



**American Legion Jesse Clipper Post #430
3343 Harlem Rd., Cheektowaga, NY 14225
October 25, 2023, Minutes**

Call to Order	Cmdr. Elder Patton at 18??
Salute to Colors	All
Prayer	Chaplain Deacon Davis
MIA/POW	Sgt-at-Arms Civils
Pledge of Allegiance	All
Preamble	All
Roll Call	Sgt-at-Arms Civils: 11 Legionnaires present
Reading of the minutes	
Reports:	
Chaplain	Chaplain Davis: PC Pierce (back issues), Israel/Palestine, Lg. Wardlaw (Covid)
Finance	Finance Officer Young: see attached. Motion made by Chaplin Davis to accept report as read, 2 nd by Sgt-at-Arms Civils, motion is carried
Membership 2023-2024	Adjutant Mclsaac: 41 total Members w/21 PUFL
Housing Office	PC Rev. Pierce: 1 st meeting cancelled but rescheduling is in the works
New Business:	
Honor Flight	Legionnaire Ebony Hampton/Nancy Babis: Anyone who has served is eligible for an honor flight. Must fill out an application. Each Southwest honor flight for a veteran costs appx. \$1600 [can take a guardian (for a fee)]. April, Father's Day, and October flights leave on a Friday afternoon flight to Baltimore, bus tour to DC, check into hotel and dinner, nighttime tour of DC, visit memorials in the morning (after breakfast), return flight home. Can participate as a volunteer by filling out volunteer application (18 – 70 years old). Have fundraisers throughout the summer.
Urban League Gala	Cmdr. Elder Patton: Saturday, 11/11/2023, at 8pm, at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center, Mayor Brown to receive the William L. Evans and Whitney M. Young Jr. Humanitarian Award, Jesse Clipper American Legion Post #430, Bennett-Wells American Legion Post #1780, and Johnetta R. Coles Amvets Post 24 to receive the Community Service Award, and Sr. Vice President of M&T Bank, Rashida Dowell, to receive the Emerging Leadership Award. Tickets are \$120 plus a \$4.00 processing fee. https://e.givesmart.com/events/jsR/

County Boys/Girls State Chairman
appointed at Erie County meeting

Cmdr. Elder Patton: Judge Advocate Davis

County Membership Certificate

PC Pierce: Cmdr. Elder Patton received our certificate indicating Jesse Clipper Post #430 had achieved the 100% membership goal (we exceeded with 102% membership). We also received American Legion windbreakers as a token of appreciation.

Cancel November & December Meetings

IPC/1VC Dr. Blue: Meeting cancellation due to proximity to holidays. Motion made by 1VC Dr. Blue to cancel November and December meetings, 2nd by Sgt-at-Arms Civils, motion carried

Old Business:

County Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Cmdr. Elder Patton: we've gained another member from another post.

National Cmdr. Visit 10/13/2023

Chaplain Deacon Davis: performed the opening prayer at Naval Park ceremony. In awe at the sincerity and outspokenness of Cmdr. Seehafer. The National Commander did his due diligence in acknowledging the contributions of African American veterans.

National Commander Luncheon

Cmdr. Elder Patton: had a candid conversation w/ Cmdr. Seehafer about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion based upon his speech. National Cmdr. Seehafer is bound and determined to make happen on national level to local level.

National Commander Dinner

Adjutant Mclsaac: From the speeches at the laying of the wreaths at the African American and the Hispanic monuments to the speech at the dinner, National Cmdr. Seehafer was quite impressive and genuine in his deliverance. He made it known that black veterans are indeed recognized for their influence and involvement.

Erie County Meeting

Adjutant Mclsaac: very important that we attend at least some county meetings to not only show we exist but to also get a feel for how things operate on a higher level. County meetings allow us to meet our fellow legionnaires and give us insight on what is going on outside of our post. Meetings are the 4th Thursday of every month, all year long, at different posts each meeting. Dinner is at 1800 (for a fee). Meeting starts at 1900.

Comments for the Good of the Post

Pastor Florence Anniversary

Cmdr. Elder Patton: PC Pierce and Cmdr. Elder Patton presented a \$100 check along with a proclamation to Pastor Florence at his 50th Ministerial Anniversary, for allowing us to use his facility and for performing the installation of our officers

Flag Ceremony PC Pierce: PC Pierce along with Lg. Charles Everhart presented the casket flag, w/ Compliance Officer Paulk serving as the bugler, to the wife of a marine who has passed on.

Jesse Clipper Post Website PC Pierce: Lg. Dr. Neufeld took the time out to do a wonderful job on with our sight. <https://jesseclipper.com/>

Post meeting time Lg. Dziewit: changing the post meetings to the 3rd Wednesday from the 4th Wednesday. Amendment never sent to State, therefore, only needs a vote. Motion made by Chaplain Deacon Davis for Compliance Officer (and Adjutant) to report on amendment validity, 2nd by Sgt-at-Arms Civils, motion carried

Chemo Care Package IPC/1 VC Dr. Blue: 250 packages containing Mary Kay hydrating products were donated to those going through treatment at the Buffalo VA Hospital. Another donation will occur later in November

Milton J. Brounshidle Post #205 Cmdr. Elder Patton: we've been invited to watch the Army/Air Force Football game on 11/4/2023 at 1430hrs and the Army/Navy football game on 12/9/2023 at 1500hrs. Located at 3354 Delaware Ave. Kenmore, NY 14217. Your cover is the uniform.

Veterans Day Breakfast Chaplain Deacon Davis: Friendship Missionary Baptist Church located at 402 Clinton St., Buffalo, NY 14204, will have its free Veterans Day prayer breakfast from 0945 – 1145 on Veterans Day (11/11/2023). Compliance Officer Paulk will be the speaker.

Post preparedness PC Pierce: Boys/Girls state coordinator needed for our post since Judge Advocate is now with the county. Honor/Color guard needs to be always ready. Don't let the post fall by the wayside. Get prepared to be prepared!!! There is YouTube availability to teach many needed post skills. Flag folding can be practiced after monthly meeting

Prayer	Chaplain Davis
Retrieval of MIA/POW	Compliance Officer Paulk
Salute to Colors	All
Adjournment	Cmdr. Elder Patton: meeting adjourned at
2012hrs	
Next Post Meeting: January 24, 2024, 1830hrs	
Executive meeting: January 22, 2024, 1830hrs	

***50/50 raffle:** \$35 raised, Lg. Dziewit won and donated funds back to post.