The American Legion
Peter J Courcy Post 178
Membership Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2019

Commander Fred Rogers called the meeting, at the Frisco Senior Center, to order at 6:30 pm. The opening ceremony included advancing the colors, a prayer, reciting the pledge of allegiance, POW/MIA remembrance and recite the Preamble to our Constitution.

Introduction of Guests - Gerald Nelson, Pam Nelson, John Leto, Jason Castleberry, James Hass, Joanne Schumm, Tom Brown, Elwyn King, James Depaizza and Gene Toohey.

Officers Roll Call - See the attached Post Officer roll call roster. A quorum was announced by Adjutant Parsons.

Post Officer Reports & Updates:

- Membership - 1st Vice Commander Thor Anderson
    - Post 178 membership is now at 517 members which is 108.4 % of our Post Goal.
    - Introduced new members included on the attached new member list. A vote to accept each as a Post member was approved.
- Finance - Terry Meyering presented the May, 2019 finance report that was included in the 13 June, 2019 Executive Meeting Minutes. Roy Brewer motioned to approve the report, subject to audit. Michael Shasteen seconded the motion and it was approved.
- Chaplain Ed Mendlik - no report.

Program Chair Updates:

- Boys State, Larry Marshall - see attached report.
- Oratorical, Raymond Vinson - see attached report.
- School Awards, Ted Ruybal - see attached report.
- Scouting, Leonard Havron - see attached report.

Committee Chair Updates:

- Bonham Veterans Home Visit, John Allen - see attached report.
- Color Guard - Larry Marshall. The Color Guard will present our Nations Colors at the 4 July, 2019 Freedom Fest event in Frisco. We will also

carry the service flags and currently need a volunteer to carry one of the flags.

Recognition:

- David Break and Delbert Parsons for graduation of Legion Basic Training course.

Unfinished Business - Commander Rogers announced the Fund Raising Sub-Committee Chairs, Grants and Annual Giving are open.
Any Post 178 member that is interested in volunteering for an open position please contact Fred Rogers or any of the Post 178 officers.

New Business - Roy Brewer motioned to approve the 16 May, 2019, Membership Meeting Minutes as emailed. The motion was seconded by Ed Mendlik and approved.

Grant Seebolt motioned to approve the 13 June, 2019 Executive Member Meeting Minutes as emailed. The motion was seconded by Raymond Cage and approved.

Terry Meyering motioned to approve Fred Rogers to select the Post delegates at the upcoming Department Convention. The motion was seconded by Jim Wall and approved.

Commander Rogers designated Thor Anderson as Delegate Chair. Larry Marshall motioned to use the pro rata rule for delegate voting at the Department Convention. The motion was seconded by Raymond Vinson and approved.

Post Officer Elections - Gene Toohey, 1st Division Commander conducted the election process and designated Jason Castleberry, James Hass and James Depiazza as tellers. A head count was conducted and 38 voting members were present.

Gene announced that for Executive Member Positions Post 178 has five positions available and seven members running. Gene announced that Larry Wilhelm, Larry Marshall, James Trombley, Michael Shasteen, Ed Mendlik, Raymond Cage and Stephanie Cleveland were nominated. Gene called for nominations from the floor. Being non Skip Middleton motioned for nominations to cease. The motion was seconded by Terry Gilbert and approved. Each candidate was offered two minutes to speak. A vote by written ballot was conducted and the following members were elected to Post 178 Executive Member positions:
Larry Marshall, Stephanie Cleveland, Ed Mendlik, James Trombley and Larry Wilhelm.

Gene announced that for position of Sgt-At-Arms, David Break was nominated and called for nominations from the floor. Being none, Delbert Parsons motioned that for this election and this election only, we suspend the rules and close nominations. Delbert cast one vote for David Break and asked that David be elected by acclimation.

Gene announced that for position of Historian, Bob Sirois was nominated and called for nominations from the floor. Being none, Delbert Parsons motioned that for this election and this election only, we suspend the rules and close nominations. Delbert cast one vote for Bob Sirois and asked that Bob be elected by acclimation.

