



**American Legion Post 118 Rio Rancho, New Mexico
General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2024**

Attendees

Officers: Commander: Scott Swanson, First Vice: Jay Wilcox, Second Vice: Carl Fitzgerald II,
Sergeant at Arms: Joe Cook, Adjutant Howie Rouillard

Trustees: Ron Szych, Angie Fitzgerald, Robert Abeyta, Paula Abeyta

Members: Bill Jennings – Finance Officer, Trustee Bill Harrington Excused

Meeting called to order at 09:32

Hand salute

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer – Stand-In for Post Chaplain Kim

POW/MIA

Preamble

Roll Call of officers

Guests – None

Finance Report – Read by Ron motioned to accept by Carl, second by Bill Harrington, approved

Reading of October Minutes: Motion to approve by Bill Harrington, second by Ron, Motion carried

Membership Report: Membership numbers continue to grow

1st Vice – We hired Cage Fitzgerald as the Post 118 Kitchen. He will be paid in compliance with the New Mexico State Labor Laws.

2nd Vice – Post will be open on New Years Eve from 1200 to 2000
Superbowl Sunday Watch Party and fund raising is February 9, 2025
Legion Riders and Bingo Friday, December 27th
Should we look at bringing in bands once a month – Entertainment Committee Item
What' the process on Food Truck availability

Americanism – Vacant

Canteen – Jesse Zimmer has taken over the position of Housing Committee Chairman, and will be given the wish list of items that need to be addressed in the future

Sick Call – Bill Jennings had fallen while in Farmington during a Legion visit, and broke his collar Bone. Keep him in your thoughts and praye

Post Service Officer: Talked to Michael Bates will now be know as the Veterans Service Liaison

Unfinished Business – The Post 118 property has sold, and will be closing on Tuesday, November19, 2024

New Business: Flag Retirement Ceremony to be held after the conclusion of the General Membership meeting.
Woman's Auxiliary Children's Christmas Party, December 7th 1600 to 1800

Entertainment committee – Rebuilding and restabing
Next meeting to be held on November 21st

Good of the Legion – New Mexico Veterans Constitutional Amendments passed
Jack Gilbert Donated the display case located in the foyer, and will be used to display United States Military models only, and rotated periodically and only by Jack Gilbert.
The Executive Board voted to approve the said display case.
Bill Harrington mentioned that the Medicare enrolment ends on December 7
Howie mentioned that we should consider a Buddy Check (Be the One)
Committee to contact those members that may have not been to the Post in a while.
Ugly Sweateroake December 14th hosted by Commander Scott

Motion to adjourn – Bill Harrington and second by Jen

Closing Prayer – Carl in the absence of Post Chaplain Kim

Retire POW/MIA chair

Meeting adjourned – 11:37