



**American Legion Jesse Clipper Post #430**  
**3343 Harlem Rd., Cheektowaga, NY 14225**  
**March 20, 2024, 1830 hrs**  
**Minutes**

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| <b>Call to Order</b>          | CMDR Elder Patton  |
| <b>Salute to Colors</b>       | All  |
| <b>Prayer</b>                 | Sgt-at-Arms Civils   |
| <b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>   | All  |
| <b>MIA/POW</b>                | Sgt-at-Arms Civils   |
| <b>Preamble</b>               | All  |
| <b>Roll Call</b>              | Sgt-at-Arms Civils – 15 legionnaires present   |
| <b>Reading of the minutes</b> | Motion made by 1VC Dr Blue to waive the reading of the minutes, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by 2VC Bates, motion carried |

**Reports:**

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| <b>Chaplain</b>             | CMDR Elder Patton – nothing to report, keep everyone lifted in prayer   |
| <b>Finance</b>              | Finance Officer Young - see attached, motion made by 1VC Dr Blue to accept the finance report as read, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by JA Davis, motion carried  |
| <b>Membership 2023-2024</b> | 1VC Dr Blue – 56 total members, 21 PUFL, 2 transfers, goal is 55, we are at 101.82%, 1 PULF for 2025 (Finance Officer Young).   |
| <b>Housing Office</b>       | PC Rev Pierce and 1VC Dr Blue – housing meeting scheduled for 03/21/2024 at 1830. The committee is dedicated to completing the mission of finding a suitable home for Jesse Clipper Post 430. The template has been set and the committee is following on various resources.  |
| <b>Boys State</b>           | 2VC Bates – spoke with MSgt Dugan at McKinley who provided one candidate. The candidate was supplied with the pertinent documentation and will respond by 03/22/2024 with an answer. Spoke with Colonel Abramowitz at Hutch Tech who may have one candidate (will know by 03/23/2024). Also spoke with Master Chief Pugh from Maritime Charter who will respond by 03/23/2024 with an answer of whether he has a candidate. Contact information for the principal of JFK High school in Cheektowaga (he participated in boys state) was given to 2VC Bates by 1VC Dr Blue as a potential source for candidates. Bennett Wells and Gabriel Rodriguez have agreed to sponsor one candidate each. CMDR Elder Patton offered his 15-passenger church van as possible transportation for the candidates. |

## **New Business:**

**Gabriel Rodriguez Post Dinner** PC Rev Pierce – taking place on 04/20/2024 at Acqua Restaurant, PC Pierce is once again going to be installing the officers of the Gabriel Rodriguez post, tickets are \$75, 10 people have committed to going to the dinner

**Memorial Day/Graves Registration** CMDR Elder Patton – Erie County Committee sent flag request form letter to post commanders and graves registration chairman stating the request should be submitted by 04/25/2024. For Memorial Day, Jesse Clipper Post 430 places flags around the Jesse Clipper square.

**Nomination Committee** Sgt-at-Arms Civils –The floor was opened for nominations for all positions. CMDR Elder Patton and Adjutant Mclsaac were nominated for post CMDR. Adjutant Mclsaac accepted the nomination CMDR Elder Patton did not. A motion was made by PC Rev Pierce to waive the eligibility criteria of having to be a VC before becoming a CMDR, was 2<sup>nd</sup> by JA Davis, motion carried. Adjutant Mclsaac is now the CMDR elect. Legionnaire Profit was nominated for Sgt-at-Arms. He accepted the nomination. There were no nominations for 1VC, 2VC, 3VC, nor Finance Officer. Sgt-at-Arms Civils made a motion to cast one ballot for the election today for all the unopposed positions (none of the positions are opposed) 2<sup>nd</sup> by 2VC Bates, one nay and one abstention, motion carried. Adjutant Mclsaac casted the ballot for each position as stated and nominated. The new CMDR is CMDR (elect)Mclsaac, the 1VC is incumbent 1VC Dr Blue, 2VC is incumbent 2VC Bates, 3VC is incumbent 3VC Miller-Williams, Sgt-at-Arms is Sgt-at-Arms (elect) Profit. Installation of officers will be at the May meeting. All other positions will be appointed by CMDR (elect) Mclsaac

