

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21  
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128  
General Membership Meeting - JANUARY 15, 2020

**ROLL CALL:**

Commander — Steve Farley, **present**  
First Vice — Robert Berweger, **present**  
Second Vice — Terry Ward, **present**  
Finance Officer — Gale Sears, **present**  
Adjutant — Shirley Brown, **present**  
Judge Advocate — Steve Randles, **present**  
Service Officer — Juan Palacios, **present**

Chaplain — Thomas Clayton, **present**  
Historian — Leroy Brown, **present**  
Sgt. At Arms — Jim Connelly, **present**  
At Large — Sam Fields, **present**  
At Large — Paul Schnell, **present**  
At Large — Cody Pankey, **excused**

**New Member:** Robert Dodge — USAF — Vietnam.

**Review of Minutes:** Motion by Paul Schnell that the minutes be approved as presented, seconded by Leroy Brown - **Passed**.

**Finance Report:** Post Account \$27,472.44; Lottery Account \$39,904.10 – Total Accounts = \$67,331.54. Total Liquid Assets = \$20,352.38 = Total Assets = \$83,150.58. Christmas Tree Sales netted \$7,474. Payroll taxes \$3,155.

**Motion:** Juan Palacios that we accept the finance report as presented, seconded by Shirley Brown – **Passed**.

**Club Manager:** Gina reported that the blanket for Donna is being sent to be quilted by Pam, should be ready by the time the Spaghetti feed. Will also be asking the Elks.

**House Committee:** Finished up some small projects, have a few electrical issues that need to be fixed.

**Commanders Report:** Will be meeting with volunteer bar tenders regarding OLCC rules and enforcement. If the bar tender cuts someone off, DON'T take it out on them, they are following the laws. Also asking that members, officers and volunteers to remember if you are not working you cannot go behind the bar.

**1st Vice:** Bob Berweger stated that he has been helping at the Lions, if anyone has time they are in need of volunteers.

**2nd Vice:** We will be starting the Battle of the Branches in February. A FRIENDLY competition between the branches the one who brings in the most money by serving breakfast is declared the winner. Only money received from serving breakfast will be counted, i.e... no silent auction, no 50/50, no donations. Winner is based upon the number of meals served only. Cost is \$8.00 per plate, children under 5 eat free. Schedule is Navy 2/9/20; Air Force 2/23/20; Army 3/8/2020; Marines 3/22/20.

Other events 2/2/20 Super Bowl Potluck; 2/15/20 Chili Cook Off; 3/29/20 Vietnam Veteran Recognition Day.

**Service Officer:** Work party completed the ramp for a local veteran. Thank You to Steve Randles, Jim Connelly, Mike Paul, veteran was very grateful. Service Officer also reported that Kramer's Donated a Christmas tree in December to the same family. Received one call from a mother whose son was graduating from boot camp and asking for help to go to his graduation.

Service Officer reported on a new project **CORPORAL DIFFIE VETERANS FUND, "Closing the Gap."** It is a joint program between the Milwaukie American Legion Post 180 and the Milwaukie Police Department. 100% of all funds raised and donations received go directly to local veterans in need. The funds are intended to bridge the gap until Veterans resources can be procured through the County, Department of Veteran Affairs, or other Veteran resources. Hopes to provide more information in the near future.

**Chaplain:** A new program has started at the local hospital and our Chaplain has been designated as the Veterans Chaplain, if any Veteran is hospitalized, he is notified and will visit them. Volunteer hours run from May – May. As of the end of the year we have 5,994 hours.

**Historian:** Had the Charter Restored. Will be attending the Warm Springs Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Ceremony in August all are welcome. If you are a Vietnam Veteran, they ask that if you are going to please register.

**Auxiliary:** Debra reported that they handed Christmas Baskets to 53 families and presents to 138 children. Department has asked her to run for Vice President, she said she is still thinking it over. Debra stated that she really appreciates the way our Post families all work together and how wonderful it is when the families come together.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

McMinnville Band of Brothers March meeting will be a Tribute to Vietnam era Veterans. March 5th, 2020, on the 3rd floor of the Evergreen Museum Campus Theater building. Former 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Larry Brown will be a guest speaker. Veterans and Spouses are welcome at no charge and coffee, tea, and cookies provided by the museum will be offered.

**Riders:** Not much going on, will have our first meeting since October on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Finance Officer:** Gale Sears stated that he attended the DEC meeting in Springfield this past weekend. Online membership renewals were discussed and was told that Oregon did not meet the goals because some Posts are not using the online renewal process.

**Motion:** By Juan Palacios that finance officer move forward with the online process for membership renewal – Seconded by Jim Connelly - **Passed**.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Gale Sears stated that the post has received a donation of a picture of an Indian in full headdress to be donated to Grande Ronde Tribe, cost to be framed approximately \$300.

**Motion:** By Thomas Clayton that the post move forward with have picture framed at a cost of no more than \$300.00 – Seconded by Steve Randles - **Passed**. Larry Brown donated \$100.00; Steve Randles donated \$20.00 toward cost.

**Good of the Order:** Incentive Pins awarded to Terry Ward, Bob Berweger, Leroy Brown and Shirley Brown. If you recruit 3 new members you are awarded a Commanders Incentive Pin.

If pre-arraignments are not made in advance for a Veterans Cemetery and the family pays out of pocket the VA will not reimburse them for the cost.

**Sick and Injured:** Donna Reed, keep her in your thoughts.