**Post 93 Meeting Agenda October 25th, 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: I’m happy to report the state of Siler City, Post 93, is strong. Our membership stands at 30 and we are in the process of recruiting and revitalization.

I regret to report that our newly elected Vice-Commander, Zach Nichols, has taken a job in Florida and will not be able to serve as Vice-Commander. I will entertain a motion for nomination of a new Vice-Commander.

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, once emails and website are up and running.

Vice-Commander:

Finance Officer:

Veterans Affairs and Service Officer:

Americanism and Children & Youth:

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

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.
* Article for Boys’/Girls’ State was placed in the Chatham News should be out this week
* Monday, November 7th, Town Council Proclamation – Bill Haiges will explain.
* Veteran appreciation breakfast – Bill Milholen will explain
* Veterans Day Parade – (See sheet for details). I will lead a Veterans awareness walk from the end of the parade route to the memorial site, or 1st Baptist, or wherever Jack Moody will host his memorial service.
* Second Tuesday of each month, Boys and Girls Club meeting – Bill Milholen will explain.
* Second Tuesday of each month, Siler City Development meeting – Bill Haiges will explain.
* Third Wednesday of each month, Siler City Merchant’s Association meeting – Jeff Cathcart will explain. Entertain a motion that we join the Siler City Merchant’s Association.
* Tuesday, November 22nd – Mountaire Food Distribution – Jeff Cathcart and Bill Haiges will explain. We will distribute food during the day, and will still have our regular Post 93 meeting at 6pm.

Is there any further unfinished business?

Let us now turn to new business.

* Recruiting and fund raising
* Christmas (brunch with Santa @ Siler City Country Club)
* Post 93 Christmas party? Secret Santa??
* 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 support whatever it is they are trying to accomplish.
* 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 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 November, which will be, Tuesday, November 22nd.

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.