

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 273 – May 7, 2018 – General Meeting

President Janice Hill called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Prayer was led by Chaplain Jan Hendrick. Janice led us in the opening ceremonies.

Secretary Carol Williams took the roll call with Anna Reynolds and Helen Conklin absent. The minutes were read from the April 2, 2018 meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

Chaplain Jan Hendrick sent a get well card to Rhonda Brailey-Maurer for her knee surgery.

Treasurer Kate Gabehart balance on April 30 was \$77,123.41. After deposits and reconciliation balance \$86,592.92. After all debits \$80,021.26. Welfare fund \$1043.91.

Membership is at 104% with 40 new members.

Linda Newkirk reported that April apparel sales were \$3621. Apparel sales close the end of May.

Linda Newkirk was our representative at the "Take Stock in Children" graduation. This was the 25th Anniversary and 220 seniors graduated from the High Schools. This school program is 6th-12th grades. Participants who follow all the rules get college paid.

President Janice Hill reported that 593 veterans attended the Stand Down. The Veterans received gifts, court removed fines and fees and picked up lots of necessities. The Tampa Bay Packing at Post 273 was low on food. 56 boxes were packed.

The Girls State orientation was held on April 29th with 5 young ladies attending.

We received thank you notes from Tampa Crossroad/Athena House for our \$1000 donation; from Pinellas Education Foundation and the American Gold Star Mothers.

VA&R Cheryl Savaris reported that our \$5000 went to 534 vets and 300 volunteer hours.

Historian Pat Thoman explained her scrapbook and stated that it is now ready for the April 28th deadline for review.

VA & R Anna Reynolds the stand down for homeless Veterans will be April 14th. She will hold a packing at her home on April 3rd. The volunteers should arrive at Bay Pines at 7:30 am for organizing the tables. The event ends at 1 pm.

National Security Chair Rhonda Brailey-Maurer year end report outshined all other units. Over \$7 million value for our collected coupons. \$100 was donated to the Fallen Officer Fund. Rhonda received the Gold Award 2018 from the USO.

Linda Delaney informed us that poppy sales at the Post will be May 25-28 from noon-3pm.

President Janice Hill called for nominations from the floor. There were none. Since there was only one nominee for each office the vote was not needed.

President:	Katie Gabehart
Past President:	Janice Hill
1 st VP:	Cheryl Savaris
2 nd VP:	Linda Newkirk
Chaplain:	Jan Hendrick
Historian:	Zoe Roseman
Treasurer:	Cheryl Yoder
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Denise Dobson

Asst. Sergeant Arms: Sharon Abbotts

1 year member: Catherine Torregrossa

2 year member: Carol Dayton

3 year member: Marilyn Blouin

President Janice informed us of the Constitutional Conference will be at Post 252 on Saturday, June 16th. There will be an Honor Flight on June 5th. The convention is July 5-8, 2018

Meeting adjourned 8 pm Carol Williams, Unit 273 Secretary