**Post 93 Meeting Agenda November 22nd, 2016**

**\*\*\*Bold-face type below indicates the Commander speaking\*\*\***

(One rap of the Gavel) **- The meeting is about to open; Officers please take your stations. Guests, please be seated and Sergeant-at-Arms please close the doors to the meeting hall.**

(Three raps of the Gavel) - **Please stand for the posting of the colors. Color guards please advance the colors.**

**Hand Salute----Ready Two**

**Please remain standing and uncover for the prayer, the POW/MIA dedication and the Pledge of Allegiance** (The Chaplain will offer the prayer)**.**

**“Resolution 288, adopted at the 67th National Convention calls for designating a POW/MIA Empty Chair at all official meetings of the American Legion as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW/MIA’s still unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts involving the United States of America. Accordingly, this chair is present as a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity, the repatriation of the remains of those who bravely died in defense of liberty, and a full accounting of those missing. Let us rededicate ourselves to this vital endeavor.”**

**Please join me now in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.**

**Please recover, and remain standing, and join me now in reciting the Preamble to our Constitution of the American Legion.**

(All members recite)

“For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; To maintain law and order; To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars; To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; To make right the master of might; To promote peace and good will on earth; To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy; To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.”

(One rap of the Gavel) **I now declare American Legion, Siler City Post 93, Department of North Carolina, regularly convened. Please be seated.**

Introduce guests and allow them to speak.

**\*\*\*(DRAPE THE CHARTER IF NECESSARY)\*\*\***

**As we continue, the Adjutant will read the minutes of the last meeting.**

**Are there any corrections or additions to the minutes….If none, I will entertain a motion that the minutes be approved as read. I have a motion, do I have a second? The motion has been made and seconded…all those in favor so indicate by saying aye…those opposed, like sign by saying nay. Motion carried (or rejected).**

We will now hear the reports from the officers and committee chairs:

Commander / Adjutant (Jeff Cathcart): I’m happy to report the state of Siler City, Post 93, is strong. Our membership stands at 31 and we are in the process of recruiting and revitalization.

Everyone must have email – Newsletter, announcements, etc. We will set up a website so everyone can stay up to speed, as they see fit. Mailings and printings will be only as absolutely necessary, after January 1st, 2017.

Vice-Commander (Bill Haiges):

Finance Officer (Bill Elder):

Veterans Affairs and Service Officer (Bill Haiges):

Americanism and Children & Youth (Bill Milholen):

I will now entertain a motion that the officers’ reports be approved as submitted or amended.

Let us now turn to old or unfinished business.

* We continue to collect pop-tops for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Please bring what you’ve collected with you to each meeting.
* We attended and spoke at the CCCC “honoring our heroes” event on November 3rd – Jeff tell about the event.
* We attended and spoke at the Mayor’s Proclamation for the Boys’ & Girls’ State participants on November 7th – Bill Haiges tell about the event.
* We attended and shared our service experiences with the students at Chatham Charter School on November 9th – Bill Elder tell about the event.
* We attended the Boys and Girls Club breakfast, sponsored by Daryl Andrews, on November 11th – Bill Milholen tell about the event.
* We attended the Chatham Charter School Student Council car wash on November 11th – Jeff tell about the event.
* We walked / drove / rode, and Bill Haiges spoke, at the Veterans Day Parade & memorial on November 12th – Bill Haiges tell about the event (encourage others to participate next year).
* Second Tuesday of each month, Boys and Girls Club meeting – Bill Milholen will explain.
* Second Tuesday of each month, Siler City Development meeting – Jeff Cathcart will explain.
* Third Wednesday of each month, Siler City Merchant’s Association meeting – Jeff Cathcart will explain.
* Recruiting and fund raising is job one. We need to identify and explain, in detail, to prospective donors, exactly what we will do with the money if they donate.
* Christmas (brunch with Santa @ Siler City Country Club) at 2:00 p.m.
  + Jeff will be Santa
* No meeting in December – Monthly meetings will resume on the fourth Tuesday in January – January 24th.
* Self-audit in January – Official District/Division/Department audit in Feb./Mar.
* Pittsboro Post 283 and Siler City Post 277 both meet on the first Saturday of each month. I will attend, and I encourage you to attend, to get them involved in what we’re doing and to help them revitalize their historic posts.
* The mid-winter NC Legion Conference will be held February 16-18, at the North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Rd., Raleigh, NC.

Is there any further unfinished business?

Let us now turn to new business.

* Chatham County “Thank A Vet” program – Jeff will explain.
* Siler City Christmas Parade – Jeff will explain.
  + Dec 1st following the 6:30 p.m. tree lighting at the Incubator
  + Will Bill Milholen parade one of his cars?
* Partner with Boys & Girls club for fundraiser – Bill Milholen will explain.
* Join the Siler City Chamber of Commerce ($120.00 per year) – Jeff will explain.
* Mike Bullis will facilitate and lead an honor guard for our post – Mike will explain.
* National Guard Armory farewell before deployment?
  + Dec 3rd at 2:30 p.m.
* Be sure to support merchant events
  + Holiday Market at PAF Gallery (next to Incubator)
    - 18 November – January 10am – 4pm

Is there any other new business?

For the good of the Legion, any member is permitted to make suggestions of any kind, character or description, save religion or partisan politics. Does anyone wish to make a suggestion or comment?

Our next meeting will be on the fourth Tuesday of January, which will be, Tuesday, January 24th.

If there is no further business, please stand and uncover as the Chaplain offers the closing prayer….(Three raps of the Gavel - Chaplain offers Prayer)

Please recover and remain standing for the Commander’s Charge:

“Till we meet again let us remember our obligation to our Country can be fulfilled only by the faithful performance of duties of citizenship. Let service to the community, state and nation be ever a main objective of the American Legion and its members. Let us be ever watchful of the honor of our Country, our organization and ourselves, that nothing shall swerve us from the path of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.

The colors bearers will now please retire the Flag of Our Country

(Hand Salute----Ready Two)

I now declare this meeting of Siler City post 93, Department of North Carolina, adjourned.