

Membership Meeting

March 19, 2025 @ 1800 Hours

Roll Call: (Quorum =8/13 present and Over 5 Members Present: (Yes)

Commander: Juan Palacios

Adjutant: Russ Ludwig

First Vice: Leroy Brown

Judge Advocate: Vacant

Second Vice: Terry Ward

Chaplain: Thomas Clayton

Finance Officer: Cheryl Saville-Miller (Excused) Historian: Vacant

Sgt At Arms: Robert Andrade

At Large: Rebecca Hardin

Service Officer: Mike Billings

At Large: Chris Dauterman (Absent)

At Large: Vacant

Meeting was called to order at (1800) . Appropriate Ceremony was conducted

Minutes:

Minutes are moved and the Nominations took place.

Nominations First Rounds:

Commander : Russ Ludwig was nominated and he accepted.

Robert DeCarr was nominated and he declined.

First Vice: Leroy Brown nominated himself and he accepted.

Second Vice: Terry Ward was nominated and he accepted.

Finance Officer: Cheryl Saville Miller was nominated and was not here to accept.

Sgt at Arms : Robert DeCarr was nominated and he accepted.

Service Officer: Mike Billings was nominated and he accepted.

Adjutant: Rachel Bailey was nominated and was not here to accept.

Judge Advocate: Gail Sears was nominated and he declined.

Chaplain: Thomas Clayton was nominated and he accepted.

Historian: Robert Andrade was nominated but declined.

Nominations were then closed.

Minutes presented for review. Motion to accept Minutes by Robert DeCarr / Second Mike Billings. Motion Carried.

Guests recognized. Mrs DeCarr.

New Members recognized:

New Member Floyd Stonewall who is a Navy Korean veteran.

Voting on Membership. Motion by (NAME). Second by (Name). Approved for each.

None reported or voted on.

Sick Call:

Report by the Chaplain. Cheryl's Husband had surgery today.

Jim Connely.

Terry Ward.

Rebecca's mother passed away.

Officer Reports:

Commander:

Commander reports thank you to everyone to allow him to be the Commander but believes it is time for him to stand down and let new blood into the position.

The Chamber of Commerce is asking if we would like to become members of that organization. The commander will see what the cost is and report back next month.

Park bathrooms are completed and everyone needs to go see it.

Total members is 447 for Post 21 as of the 11th of March, 2025.

Next month April 16th we will be voting on Officers and you MUST have your 2025 card to be allowed into the meeting.

First Vice:

First Vice Reports he has no real report but said after next month's election he has a plan for next year if elected to work with recruiters to try to get new military members signed up for the legion.

Second Vice:

Second Vice reports on Legion after dark and that the last Karaoke was not really successful and next month will have the DD Band again.

Finance Officer:

The Finance Officer was not present for a report.

Service Officer:

No Report

Sgt at Arms:

No report

Chaplain:

Chaplain reports prayers needed for Jim Connolly, Larry Brown, Terry Ward. Anyone else that needs it please contact the Chaplain

Volunteer hours reported at 619 for Post 21 in total. The totals were broken down by family and the Chaplain maintains the volunteer hours for all of it.

May 14th at Chemeketa Community College from 10 to 2 pm will be the Stand Down.

Adjutant:

Adjutant reports that the due date for submissions for the Post 21 newsletter is the 21st, which is in 2 days.

Reports that the website is now active and we are still trying to get the old site directed to the new one. IF you google post 21 and click on the website it does come up.

We obtained control and administrative rights to the Post 21 Historian facebook page. We will save that for the next elected Historian to determine if they wish to use the page or to deactivate it.

Reports there are 3 current applications for the Legion Law Enforcement Career Camp with 3 more possibles.

At Large:

Rebecca Hardin has no report.

At Large:

Chris Dauterman was not present.

At Large:

Position Vacant

Legion Riders:

Gale Sears reports the membership of the Legion Riders is 58 members. He listed off the various families and the numbers from each that are members or Post 21 Legion Riders.

Also reported that they are working to be able to escort the Vietnam memorial wall to Evergreen Aviation Museum.

Fundraiser is being developed by the Sea Cadets in conjunction with the Riders is taking place during an auction.

Scholarships are being worked on by Bob Wilson. Believes their balance for scholarship funds is over \$10,000.

The traveling wall of lost soldiers will go to Ontario, Oregon and they anticipate going from Albany to Ontario in one day.

May 29th is designated for the Vietnam recognition event and he is hoping our Post 21 can do something to recognize the people who we lost and participated in that conflict.

Also reported on the Jack Bailey toy drive. La Pine lost a lot during the fires and they are working to help out with the toy drive and honor Jack Bailey in the process.

Sons of American Legion:

None Present

Auxiliary:

Debra Godwin reports the last veterans lunch was wonderful and they received a 100 dollar donation.

The St Patrick's day event sold out and they had a great turn out.

The next Veterans Lunch is 4/11 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Restaurant Manager:

Restaurant Manager Debra Godwin reports the post closing on March 31 and April 1st.

House Committee:

House Committee reports not present at the meeting.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Ceremony:

Draping of the Charter. We had a member Mr Fulsom passed away and the Post 21 Charter was draped in his honor.

Good of the American Legion:

Bob Berwager reported that Peggy Lutz gave us a scare with a bout with Pneumonia. She has recovered and is back home.

Chaplain reported that Mr Fulsom family may not have enough money to cover the cremation and in the past we have gathered the families to help pay for a veterans cremation. Commander will verify the information.

Good of the Order:

None

Closing Ceremony:

Meeting Adjourned at 18:55

Next meeting next month 3rd Wednesday, (Date) at 1800 hours

Respectfully Submitted by Russ Ludwig, Adjutant