



**Horace Orr Post 29**  
**Veterans Serving Veterans in Marietta, Georgia since 1919**  
**General Meeting Agenda**  
**07 March 2024: 1900**

**Call to Order:** Commander Jeff Garland

**Invocation:** Chaplain Jim Wood

**Special Presentation 5K proceeds:** Harriett Morgan and General Carden accepted on behalf of the GA National Guard Family Foundation and Shepard's men accepted 5k run donation checks. Bernadette LaRocque spoke on the history of Post 29 and how the Shepard's men came together. Travis Ellis, SGT Gary Hubert of SM accepted the donation. Next 5k race (10<sup>th</sup> Annual) to be held on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Special Guests:** Sam Perry from Dept of GA was present and discussed how he would like Post 29 members to join him when he attends other American Legion functions. This would help to register new members.

**Roll Call:**

**Minutes of Past Meeting:** As posted on the SQ bulletin board, the Commander announced, that there being no corrections or additions, that the minutes be approved as posted.

**Officer Reports:** Sr. Vice Commander, Ed Bruce: Present and Report attached.  
Jr. Vice Commander, Tom Blackstock: Present and Report attached.  
Jr. Vice Commander, Mark Henley: Present and Report attached.  
Finance Officer, Allen M. Rosenfield: Present and Report attached.  
Judge Advocate, Dave Thomas: Present, no report  
Chaplain, Jim Wood: Excused  
Historian, Gail Evilsizor: Present and Report attached.  
Service Officer, Brent Bagley: Present, no report attached.  
Sergeant-At-Arms, Rick Squeri: Present, no report attached.  
Adjutant, John Parlato: Present. Present, no report attached.

**Unit Reports:** SAL: Donald "Wally" Wallace:  
Auxiliary: Bernadette LaRocque.  
ALR: Mark Henley : Report attached

**Legion Committee Report:** Community/PR/5K Race  
Investments  
Youth Activities  
Social Quarters  
Shiloh Cemetery  
Social Media  
Veterans Outreach

**Commander Comments:** Commander Jeff Garland Thanked Oak Street Health for their support and Sonny BBQ for providing the evening meal.

**Unfinished Business:** None.



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**New Business:** None

**Good of the Legion:** Pool table was re-felted, and bumpers replaced was completed along with a new Cork Dart Board. Thank you, David Davis, Richard Poncinie for completing the felt/bumpers and Dave Gardner for hanging the new board.

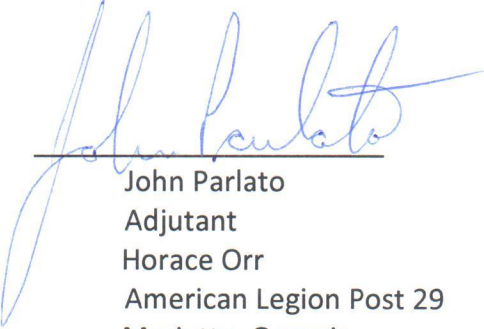
Handrails for the upstairs dinning hall doors was suggested by Charles Dowick. Bob Brawley suggested to help/donate to Dobbins AFB to their Lake Side Lounge. This did not pass and should be presented to the EC Board.

**Adjournment:** 8:06pm

**Benediction:** Commander Jeff Garland

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Jeffrey Garland  
Commander  
Horace Orr  
American Legion Post 29  
Marietta, Georgia



John Parlato  
Adjutant  
Horace Orr  
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## Membership Report for General Membership meeting 7 March 2024

Good evening!

This is the eighth membership report for the 2024 membership drive. Our department assigned membership goal for 2024 is 1055 members. Last year, our membership finished at 1,029 members. So, we need to gain these extra 26 members for the 2024 membership year.

Our seventh target date is March 13<sup>th</sup> with a goal of 90% or 950 members. Our membership is currently at 935 members or 89% of our assigned goal. We still have 6 days to connect with 15 member in order to reach our March goal.

Nationally, our membership shows 903 members processed with 32 memberships in the process. That matches up with our in-house numbers. Of those numbers we have twenty-eight (28) transfers, ninety-seven (97) new members, seventy-one (71) Paid-Up-For-Life, and 740 renewals. We had 270 of the 740 renewals taking advantage of the national online renewal. The balance of the renewals has either mailed their renewal in, used our Post website, or dropped their paperwork off at the Post.

