

**MINUTES OF THE ONION CREEK POST 326
GENERAL MEETING
August 3, 2011**

Following proper protocol, Commander Ken Baucom called the meeting to order.

Chaplain Fred McCarthy offered the invocation.

Guests were introduced.

Members and guests recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Members and guests recited the preamble to the American Legion Constitution.

Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Jackson advised Commander Baucom there was a quorum of the membership present.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to waive a reading of the Minutes of the General Meeting of June 1, 2011, the Minutes of the Executive Committee of July 6, 2011 and the Financial Report and Budget Report.

Mike Rodriguez, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, introduced special guest Meera Day who is a scholarship recipient and has just completed her first year at Southern Methodist University. Ms. Day recounted her first-year experiences at SMU and expressed a profound appreciation to Post 326 for the scholarship money she received. Ms. Day also introduced her mother who accompanied her to the General Meeting.

A Motion was made, seconded and passed to suspend the Post 326 By-Laws to allow the recommendation of the Executive Committee's nominations for 2011-2012 Post 326 officers. Commander Baucom presented the Executive Committee nominations of the 2011-2012 officers as follows: Commander, Luis M. "Mike" Rodriguez; First Vice Commander, Clyde W. Walls; Adjutant, Past Commander Donald L. "Don" Jones; Sergeant-at-Arms, Michael R. "Mike" Jackson; Finance Officer, James "Jim" Locke; Service Officer, Robert H. "Bob" Purcell; Chaplain, Frederick J. "Fred" McCarthy; Historian, John J. Vinciguerra; Members At Large, Past Commander Ken B. Baucom, Richard A. "Rocky" Eubank and Fred A. Hannah. A request was made to receive any nominations from the floor and there were none. A motion was made, seconded and passed that nominations cease and the officers were elected by the membership.

District 10 Commander William Moore installed the 2011-2012 Post 326 officers. Commander Rodriguez accepted the position as Commander and stated that he is a former Commander of Post 326. He urged all members to read the Post newsletter which provides a lot of information about Post activities. He also explained that American Legion membership is down and that members should reach out to veterans to become members of Post 326. He thanked Tony Nuccio for his work on the Annual Golf Tournament which supports all these programs.

Commander Rodriguez presented an appreciation plaque to Past Commander Ken Baucom and

expressed the Post's appreciation for Commander Baucom's leadership for the past two years and his support of the Post programs such as contributions to Austin Homeless Veterans, Boys/Girls State, Scholarship support, Fisher Houses, and other Post 326 activities. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. Robin Baucom to acknowledge and state appreciation for her contributions to Post 326 activities, especially as a member of the Scholarship Committee.

A raffle was conducted.

Commander Rodriguez urged all members to renew their membership as soon as possible to help Membership Chairman Tom Harder with his work.

Chaplain McCarthy gave the closing prayer.

Commander Rodriguez recited the Closing Charge and Dismissal.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Commander Rodriguez declared the meeting adjourned.

Jerry Prestridge, Past Adjutant for
Adjutant Don Jones