
www.bpwfoundation.org/womenvetsummit

Chaplain's Report by Commander Kelly Knox:

- Commander Knox gave the Chaplain Report in Joyce's absence. Joyce has been working on a holiday program to support women veterans and their families during the holidays and she has collected \$70 so far for this program.
- Commander Knox recommended that a Chaplain's fund be established for future charitable programs.

Finance Report by Commander Kelly Knox:

- Kelly provided the following financial transactions.
 - Current Balance is \$1,322.78
 - \$50.00 was received from Hamilton County for the Post reaching membership quota
 - \$125.00 was received from the 4th District for the Post reaching membership quota, including a bonus for being the first Post in the 4th District to reach quota
 - There was a storage fee of \$135.00 paid for the Post's storage unit
- Kelly reminded members to use their Kroger gift cards whenever possible
- Kelly and Patricia are currently working on additional fund-raising ideas and will report back to the members with additional details as they become available.

THEIR BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS
ADJOURNED
NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS 18 November 2010