Gene announced that for position of Service Officer, Kevin Robinson was nominated and called for nominations from the floor. Being none, Delbert Parsons motioned that for this election and this election only, we suspend the rules and close nominations. Delbert cast one vote for Kevin Robinson and asked that Kevin be elected by acclimation.

Gene announced that for position of Judge Advocate, Paul Jones was nominated and called for nominations from the floor. Being none, Delbert Parsons motioned that for this election and this election only, we suspend the rules and close nominations. Delbert cast one vote for Paul Jones and asked that Paul be elected by acclimation.

Gene announced that for position of Chaplain, John Allen was nominated and called for nominations from the floor. Being none, Delbert Parsons motioned that for this election and this election only, we suspend the rules and close nominations. Delbert cast one vote for John Allen and asked that John be elected by acclimation.

Gene announced that for position of Finance Officer, Terry Meyering was nominated and called for nominations from the floor. Being none, Delbert Parsons motioned that for this election and this election only, we suspend the rules and close nominations. Delbert cast one vote for Terry Meyering and asked that Terry be elected by acclimation.

Gene announced that for position of Adjutant, Delbert Parsons was nominated and called for nominations from the floor. Being none, Delbert Parsons motioned that for this election and this election only, we suspend the rules and close nominations. Delbert cast one vote for Delbert Parsons and asked that Delbert be elected by acclimation.

Gene announced that for position of 2nd Vice Commander, Rob Altman was nominated and called for nominations from the floor. Being none, Delbert Parsons motioned that

for this election and this election only, we suspend the rules and close nominations. Delbert cast one vote for Rob Altman and asked that Rob be elected by acclimation.

Gene announced that for position of 1st Vice Commander, Thor Anderson was nominated and called for nominations from the floor. Being none, Delbert Parsons motioned that for this election and this election only, we suspend the rules and close nominations. Delbert cast one vote for Thor Anderson and asked that Thor be elected by acclimation.

Gene announced that for position of Post Commander, Fred Rogers was nominated and called for nominations from the floor. Being none, Delbert Parsons motioned that for this election and this election only, we suspend the rules and close nominations. Delbert cast one vote for Fred Rogers and asked that Fred be elected by acclimation.

Gene Toohey conducted the Post 178 installation of officers for the 2019-2020 year.

Announcements - Delbert Parsons announced that following tonight's meeting we will meet at The Green Gator on Main Street for a Social time.

June 25, 2019 is the next Color Guard practice which will be in the Frisco Senior Center beginning at 6:30. Anyone considering joining the Post Color/Honor Guard is welcome to attend.

July 4, 2019 is Freedom Fest at Simpson Plaza at Frisco City Hall. The event will begin at 1600 with the Post 178 Color Guard presenting our Nations Colors and will end around 9 pm with the City fireworks display.

July 9, 2019 through July 14, 2019 is the State Convention which will be held in Irving. This is the last time in the foreseeable future the convention will be held outside of Austin. Anyone desiring to attend may contact Fred Rogers. A car pool to the event will be decided at a later date.

July 11, 2019 is the next Post Executive Committee meeting at the Frisco Senior Center beginning at 6:30. Visitors are welcome to attend.

July 16, 2019 is the July Membership meeting at the Frisco Senior Center beginning at 6:30. Please note the date is a change from our normal third Thursday because the senior center is not available.

If you have an item that you would like for us to consider adding to the online calendar please go to the calendar page on the website, fill out and submit the request form.

Please check the Post Calendar located on the Post Website at friscolegion.org. for upcoming events.

For The Good of the American Legion

- **Shotgun Raffle** - Fund Raiser to fund Post 178 Children & Youth programs. This is an online raffle – go to https://www.accelevents.com/e/ShotgunRaffle/ to buy your ticket. The shotgun is a Mossberg Silver Reserve II Over/Under shotgun with a beautiful black walnut hand-checkered stock and fore end, and a polished silver finished receiver with wrap-around scroll engraving. The vent-ribbed barrels are deep blued and have a single bead front sight.

