

**Military Officers Association of America
Ozark Regional Chapter (Formally, Bella Vista Chapter)
American Legion, 711 W Persimmon St
Rogers Arkansas
26 March 2024 1800-1900**

General Membership Meeting Agenda

Come to order, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of silence for prayer and blessings

Attending:

Goals:

1. New chapter Name: Ozarks Regional Chapter...done. Awaiting National Recognition
2. Secretary, surviving spouse liaison, pastoral and scholarship positions filled by July 25.
3. Increase membership attendance to 20 members/meeting
4. 10 new members by Jan 2025
5. 2 community contact events by Jan 2025 (SDIA Thanksgiving meals) ..recommendations
6. Speakers/presentations for membership meetings.
7. Funding raising for scholarships, flag program and civic projects.
8. Gain complete funding and support for flag program

Guest Speaker: SDIA...Sue Poindexter...CTL event.

Meeting Dates:

2024: General meetings. 23 Jan, 26 March, 21 May, 23 July, 24 Sept, 19 Nov

2024: Board meeting: 20 Feb, 23 April, 25 June, 27 Aug, 22 Oct, 17 Dec

American Legion: Meets 2nd Tue of each month. Offers Bingo nights, Motorcycle riding groups, Water distributions on first day of school.

-Bingo Benefit. Ken Shelby POC

- **Legislative Updates:** -Craig;

- **Treasury:** -Alan
 - Checking: 615.11

 - Money Market: 1,634.71

 - Tax Status: IRS tax exempt status has been reinstated and again considered an Arkansas charitable organization.

 - Name change status/state

 - CoC dues

- **Flag Program:**
 - Total: 3681

 - Taught: 2997

 - Scheduled: 604

 - Pending Scheduling: 80... confirmed dates for Gentry Schools (5th grade) 7 May 24.

 - Google calendar link on our MOAA web page for updates if wanting to attend or participate.

- **Communications/Web page/Public relations:** -Dan
 - Web and FB page updates

 - Business cards and Banners

- **Scholarship Awards:** Board voted to suspend for 23-24 year due to funding.

- **Membership Updates:** -Jon

-Dues

-Committee modules and “at large members”

- **Membership events and Fundraisers:**

-Upcoming:

- Sheepdog IA Hero’s banquet 27 April 24.

-Rogers American Legion... Bingo Benefit in May.

-Carry the Load (CTL) partner with SDIA...walk, POC Sue Poindexter. Carrytheload.org

-Flag planting, Memorial Cemetery, Fayetteville. 25 May 24

-CTL Memorial day celebration...27 May 24, Dallas TX. **-Past:**

-Hero’s Ranch visit and grant presentation

-Jan meeting at Top Golf was good time! One new member attended and joined: Tom Baker

Grants options:

Walmart does not offer grants to any 501(c)(19) qualified charity. You have to be a 501(c)(3) charity to qualify for a Walmart grant.

We qualify for a JB Hunt Charity Giving grant. However, JB Hunt only accepts requests during December of each year.

Tyson's Foods has a quarterly charity application cycle. The next quarter applications are due by April 26, 2024 with approvals communicated on May 31, 2024. If an application is not approved in the quarter it was submitted, it remains active for the two subsequent quarters. However, according to their Corporate Giving Program Guidelines, we need to have a 501(c)(3) tax-status and the minimum grant amount is \$5,000

- **UofA ROTC and Bentonville JROTC program:**

-NJROTC change of command 20 April 24...RSVP invitations to Nichole Johnson, chair, by 5 April 24. BentonvilleNJROTCGala@gmail.com

-Commander Davis Retiring. New Candidates being interviewed.

-ROTC... NWA Mentoring program contact: Bob Crawford

- **Open Discussion:**

- MOAA Community Outreach ideas:

- Diner Options

- MOAA national visit...scheduling needed.