**Erie County Convention** CMDR Elder Patton – happening Saturday, 06/01/2024 at the Matthew Glab Post #1477, 1965 Abbott Rd. Lackawanna, NY 14218. Breakfast will be held before the opening ceremony. Lunch will also be provided. \$10/person. All posts are being asked to purchase an ad or a booster sheet to defray the cost of running the convention. Deadline for purchase is 05/10/2024. Outside back cover is \$225, inside back cover is \$150, inside front cover is \$150, full page between covers is \$100, half page between covers is \$80, quarter page is \$60, eighth of a page is \$50, and boosters are \$1.

**County Commander Visit** CMDR Elder Patton – County CMDR Ted Balbierz; thanked CMDR Elder Patton for joining him in presenting the Variety Club Telethon a \$6000 check from the proceeds of the October Fest, acknowledged our 101.82% membership, spoke of the resources on legion.org (namely the post development and revitalization procedures which includes a self-assessment document for the post), gave fund raising ideas such as bell jar/pull tab and gaming, spoke of lobbying our assembly person and the state senator to pass the resolution to allowing gaming, informed about the new American Legion logo, congratulated CMDR on his efforts to become the County VC

**Donation for Computers** CMDR Elder Patton – an anonymous legionnaire of the Jesse Clipper post wants to make a \$5000 donation to purchase computers for Hutch Tech and a \$2100 donation to purchase microphones for City Honors. We are simply being used as a pass through – Jesse Clipper will incur no costs, Post 430 will receive the recognition, the donor will be able to make full use of his/her donation by having the benefit of out tax-exempt status. Motion was made by PC Rev Pierce to allow this transaction, was 2<sup>nd</sup> by 1VC Dr Blue, motion carried

**Juneteenth Parade** CMDR Elder Patton – Compliance Officer Paulk stated he would do all the necessary things to ensure our participation in the Juneteenth. We need to make sure our color guard is prepared.

**Old Business:**

**County Diversity Equity & Inclusion** CMDR Elder Patton – DEI is well received, and things are changing. The most visible change is our participation in the county meetings. The minority presence of the Bennett-Wells, Jesse Clipper, and Gabriel Rodriguez posts is definitely seen and heard.

**Increased Post Dues** Adjutant Mclsaac – Dues are increasing from \$47 to \$52 starting 07/01/2024. This is so we don't suffer a financial loss due to the \$5 decrease in the per capita return from the county. All the paperwork reflecting our new dues amount has been submitted to the county by CMDR Elder Patton.

**Erie County Meeting** CMDR Elder Patton – information brought to the Jesse Clipper from the county meeting; the County Convention, the Memorial Day/Grave Registration flag request, Gabriel Rodriguez dinner. Information from the county meetings can be found in the Legionnaire newsletter. Next county meeting is Thursday, 04/25/2024 at 1900 (you can come as early as 1800). Dress code is (at the very least) your legion cover

**Comments for the Good of the Post** Members – PC Rev Pierce: Post Picnic, \$50 to secure a shelter at Stiglmeier Park. Tentative dates are August 10<sup>th</sup> or August 17<sup>th</sup>. Legionnaire Profit: Events for veterans at the Buffalo VA, will forward activities to the post

**Prayer** Sgt-at-Arms Civils  
**POW/MIA Flag** Sgt-at-Arms Civils  
**Salute to Colors** All  
**Adjournment** motion made to adjourn meeting, so moved  
at 1915 hrs

**Next Meeting April 17, 2024, at 1830**

**For those who cannot make the meeting in person:**

Alternate Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84734679244?pwd=cUhnZHYzTWV4dUVLUl1c0ZJNUowQT09>

Meeting ID: 847 3467 9244

Passcode: 430

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