- **October 20 Royal Caribbean Cruise**–Fund Raiser to fund Post 178 Children & Youth programs. This 7-night Western Caribbean Cruise on Liberty of the Seas departs from Galveston, TX. To reserve your spot on this amazing cruise call 469-294-8900.

Closing Ceremonies were conducted and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Minutes Prepared by: Delbert Parsons, Post 178 Adjutant

Minutes approved by: Fred Rogers, Post 178 Commander

American Legion Post 178 Officer Attendance Roster 2018-2019

Name	Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Fred Rogers	Commander	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Thor Anderson	1st Vice Commander	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Rob Altman	2nd Vice Commander	X	X	X	X	X	E						
Delbert Parsons	Adjutant	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Terry Meyering	Finance Officer	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Ed Mendlik	Chaplain	X	E	X	X	X	X						
Paul Jones	Judge Advocate	X	X	X	E	X	E						
Kevin Robinson	Service Officer	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Bob Sirois	Historian	X	X	X	X	E	E						
Open	Sgt-At-Arms	X	X	-	-	-	-						
Larry Marshall	Executive Member	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Matt Ostergaard	Executive Member	E	X	X	E	A	A						
James Trombley	Executive Member	X	E	E	X	X	X						

Codes: X=Present, E=Excused, A=Absent

New Member List
20 June, 2019

New Members	Branch Of Service	Notes
Transferred Members		
Leon Mace	Marines	Transfer from AD-0345
Wayne J. Marchese	Air Force	Transfer from AD-0345
Ronnie W. Guevara	Army	Transfer from AD-0345
Darren R. Driskell	Army	Transfer from AD-0345

BOYS STATE UPDATE

I am pleased to announce that all 25 young men attended Texas Boys State at the University of Texas in Austin last week. Thor Anderson, Fred Rogers and I met the Statesmen in Plano whey they traveled to Austin by bus.One of our Statesman, traveled to Austin earlier with his parents. The young men were wearing their red Frisco T-Shirts that were donated by the Frisco Convention Bureau. We had at least one Statesmen (Kathan Gandhi) qualify for the 16 finalist for Boys Nation; however, he did not make the cut. That did not minimize his motivation for the Boys State program. Post 178 has sent 107 young men to Texas Boys State in the past six years.

All 25 Statesmen were represented by all 25 of their parents for Parents Day at Texas Boys State. I am sure this is the first time that all our young men were represented by their parents. The parents were very supportive of the program and most of the parents attended Boys State orientation.

I have had several emails from the young men since they returned from Austin with extremely positive comments. Several of the Statesmen have a desire to return in future years to be a Counselor for Texas Boys State.

We will have some of the Statesmen at our July and August membership meeting to brief us on their experience at Texas Boys State.

In September, Mayor Cheney will read a Proclamation to all 25 Statesmen at a City Council meeting - Date to be determined.
In November, the Frisco Independent School District will honor the Statesmen at a Board of Trustees meeting - Date to be determined.
For our July meeting, we have a past Statesman from 2016 speak at our membership meeting. Leo Cheshire, who just completed his sophomore year at the Air Force Academy. I will let Leo tell you what he is planning on doing once he graduates.

I would like to thank the Boys State Post Committee for their assistance. They were: Paul Jones, Ed Kelly, Marty Martel, Ted Ruybal, and Larry Wilhelm

It has been an honor to serve you, the Post, and the 25 Statesmen as your Boys State Chair. I wish to thank all of you for your support.

This is just one reason: "WE DO WHAT WE DO"!!!

ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS???

Oratorical Contest Report

June 20, 2019

The 2019 Oratorical Contest planning has started. The subjects have been released by the Legion Headquarters. I am currently working on forming a committee, and I need volunteers. The current plan is to contact Frisco Independent School District (ISD) & Private Schools in Frisco and get contacts of appropriate counselors and Speech and Debate coaches at each of the Frisco ISD High Schools and Private Schools. The goal is to have the contacts identified and informational material delivered to them before the Fall Term starts. The next step will to be determine a date and location of the contest. At the contest, we have an upper division, consisting of Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors, and a Freshman division, with the goal of sending 5 contestants, 4 upper division and 1 Freshman, to the District competition.

