

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21  
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128  
General Membership Meeting — August 18, 2021

**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 - present

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

**Guests:** Officers from Keizer Post #17 Commander Fred Broadwater Adjutant, Roger Holderby and Finance Officer Matt Finance Officer, are here to observe how Post 21 holds a membership meeting.

**Motion:** By Paul Snell that we accept the Minutes as presented. Seconded by Jim Connelly — Passed.

**New Members:** Ken Anderson was a member of Aloha Post 158 before moving to Southern California where he was the Commander, has now moved back to Oregon and is transferring to Post 21. Ralph Burkette, retired 18 years from the navy. Transferring in from Portland Post.

**Finance Officer:** Current Post Account Balance \$133,930; Lottery Account 41,130; Maintenance Account 10,314; Operating Cash - \$11,119.75 = total assets of \$196,495.14. Workman's Comp Insurance is \$979. Liability Insurance will be due in October. Currently we are doing very could financially, we need to look into how we can improve the building update the kitchen, seal the asphalt, fix the flooding in the parking lot.

**Motion:** By Jim Connelly that we accept the Finance report as presented, seconded by Paul Schnell — Passed.

**Commanders Report:** Commander would like to thank the Riders for all their help in getting his son to Willamette, The Patriot Riders were there and did a flag line. The Air Force did the honors at the Cemetery and the Honor Guard folded a flag once we got back to the post. New Legion Flag will be ordered this week.

**New Business:**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Membership Goal for 2022 is 404.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Has been tasked to help operations run smoother to spruce up the meetings. Commander would like to see the social calendar filled wo months in advance. Has also asked that everyone who has a Legion hat to wear it to the meetings and whenever you attend a Legion function.

Upcoming evets; Lemonade Day Run 8/21; 9/11 Remembrance Day Ceremony; 9/18 National Commander Visit; 9/18 Scholarship Poker Run; 9/12 District 2 Meeting; 9/13 — Eboard meeting; 9/15 — General Membership Meeting; 921 — Auxiliary Meeting; 9/25 UFO Festival; 9/29 — Legion Riders Meeting. 10/16 Sons Oyster Feed. Chili Cook off and Battle of the Branches to be set in the future. Need to look into Christmas trees for this year, need about 300-400 trees.

**Service Officer:** Looked into the cost of having the equipment and walls cleaned in the kitchen. Cost is \$125.00 per hour, estimate it will take 2 — 3 hours costing about \$375.00.

**Motion:** By Gale Sears that we move forward with the hood cleaning and equipment cleaning at a cost not to exceed \$375.00.

We have one wheel char ramp that we need to installed, will need volunteers to help.

**Chaplain:** Ed Eneboe is out of the hospital and is now in a skilled nursing facility.

**Historian:** Honor Guard put up the flags for the Air Show at Evergreen and fed the Sea Cadets and the volunteer staff at Evergreen. Leroy took the pictures as the Historian was not available.

**Auxiliary:** Auxiliary members made neck coolers for the Golf Tournament, Garages sale was August 13, 14 & 15. Had lots of help from all the families and made over \$3,000. Would like to present \$200 of the proceeds to The Legion.

**Motion:** By Dan Brown that the money go towards the Memorial Fund. Seconded by Rich Pimm – Passed.

**Sons:** Terry Naig said the Sons are planning on the Oyster Feed to take place October 16<sup>th</sup> from Noon – 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome you don't have to be a member. Wanted everyone to know that the money raised will go to Juliette's House. Sons have kitchen duty this Friday.

**Riders:** Paul Schnell thanked those who volunteered to put up the finance for the Air Show. Thanked everyone who helped escort the Commanders son to Willamette National. The Birthday ride for 99 year old WWII Veteran was a great success, he was overwhelmed by the support. Upcoming Birthday Ride for Jim Black a 95 year old WWII Veteran who received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star at Okinawa. Scholarship Run is next month, will need lots of volunteer. Will know more after Riders meeting next week.

**Rose Garden Memorial:** Rich Pimm wanted everyone to know that if you are a veteran, you can pre request your name to go on the new memorial for \$100.00. You can also placard with your name on it to go on a ceiling tile in the Lounge. Need to plan for additional memorials, need to look into the infrastructure for the future.

**At Large:** Bob Berweger thanked everyone who helped with the fencing for the Air Show, Dan Brown, Don McInnis, Rick Farris, Steve Randles, Tim & Susan Fuller. Also received a BIG thank you from the Air Show.

**Honor Guard:** Angel Mendoza said the honor guard has done eight flag presentations in the last month including one at the Destruction Derby where for the first time the National Anthem was playing during the presentation. The Honor Guard also assisted the Commander with the Celebration of Life for his son. DEC has been postponed due to lack of accommodations for those visiting. Upcoming events are Labor Day Birthday for WWII Veteran, 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, 9/12 District 2 meeting at the post; 9/12 Flag presentation at Portland International Raceway, 9/17 POW MIA Day presentation. 9/18 National Commander Visit. Angel was presented an Award for the Honor Guard that was given out at convention in June.

**House Committee:** Cameras have come in and will be installed in the next few weeks based on our volunteers' schedules. Looking at ways to fix the drainage problem in the parking lot, need to get that done before we can even think about resealing it. The Golf Tournament made \$8,000 dollars in profits.

**Motion:** By Dan Brown that \$1,000.00 of the proceeds go to the Auxiliary. Seconded by Jim Connelly – Passed.

**Good of the Order:** Angel Mendoza stated that if you are a veteran and you wish to speak at a meeting you MUST stand up and salute the commander to receive the floor, after you are finished you MUST salute the commander to return the floor back to him. Commander Palacios wanted everyone to know that Angel is now his aid, he has no powers he has just been tasked with aiding the Commander with projects.

**Sick or Injured:** Ron Woodard is in a care home in Newberg.

**Next meeting:** September 15, 2021.