A breakdown of service branch numbers for this year's membership drive:

- The Army is at 396
- The Air Force is at 215
- The Navy is at 194
- The Marines are at 111
- The Coast Guard is at 10
- The Space Force is at 1

A breakdown of eras for this membership drive:

19 World War 2 Veterans	14 Panama Veterans
51 Korean Veterans	117 Gulf War Veterans
528 Vietnam Veterans	103 Global War on Terrorism Veterans
57 Lebanon/Grenada Veterans	46 Veterans from other years

Remember, as of today, if you have not renewed already your membership is *SUSPENDED!* Please complete the membership renewal form or see Ed Bruce to maintain your continuous years and renew your membership.

*Lastly, 13 new members to our Post and to the Legion for this month.*

*New members include:*

- *Zero (0) Veteran's Court -*
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- *Seven (7) New Legionnaires -*
  - *John Guttmann, USA, Gulf*
  - *Scott Miller, USN, Gulf*
  - *Austin McGonigle, USA, Vietnam*
  - *Frank Pugliano, USA, WWII*
  - *Kerry Gilmer, USA, Global*
  - *Tim Jordan, USAF, Vietnam*
  - *Kevin Butler, USMC, Global*
  
- *Four (4) members transferring to our Post -*
  - *Michael Starnes, USA, Gulf*
  - *Noble May, USN, Vietnam*
  - *Don Jordan, USSF, Global*
  - *Jesse Manska, USA, Gulf*
  
- *Two (2) members returning after a lapse in membership -*
  - *Michael Harris, USA, Gulf*
  - *Harold Hall, USAF, Vietnam*

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Junior Vice Commander Report for Feb 2024

This report focuses on our community involvement/relations efforts on behalf of the Post.

Represented Post 29 at the virtual executive committee meeting of the Georgia Veterans Network (GVN) on 21Feb24. We're working to fill the Faith pillar chairperson spot. We've been invited to speak about the GVN at the Spring American Legion Dept of Georgia meeting in Duluth in March. We will also have an exhibit table with information about GVN.

Coordinated for an exhibit table at the Ga NG Retiree Appreciation Day on 13May24 at Clay NG Center.

Attended the Marietta Business Association luncheon on 26Feb24. AL Riders Det 29 presented information on the Wagon of Cheer raffles and we provided information on Post membership for each component of the Legion family, highlighting our efforts in the community.

Coordinated for Oak Street Health to provide dinner during our March general meeting on 7Mar2024. Oak Street will provide the meals and the Post Officers will serve the members. The Post will also provide dessert, drinks, plates, flatware, and napkins. The regional Manager for Oak Street will join us for dinner.

Coordinated with Derek Layne, Director of Mighty Hero Homes, to give a five-minute overview of his organization and mission.

Respectfully submitted,

T H Blackstock, Jr  
BG, USA (Ret)  
Junior Vice Commander  
Horace Orr Post 29 The American Legion

**03/07/2024**

## **General Meeting**

### **Social Quarters/Facility Report**

#### **Social Quarters:**

Q of Hearts is still on every Tuesday night. Current Pot is \$7,872. It is followed by musicBingo from 7-9 pm.

Wednesday, we started having various wine specials from 4-8pm. Watch our digital billboard for further information.

Thursday, our popular Trivia Night runs from 7-9 pm except for the night our general meeting occurs. It starts at 7:30.

Rick Squeri, our Webmaster & Sgt-at-Arms is doing a great job of sending out notifications of all of the events by emails, texts and our website. We also have incorporated our digital media board in the SQ which broadcasts all of our events while you're seated at bar.

#### **Facility's:**

Intuitive AV basically finished all the installations of our cameras, key entry system, network & sound system. We still must perform a 'walk-through' to address any items that may have been missed. Also, we will be putting together a SOP for the functioning of the sound system and other components that require input from the staff & management.