Please let me know after the meeting if you are interested in participating in the Oratorical Contest Committee.

Ray Vinson

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Peter J. Courcy Post 178
School Awards Report
June, 2019

School Awards Program

The American Legion School Awards program is designed to introduce Elementary, Middle school and High school students to the 6 core qualities of active citizenship. These core qualities are; Courage, Honor, Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Patriotism.

We completed our first year of this program working with Corbell Elementary School in North West Frisco. They were very pleased with our program and have asked us back for the next school year.

This is a very rewarding program. It allows young students to interact with a veteran and to learn what it takes to become citizens of the highest quality.

We met with the students during the school year to discuss the importance of the core qualities, and in May, each 5th grade class selected a boy and girl who demonstrated these qualities. Then a committee met to determine the best 2 students from the 12 selected.

During their end of the year Awards program we awarded certificates and medals to the Boys and Girls selected by their peers as the Students who best demonstrated all the core qualities.

Terry Gilbert and I will be contacting other schools in the Frisco area for the 2019 - 2020 School year starting in August. Our goal is to have at least 2 Elementary Schools and two Middle school participate in our program this school year.

We encourage you to join us! You would only have to talk with students about 1 week in Sept, Dec., and March. Then participate in the end of the year Awards ceremony. We will have a presentation set up, so all you have to do is follow the script.

Ted Ruybal,
School Awards Chairman.

Hello to all of my donors,

I am really excited to provide you with this update on my project.

Thanks to all of your generous donations and some significant sponsorship from American Legion Post 178, VFW Post 8273, Frisco Sunrise Rotary and the Donald J. Walsh Jr. Foundation I am quickly approaching my fundraising goal. I have broken my project into four phases and I will give you an update on each one now.

1) Fundraising - This has been going fantastic and I am almost to the goal of what I have estimated the project to cost. I did decide to add a fourth Flag Donation Bin because I want to make sure there are plenty around the city for citizens to surrender flags.

2) Flag Donation Bins - This is the phase I am actively working on now. As I mentioned, I added a fourth bin to the project and with your early donations I have ordered them and they have arrived from Los Angeles this week. I have included a picture so you can see how nice they are Next, I will finish the design of the vinyl wrap for the bins and complete getting the permissions of the Logos from the Sponsoring organizations to include on the bins. The design is looking fantastic and I will share that with you on the next update.

3) Ceremonial Pit Paver Base and Walls - In order to get started on this, I have sent several inquiries to companies in the Dallas area to see if they could assist us with this. We will need some professional help and expertise to make sure that this is done with the highest quality. Our current thinking on timing for this is in August.

4) Ceremonial Fire Pit - For the fire pit, I have been working with a company in Minnesota to design the metalwork needed for the inside and locking cover.

Once again, thank you for your support and I look forward to sharing more pictures with you of the decorated bins in my next update

Matthew Miller

VETERANS LAND BOARD
SERVING TEXAS VETERANS

June 3, 2019

American Legion Post 178
1565 Harbor Springs Drive
Frisco, TX 75034

Dear American Legion Post 178,

On behalf of the Texas Veterans Land Board and the residents of the Clyde W. Cosper Texas State Veterans Home, we would like to express our gratitude for the propane gas grills. The hamburger cookout was wonderful, and the residents were still raving about the hamburgers days later.

Thank you very much for the bedroom slippers. The slippers are very nice, and I know that the residents will enjoy receiving these.

Finally, I would like to thank the Post for presenting the pre-Memorial Day Ceremony. I can't thank you all enough for the wonderful things that you do for our residents at the Texas State Veterans Home. Please know how much that I appreciate you!

I have included a copy of the donation form as a receipt for your gift. If you have any questions regarding the form, please contact me at 903-640-4164. Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Amanda Gilbreath

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