



**American Legion Jesse Clipper Post #430  
3343 Harlem Rd., Cheektowaga, NY 14225  
September 27, 2023 Minutes**

<b>Call to Order</b>	Cmdr. Elder Patton at 1837
<b>Salute to Colors</b>	All
<b>Prayer</b>	Chaplain Deacon Davis
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	All
<b>MIA/POW</b>	Compliance Officer Paulk
<b>Preamble</b>	All
<b>Roll Call</b>	Adjutant Mclsaac (13 Legionnaires present)
<b>Reading of the minutes</b>	Motion to waive reading of minutes by Chaplain Davis, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by 2VC Bates, motion is carried

**Reports:**

<b>Chaplain</b>	Chaplain Davis: Legionnaire Charles Battle at physical therapy rehab center, Legionnaire Dr. Wardlaw post stroke residuals, IPC/1 <sup>st</sup> VC Dr. Blue gave birth to a baby boy
<b>Finance</b>	Finance Officer Young: report attached. Motion to accept financial report as read by Judge Advocate Davis, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Adjutant Mclsaac, motion carried
<b>Membership 2023-2024</b>	Adjutant Mclsaac: 39 total members, 20 PUFL, members 19 new members, goal is 53 members; motion to accept report by Asst. Adj. Blackmon, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Finance Officer Young, motion carried
<b>Housing Office</b>	PC Rev. Pierce: 9 confirmed members of the planning committee of the housing complex (Housing Chair PC Pierce, Cmdr. Elder Patton, IPC/VC Dr. Blue, Rev. Mark Blue, Lg. Dziewit, Terry Alfred, George Scott, James Pitts, Gail Wells) meeting scheduled sometime in the near future

**New Business:**

<b>Erie County Diversity and Inclusion</b>	Cmdr. Elder Patton: county meetings are the 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month at different posts at 1900, will open floor at county meeting for committee volunteers
<b>National Commander Visit</b>	Cmdr. Elder Patton: 10/13/2023, National Cmdr. Daniel Seehafer coming to visit the 8 <sup>th</sup> district (we are in the 8 <sup>th</sup> district). National Cmdr. will lay wreath at African American Monument at appx. 1000 hr.
<b>National Commander Dinner</b>	Cmdr. Elder Patton: 10/13/2023 at Alleghany County District Conference room Wellsville, \$35/person, cash bar and cocktails at 1800, dinner (meatloaf and pork chops) at 1900, payment due October 1 <sup>st</sup> .
<b>Erie County Meeting</b>	Cmdr. Elder Patton: at the least, officers should attend to familiarize themselves with how the meetings are conducted and to prepare for whatever the future may hold

<b>Constitution &amp; By-Laws</b>	Cmdr. Elder Patton: will be emailed to everyone, dictates how the legion operates, officer's guide that governs his/her
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responsibilities will be distributed

**Membership ID Cards**

Cmdr. Elder Patton: all have been mailed

**County Commander Visit**

PC Pierce: County Cmdrs. Are responsible

for visiting every post during their tenure, last County Cmdr. visit to our post was appx. 7/8 years ago, possibly a March/April visit (before May elections)

**Old Business:**

**Diversity & Inclusion**

as discussed above

**Car Magnets**

Cmdr. Elder Patton: 2 car magnets

purchased (2 individuals as opposed to 2 sets). Will revisit purchasing more when weather permits the use of the magnets

**Executive Committee**

Cmdr. Elder Patton: zoom meeting for all

officers at 1860 on Monday before our Wednesday meeting to discuss agenda and any other open items

**Member Uniforms**

Cmdr. Elder Patton: only required uniform

for post meetings is legionnaire cover (flags and emblems website)

**Fundraiser(s)**

Cmdr. Elder Patton: pushed to January

**Boy's State**

Judge Advocate Davis: Cmdr. Elder Patton,

2<sup>nd</sup> VC Bates, PC Pierce volunteered to be on the Boy's State Committee. New law that encourages schools to allow patriotic organizations during the school day. Compliance Officer Paulk and Historian Cheryl Thomas volunteered for the school committee

**After Action Review:**

**Red Tail Squadron**

PC Rev. Pierce: successful involvement by

our post. Many members attended and Legionnaire Hodges was the consultant in charge of the activity.

**Military Heroes and Sheroes**

Chaplain Davis: Marched from Jefferson and

Riley to Jefferson and Dodge carrying banners of the 13 different conflicts America was involved in since 1776. County and other outfits were involved. Our very own Chaplain Davis was in full uniform and was pictured in the newspaper. Also attended by PC Woods and 2<sup>nd</sup> VC Bates.

**Comments for the Good of the Post**

**Bicycle Giveaway**

PC Rev. Pierce: 10 bicycles (funded by a

grant) were given away as the result of a drawing. Bikes were put together by Gail Wells and PC Rev. Pierce

**Pastor Willie Florence**

Cmdr. Elder Patton: Pastor Florence allowed

us to use his church upon our leaving Day Spring and he installed our officers. Cmdr.

Elder Patton will present a resolution from our post his pastoral anniversary. Pastor

Florence has been in ministry and serving the community for 50 years. Motion made by

PC Pierce to gift him \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asst. Adjutant Blackmon, motion carried

**Prayer**

Chaplain Davis

**Retrieval of MIA/POW**

Compliance Officer Paulk

**Salute to Colors**

All

**Adjournment**

Cmdr. Elder Patton: motion made to

adjourn meeting at 1954, so moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried

**Next Meeting: October 25, 2023, 1830**