We have received quotes from 3 flooring companies to redo the SQ and most importantly, the upstairs kitchen area. We

have some of the tiles that are literally crumbling around us. We will also need to hire a plumber to install a drainage system in the kitchen. The equipment in the kitchen will be removed by another contractor and we understand the labor will be donated to us. We should be starting this project later this month.

You may have noticed that we have installed some additional Televisions. The pool room, card room, both smoking decks, Indoor & outdoor. Plus, the large screen TV in the small hall.

We have also re-surfaced the pool table, lowered the original bar used as a shelf to a more usable height for additional seating. We have ordered 6, 30" tall bar stools with the logos of all branches of the military and one POW/MIA logo. Unfortunately, the Space Force will have to wait, we couldn't find one with their logo...

Earlier, I mentioned our digital billboard in SQ that broadcasts news, weather and digital flyers of upcoming events at the post. We will be looking to do outside advertising. This will be a shared segment of the information that will run on the screen. We will start with Reveille & J. Christophers restaurants. We will have a short ad from their business, and they in turn will run an ad from our Post. Also, if any business owners at the post who want to advertise on the media board, we can make the necessary additions. Just ask me and I'll put you in touch with Mythos Media.

End of report.







## General Meeting

### Chaplain Report for February 2024

- Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>: A sympathy card was sent to the family of Jason Christopher Tutchton who died suddenly Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Jason is the 29-year-old son of Steve & Lee Ann Tutchton, who are active members of our Post 29 family, Legion & Auxiliary. Jason was a proud United States Marine Corp Veteran. His memorial service is scheduled for this Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at GNC at 12:30, followed by a Celebration of Life here at the Post, at 5:00.
- Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>: A sympathy card was sent to the family of Bobby E. Jones, who passed away on Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the age of 96. Bobby was a proud Veteran of the United States Army, a WWII Veteran, and a 7-year member of our Post 29. A Celebration of Life was held here at the Post on Sat., March 2<sup>nd</sup>, where a Post Everlasting Resolution will be presented by Roy Lantz.
- Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>: A sympathy card was sent to the family of George E. Fischer, who passed away Thu, February 8<sup>th</sup>, at the age of 86. George was a proud Veteran of the United Air Force and a 22-year-old very active member of our Post 29 family. Per the family's request, A Celebration of Life was held in the Social Quarters on Mon., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> and a Post Everlasting Resolution was presented to his wife Anita.
- Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>: A sympathy card was sent to the family of Charles "Chuck" Augustus LaBarbera, who passed away Saturday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, at the age of 77. Chuck was a proud Veteran of the United States Navy, the Vietnam War, and an 8-year member of our Post 29 family. Chuck's memorial service occurred today at the GNC, where a Post Everlasting Resolution was presented by Roy Lantz.
- Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>: A sympathy card was sent to the family of Rhonda Kay Bruce, Ed Bruce's Mother, who passed away January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the age of 77. Graveside services occurred Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> at Fairview Chapel & Memorial Gardens in Stockbridge GA.
- We received notice of the passing of Jim Mitchell on February 17<sup>th</sup>, after several years of serious health issues. Jim was a past Service Officer. Services are scheduled for Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at GNC

For GOD and Country,

Jim Wood – Chaplain

American Legion Horace Orr Post 29

**AMERICAN LEGION  
HORACE ORR POST 29  
HISTORIAN REPORT**

**THESE EVENTS ALL HAPPENED ON MARCH 07!**

**MARCH 07, 1857 – BASEBALL DECIDES 9 INNINGS CONTITUTES AN OFFICAL GAME, NOT 9 RUNS.**

**MARCH 07, 1876 – ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL RECEIVES PATENT FOR THE TELEPHONE.**

**MARCH 07, 1897 – IN BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN, DR. JOHN KELLOGG SERVES THE WORLD’S FIRST CORNFLAKES TO PATIENTS IN HOPES THAT A BETTER DIET WILL HELP CURE SOME OF THEIR AILMENTS.**

**MARCH 07, 1933 – BUSINESSMAN CHARLES DARROW OF ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY TRADEMARKS THE BOARD GAME MONOPOLY.**

**MARCH 07, 1942 – FIRST CADET GRADUATED FROM FLYING SCHOOL IN TUSKEGEE.**

**MARCH 07, 1945 – US TROOPS CROSS THE RHINE RIVER AT REMAGEN, ESTABLISHING THE FIRST ALLIED BRIDGEHEAD IN GERMANY DURING WWII.**

