

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership Meeting — April 20, 2022

ROLL CALL:

Commander — Juan Palacios — present
First Vice — Bruce Peterson - present
Second Vice — Jim Connelly - present
Adjutant — Shirley Brown — present
JAG — Steve Randles — present
Finance Officer, Gale Sears — present
Sgt. At Arms — Robert DeKar — excused

Service Officer — Tim Anderson - present
Chaplain — Thomas Clayton — present
Historian — Bob Zeeck — absent
At Large — Bob Berweger — present
At Large — Rich Pimm — present
At Large — Paul Schnell — present

Motion: By Paul Schnell that we approve the minutes as presented, - Seconded by Jim Connelly — **Passed.**

Guest: **Debra Godwin, President of Auxiliary, Dept. of Oregon.** The National President of the Auxiliary, Kathy Daudistel, will be here the evening of May 15th for dinner. The she will be here for Breakfast the next morning.

We are planning a Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony followed by a Barbeque starting at 1:00 pm. Asking should we charge, or should we ask for a donation like we have in the past?

Motion: By Rich Pimm that we ask for a donation, seconded by Thomas Clayton — Passed.

Debra explained that as her President's project is going great, the goal was \$10,000, she has raised \$11,400 and there is still 2 months left.

Sick Call: Thomas Clayton stated that the current resident in space #9, Joseph Bloodgood was taken by ambulance. Also, Steve "Doc" Scholenburg is fighting cancer. Our first vice, Bruce Peterson is having heart issues. Please keep Marv Worden's family in your thoughts.

Commander: Attended a funeral at Willamette National Cemetery for a Navy veteran with no family. Commander would like to ask the riders and anyone else to attend the Lafayette Bicycle Rodeo. It is held every year and the kids dress up their bicycles for the Parade which is about six blocks long. They would also like us to raise the flag for the start of the parade. It is July 4th starting at 10:45.

1st Vice: Membership is at 107%.

2nd Vice: Marvin Worden's funeral is this Saturday at 11:00 with reception following here at the post. Elections coming up May 3rd. Boys State coming up in June, we have one application from McMinnville High School.

Finance Officer: Current Post Account Balance \$198,853.63; Lottery Account \$58,086.10; Maintenance Account \$12,419.35; Operating Cash - \$5,357.46 = total assets of \$274,716.54. We received a credit of \$78.09 for the insurance on the copier. Paid out \$956 for maintenance.

Motion: By Tim Anderson that we accept the Finance report as given, seconded by Jim Connelly — Passed.

Service Officer: Tim Anderson asked about the new bridge and the flag stations are going to be replaced. Tim volunteered to stop by the work trailer and see if he could get an answer.

Chaplain: Blood Drive is scheduled for May 25th from 9:00-3:00 in the Honor Room. You MUST register ahead either at the redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) use the sponsor code POST21MAC.

Memorial Day Cemetery run is scheduled for May 30th, it will start in Amity then go to Dayton, Carlton, Baker Creek Church and ending at the Post between 1:00 — 2:00 to Honor those Veterans we have lost.

Thomas explained that he bought a ceremonial Bugle at the cost of \$580.00. Gave instructions to his wife that when he passes the Bugle will go to Post 21.

Motion: By Steve Randles that the Post reimburse Thomas Clayton for 50% of the cost of the Bugle, Seconded by Paul Schnell — Passed.

Judge Advocate: Steve Randles explained about the recent changes to the By-Laws. Starting next year nominations will be in March and April with installations in April, we will only have two months of nominations with elections on the second month. This year the last round on nominations and elections following will be May 3rd. The reason being that if we waited until the

third week in May, we would miss the cut-off for installations 45 days prior to Convention in June. Post 21 did get high compliments from Department about the way our by-laws are written. Would like to thank the by-laws committee for the hard work. The Committee members are Steve Randles, Gale Sears, Paul Schnell, and Shirley Brown.

At Large: Bob Berweger stated that Post 21 again is sponsoring Youth Baseball as well as The Riders. Opening Day is June 4th, which is also the R.O.M.P. (Ride on Military Pride) in seaside. Would like to see as many bikes as possible at the fields for opening Day, those who are not going to seaside should be at the ball fields for opening day. Need as many Legion members as possible at the fields to help support our youth.

At Large: Rich Pimm, as of two weeks ago there was \$20,540 in the Memorial account. The stone alone is \$18,000 put half down (\$9,363) leaving a balance of \$11,117. The ring for the monument has been donated and should be here tomorrow.

At Large: Paul Schnell got a big thank you from Peggy Lutz for the Birthday drive by. There will be a ride for Child Abuse prevention this Friday at 5:30 at Juliette's House. Riders meeting next Wednesday, May 7 is the Quarterly meeting for the Riders. May 14 we will ride to The Dalles and visit the Veterans home there and bring them supplies from their wish list. May 27 will ride to Albany then on to Hermiston for the Wall of Honor. 5/28 Honor Flight leaving Post 10. 6/2-6/5 is the R.O.M.P. in Seaside. Second Saturday in September will be Post 21 Riders Scholarship Poker Run.

Auxiliary: Glenna Smith, last month the Auxiliary had their annual audit, and it went great. Attended the District 2 meeting in Burns, helped on Prime Rib night April 8th and worked the Army Breakfast. The Auxiliary will be hosting Cinco de Mayo this year with Chicken enchiladas, beans, and rice.

Sons: Worked on all the breakfasts. Membership is above 100%. Last month's meeting Robyn Burnett asked about having a gun safety class. Terry has volunteered to have the class at his home (10 people or less), it is a safety class so there will be no shooting. Terry was a previous gun safety trainer.

House Committee: Dan Brown stated he has received 3 bids for having the ducts cleaned. The recommendation from the Executive Board is to go with Webster, their rates are the cheapest. The odor issue is still a problem, got a second company out to scope the sewer lines and their recommendation is the same as the last, to put a back-flow device in the line between the post and the RV park. This should stop the gasses from baking up into the building. The cost for that is approximately \$2,200.

Motion: By Paul Schnell that we have the duct cleaning done by Websters at a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00, seconded by Thomas Clayton – Passed.

Motion: By Paul Schnell that we have the back-flow device installed to eliminate the odors at a cost of no more than \$2,250, seconded by Steve Randles – Passed.

Motion: By Rich Pimm that Post 21 sponsor Miles Bileduea to Boys State at Western Oregon University, seconded by Steve Randles – Passed.

2nd Round Nominations:

Commander – Juan Palacios

1st Vice – Terry Ward

2nd Vice – Jim Connelly

Adjutant – Shirley Brown

JAG – Steve Randles

Finance Officer – Gale Sears

Sgt at Arms – Robert DeKar

Service Officer – Tim Anderson, Robert Andrade

Chaplain – Thomas Clayton

Historian – Vacant

Elections are May 3rd, only Legion members can attend, you must bring your membership card and have paid your 2022 dues.

New Business: Marv Worden is now a member of Post Everlasting; we drape the Charter in his honor.

Good of the Order: All families are now at 100%, Commander will put Post 21 in for the 100% Family Ribbon.

National Commander will be at Post 21 on June 21st.

A big thank you from Gale Sears, PIC Army Breakfast to Terry Naig and Sons who volunteered, Glenna Smith and Auxiliary members who volunteered. The purpose of the Breakfast is to bring the families together.

Next General Membership Meeting is May 3, 2022.