Unit 229 Auxiliary (status pending)
First Meeting
October 14, 2026
5:30p-6:30p
Minutes

The first meeting of the Unit 229 Auxiliary (status pending) was held on October 14, 2026, at the Wyndham Hotel on Padre Island the hour ahead of Post 229's monthly meeting. Lisette Osborne called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

In attendance:	Lisette Osborne	Absent:	Cynthia Hunt
	Crystal Ames		Shelby Hunt
	Nicole Austin		Georgia Miller
	JoAnn Smith		Charolotte Gibson
	Jill Warren		Tricia Schulze
	Debby McManus		
	Theresa "Terri" Thompson		
	Amy Rodriguez		

The group discussed numerous "housekeeping" items and the following was decided by unanimous vote.

- Meeting location – for now the Unit will meet at the same location and date as the Post. The Unit will meet 5:30-6:30. This time runs into the Post's social hour, so we may need to adjust this as we go depending on noise level.

Financial report:

Balance - $110 – these funds are currently sitting in Lisette's personal bank account.

Need to establish a bank account – Looking for recommendations. The Post uses Prosperity Bank on the Island. This will be on hold until our charter is approved.

Dues – the group voted on the annual dues structure and agreed to adopt $45 as the annual dues amount for seniors (age 18 and older) and for juniors (under age 18).

When the annual dues are paid, the Unit sends $31 to the Dept (state level) for seniors, and $5 for juniors. About half of our current members' dues were submitted to the national level (Unit 0345 – which is essentially a holding spot) and the rest were held to be attached with our charter application. The amount over the department (state) dues is revenue for the Unit (this accounts for the $110) referenced above.

Some of you may have received a renewal notice from the national office. DO NOT RENEW using that mailed renewal. We will process renewals for 2027 once our charter has been approved. If you renew at the national level (the mailed renewal notice), the dues are $45 with 100% going to the national level and 0% retained at the Unit level.

Charter status

The charter application for Unit 229 has been submitted along with dues for Debby, Terri, Amy, Charlotte, Cindy, and Shelby. Also submitted with the application:

- Bond fee - $10
- Charter fee - $10
- Scroll fee - $10
- Inclusion fee - $25

These fees were covered by the Post.

Other housekeeping items

Need to establish a mailing address – This will be on hold until our charter is approved. For convenience we will probably establish a PO Box at the same location the Post uses.

Incorporation application – Nicci is checking on what other paperwork needs to be completed once the charter is approved.

Use of Aux logo – once the charter is approved we request permission to use the American Legion Auxiliary logo on any print material and on Unit T-shirts. See below for a mockup of the T-shirts (thank Nicci for creating this). We will talk more about where the lettering should be placed.

T-shirts – Our very own Crystal Ames (and veteran husband Ken) have a printing company on the island. Once we are ready to move forward printing T-shirts and any other swag (hats maybe?) Crystal will provide specifics on materials and cost to members.

Lisette provided information on the big picture of how the auxiliary is organized. The are multiple levels starting at the national level, then the "department" which is the state of Texas, then the "division", and lastly the Unit. Corpus Christi falls into Division 14 which stretches north at least to New Braunfels, includes Nixon, Kingsville, Bishop, Corpus Christi, and more. The state president is Candy Zavala and the Division president is Missy Baker.

There are two meetings coming up you might be interested in attending. I was under the impression that all the meeting were joint meetings, but in

looking at the American Legion website and the American Legion Auxiliary website, which may not be the case. I'll research it further.

- The Mid-Winter state meeting is January 23-24 (the website says 19th-24th but those earlier days are administrative in nature and not really germane to our unit). The meeting is in Austin at the Renaissance Hotel. The link to book hotel rooms is open and rooms are listed at $123 per night plus tax. Go to alatexas.org and look under the events tab for the hotel link and more information. If you would like to attend, we will register all who want to go in one registration – probably in early December.
  Nicci and Lisette attended the summer state meeting and found it to be beneficial (since we had no clue about what we were getting into). Many of the meeting sessions were about awards and about the different programs in which auxiliary units participate. The biggest benefit was in meeting and making contacts with auxiliary members from other units across the state as well as some of the state leadership.
- The next Division 14 meeting will be held in Corpus Christi at the Kostoryz American Legion location on April 17. There is no registration information for the April meeting yet.
  Nicci (and veteran husband Michael) and Lisette (and veteran husband Earney) attended the Division 14 meeting held in New Braunfels (a subsequent meeting was held in Nixon, we missed that one). The Division meetings are more local in nature. At the one we attended we were able to ask "newbie" questions and gleaned a wealth of information along with making helpful contacts in the Kostoryz and Rockport units.

Election of Officers – the following were elected by unanimous vote:

President – Lisette Osborne
Vice-President/Secretary – Nicci Austin
Treasurer – Terri Thompson

Also voted was a decision to combine the VP and Secretary position until such time as two separate positions are needed.

Time and Place of Next Mtg – The next meeting will be Nov 11 at 5:30 (yes, it is Veterans' Day, but the Post voted to meet). We will invite Division President Missy Baker to attend as well as she voiced an interest in attending this first meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisette Osborne

T-shirt mockup

Left to Right

Amy Rodriguez

JoAnn Smith

Crystal Ames

Jill Warren

Terri Thompson

Lisette Osborne

Nicci Austin

Debby McManus