**MARCH 07, 1994 – US NAVY ISSUES FIRST PERMANENT ORDER ASSIGNED WOMEN ON COMBAT SHIP.**

## Legion Dinner SAL Report

March 7, 2024

- **Membership**

- 2023 Members 390
- 2024 Members 390
- 2024 Membership % of 2023 100%
  - We have 330 renewals for 2024
  - We have 60 new members for 2024
  - 64 2023 members have not yet renewed

- **Financial – Report**

- Checking Account \$16,064
- Investments ~~\$15,955~~ \* \$19,428
- Total ~~\$32,019~~ \$35,492
- We will be presenting Kennesaw State a check for \$6,000 from our Casino Night for the Dan Pipher Memorial Scholarship
  - \$3,900 to complete our 2024 commitment and \$2,100 towards our 2025 commitment

- **Events Held in February**

- February 1 – Legion Dinner Meeting
- February 17 – SAL Breakfast – Served 188
  - \$800 profit
- February 24– Fish Fry Served 85
  - \$400 profit will go towards Boys State, we need to get \$200 more, which will come from our breakfast

- **Planned Events for March**

- **March 7 – Legion Dinner Meeting Dinner – Catered**
- **March 16 - SAL Breakfast**
- **March 26 – SAL Meeting**

- **Notes**

- **Planning Bourbon Barrel Auction in conjunction with Total Vine, date not yet determined**
- **We are planning some Fish Frys during Lent**
- **We are planning a Knife Raffle**
- **We as a family need to have an Events Committee**
- **Swedish driver Linus Lundqvist will be driving the No 8 American Legion Honda for Chip Ganassi Racing, 1<sup>st</sup> race in St Pete March 10 - Sunday**

Post 29 Eboard Meeting Report  
February 29, 2024

The Auxiliary membership is at **364** members renewed and new members. Our department goal for 100%. We are short 47 renewals or new members.

Past Events

- 5<sup>th</sup> District meeting was held at the Dallas Post on 2/11. I will be chairing the nominating committee for 2024-2025.
- Soup-2-Go sale was a big hit with a profit of \$640.

Upcoming Events

- Celebration of Life for Diane Jones will be held on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 4-6pm in the Social Quarters.
- Kentucky Derby Day on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – 2-5pm. Events will be Horse Races, Derby Hat Contest and Basket of Cheer to be raffled off. Raffle tickets will go on sale April 15<sup>th</sup> and the drawing will be on May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Cards to be sent to the deployed troops from the Army National Guard in Kennesaw. Personal messages were written on over 100 cards to the soldiers.
- New Wine Tasting Date ~~to be announced~~ *Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm*  
*Maritta wine market*
- Working on a 50s-60s dance in the Spring. Date TBA.
- Department Spring Conference March 22, 23, 24, 2024.

It's a pleasure to work with all of you for the good of our Post and Veterans, their Families and Community.

Bernadette LaRocque  
Unit 29 President



## **Chapter 29, District 5**

**General Meeting – 03/07/2024**

**Director, Mark Henley**

**Financial Statement: \$6,403.61**

**Membership: Our membership Stands at 32.**

**This consists of 18 Legionnaires, 9 S.A.L., & 5 Auxiliary members.**

Our Chapter is running the Wagon of Cheer raffle through to St. Paddy's Day March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Proceeds from the raffle will help us with our donations to Boys State, Girls State & Dept of GA ALR fundraisers. Tickets are available behind the bar or from any ALR member. The price of tickets is 3 for \$10, 8 for \$20.

Tomorrow we will be escorting Steve & Leann Tutchton's son Jason to the GA National Cemetery. We will assemble here at Post 29 at 1030, KSU at 1100. From the Post will be escorted by Cobb County Sheriff's department to the interstate where the GSP will escort us to the cemetery. This will be a one-way escort. We all will return to Post 29 for a celebration of life.

All details of our rides and the rides of other Chapters can be found on the Dept of GA ALR website: [www.dogalr.org](http://www.dogalr.org).

End of report.