



# The American Legion, District 9 Meeting Minutes

Post 239 Dahlonega, GA, 19 August 2023

## **11:00 – District Executive Committee Meeting (DEC)**

**Commander:** “Hand salute”, “Two”; Pledge of Allegiance, and Chaplain lead opening prayer

### **Announcements:**

\*There is a big claims event @ Post 127 Sept. 22-23. Information post on the District 9 Facebook page, the commander’s personal Facebook page. There will be 3 or 4 State Veterans Service Officers there to write claims, follow up on any claims currently filed, and 2 Individuals from Veterans Administration (VA) to answer questions about medical, help sign you up for the VA. All have agreed to be at the event both days from 9:00 – 3:00

\*At the Department of Georgia Organizational Meeting pointed out something that was unrealized by many that most Posts pay the dues for WWII veterans and even Korean veterans. One thing to remember, we get free insurance \$1,000 or \$5,000 depending on the situation. If your Post does this, it should be the first order of business to when the new membership year opens (July). If dues expire, the insurance also expires and must be reapplied for.

\*Boys State June 9-15, 2024, at Valdosta, GA. This year District sent 217 boys. This next year’s goal is 300 boys.

\*Commander Ely attended the groundbreaking ceremony at Post 45. work 9 years on taking care of homeless veterans. It is the thing that this Legion is supposed to be taking care of; the number one thing: Veterans. Received grants for construction/destruction. Purchased a building. There are several business supporters.

### **Adjutant:**

District Roll Call:

Present: Commander, Jr. Vices 1-5, Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Finance, Chaplain, SGT-At-Arms, and Posts 7, 23, 45, 82, 121, 127, 201, 220, 232, 239, 248, 251,307, 316, 328, 2100

Quorum was met and Minutes approved.

### **Finance Report:**

Budget is \$10,000. Commander’s project – 1K; NEF 1K, Scholarship 1K, Convention 3K, Oratorical \$750, Wreaths Across America \$300, Travel, Awards & printing \$200 each. The District receives about \$4K rebates on membership. The current balance is \$19,088.29. Expecting to pay \$2,100 for the National Convention Delegates. There was a motion and a second to amend the budget to donate \$2,500 on Veterans Day and \$2,500 on Memorial Day to the Homeless Veterans and support project at Post 45. After discussions voters approved the motion.

### **Commander:**

The Department of Georgia is in the process or restructuring itself. Not by name or Post but by how we do business. They have many things that are loose that they have no policies for. It will be a multi-year process. Last year’s Dept. Commander started the process.

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**Meeting Adjourned**



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**11:30 – District 9 General Meeting (TAL, ALA, SAL, & ALR)**

**Commander:**

Called to Order; SGT-At-Arms Advanced the Colors; Hand Salute, Two; Auxiliary Chaplain Prayer *Un-Cover* POW/MIA Remembrance - SGT-At-Arms & CDR. Pledge of Allegiance. **Preamble** *re-covered*.  
Commander declared District 9 of the Department of Georgia regularly convened.

**Introduction of members and guests**

Commander – Gary Ely	SAL – Lary Parker	Riders – Darlyn Tillery
Auxiliary – Rose Hinline	Department Jr. Vice Commander - Nathan King	

Presentation. At the Department Organizational meeting they recognized the Posts in all districts That had 100% for their entire family. Membership Ribbons presented to: Posts 127, 307, and 82.

The Department of Georgia is revitalizing the fundraising raffle. A huge raffle that on the high side could reach \$400,000. First place 4K and lesser prizes. A mailing will be sent to all current members. The cost of tickets varies based on quantity purchased.

At the revitalization event held at Post 201 mid-July channel 2 News came and interviewed a few members and attendees to which they prepared a news piece that aired 4:00pm the first day. The following day veterans from all over north Georgia came to this event. Based on the success of this event the next scheduled revitalization date was changed into a VA claims clinic.

**Next District Meeting:**

Saturday, November 4, 2023, Post 45, Canton, GA.,160 McClure St, Canton, GA 30114

**Legion Chaplain:** Meal Blessing

<Recess for lunch>