

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership Meeting — June 15, 2022.

ROLL CALL:

Commander — Juan Palacios — present
First Vice — Terry Ward - 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 — Robert Andrade — present
Chaplain — Thomas Clayton — present
Historian — Vacant
At Large — Bob Berweger — present
At Large — Dab Brown — present
At Large — Rich Pimm — present

Motion: By Rich Pimm that we approve the minutes as presented, - Seconded by Thomas Clayton — **Passed.**

Guest: Michael Warrens, VP Ground Operations for the International Air Show. Would like help again this year putting up and tearing down the fencing. Need 10-12 people. Still negotiating on when we will get access to the Airport would like to start early on Tuesday and Wednesday setting up the fencing. Then on Sunday start about 4-4:30 tearing down. Mr. Warrens said they get \$1,500 for each pop-up canopy booth that is at the show, if they are not sold out it might be possible for Post 21 to have a spot. Mr. Warrens explained that McMinnville is now the prime spot for the air show, not sure how long they will be able to do one in Hillsboro because the area surrounding the airport is getting to congested to allow safe flight operations. Would like to see the Riders do the opening ceremonies again.

Motion: By Bob Berweger that Post 21 assist at the Air Show, seconded by Steve Randles — **Passed.**

Additional Guests — Gregoria “Goya” Hernandez, Auxiliary Unit President. Terry Naig, Sons Commander, and Rider Director.

Commander: Looking at having the 2023 Convention here. There is another Post that is willing to help.

Motion: By Paul Schnell that Post 21 Host the 2023 Convention, Seconded by Robert Andrade — **Passed.**

Would like to see the Post put on a BBQ after the Baseball Season for the three teams we support and the families.

1st Vice: Membership is now at 108.91%.

2nd Vice: 6/18 Fishing with a Vet. 6/21-22 Convention in Aloha. 7/4 Car & Bike Show & BBQ. The Riders have been asked to escort Debra Godwin, Oregon Auxiliary President to Bend.

Finance Officer: Current Post Account Balance \$208,972.24; Lottery Account 57,683.00; Maintenance Account 11,429.35; Operating Cash - \$11,758.76 = total assets of \$289,843.35. Lottery cash on hand increased by \$4,000 to accommodate payouts. Facilities Maintenance payments \$15,426 for parking lot leaving a balance of zero. Will need \$15,000 to replace the heat pump on the bar side of the building.

Motion: By Paul Schnell that we accept the Finance Report as presented, Seconded by Leroy Brown — **Passed.**

Service Officer: Received a letter from Paula Brown, former Deputy Director of the Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs asking for help for her grandson. He has been diagnosed with inoperable brain cancer. Looking for help from the Post, they have a GoFundMe page set up and are having a silent auction in Dallas. They are asking for any help we can provide, prayers, fundraisers, help get the story out there. Commander Palacios is donating the \$250 he received for the Commanders project to the family.

Chaplain: Blood drive on May 25th was a success, we had a goal of 20 people. Did have 20 people sign up but 3 were unable to give blood. The Red Cross said that was very good for a first-time blood drive, next year will be even bigger. Virgil Lucht passed away yesterday, keep Kathy in your prayers.

Sgt. At Arms: Let a group of riders to Tigard for flag Day, it was an overwhelming honor. Gave a 98-year-old lady a ride on my motorcycle.

At Large Bob Berweger: Baseball schedules are posted on the front and back doors; the Post is sponsoring 3 teams. Would like to have a BBQ at the end of the season for the players and their families, looking for volunteers.

At Large Rich Pimm: 12,700 in account (still need more) Met with Wayne Dykes he is going to set the form for the new monument. Everything is progressing very slowly.

Motion: By Bob Berweger that the Post Donate \$5,000.00 towards the Rose Garden for the new Monument, seconded by Rich Pimm. Passed.

House Committee: Parking Lot is completed; ducts have been cleaned. Working on getting bids to replace the Heat Pump that has gone out. Odor issues continue, need to wait till backyard dries out to dig. Hopefully in mid-July.

Auxiliary: Been a little busy, did a Cinco de Mayo dinner in May, sold Poppies at Evergreen, assisted with the Memorial Day run. Gave \$1,000 Scholarship to Justin Rosenbloom from Amity.

Sons: Membership is at 125% with 45 members. Will be doing a Korean Veteran/WWII breakfast on July 24th.

Riders: Membership is at 100% with 60 members. This Saturday there will be a Poker Run during Sheridan Days first bike out at 8:30. Scholarship Run scheduled for September 10th. Five Scholarships were awarded this year.

New Business: Leroy Brown announced that Evergreen Museum is building a Studio to be used for interviewing Veterans. 4th of July flag raising ceremony at Lafayette Fire Hall at 10:30.

Good of The Order: Thomas Clayton would like to donate the money he was to get for the Bugle to the Commanders Project.

Nex General Membership Meeting is July 20, 2022.