

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
GENERAL COMMITTEE
March 15, 2017

Commander Gale Sears opened the meeting at 1829 hours

ROLL CALL:

Commander – Gale Sears, _____ present	Chaplain – Thomas Clayton, _____ present
First Vice – Larry Brown, _____ present	Historian – Leroy Brown, _____ present
Second Vice – Terry Ward, _____ present	Sgt. At Arms – Jerry Perry, _____ present
Finance Officer – Mark Rathburn, _____ present	Past Commander – S. Farley, _____ present
Adjutant – Shirley Brown, _____ present	At Large – B. Berweger, _____ present
Judge Advocate – Steve Randles, _____ present	At Large – F. Martin, _____ present
Service Officer – Jeannie Clayton, _____ present	_____ 13 _____ Officers are present being a Quorum

New Members: Joseph & Beth Lillibridge, transfer from Dallas post. Both served in the U.S. Army.

Motion: Steve Farley motioned that we accept both Joseph & Beth Lillibridge as members of Post 21. Seconded by Leroy Brown – all in favor – Passed.

VISITORS: Tom & Nick from Tools4Troops.  Tools4Troops provides free hand and power tools to veterans and serving members of the 5 branches of the U.S. Armed Forces at Veteran Stand Down events and also through Work Source Oregon and the Goodwill, they also provide tools needed for employment and to students needing tools for educational purposes. The belief is that tools enable veterans to improve their world and access wider employment opportunities. T4T accepts donations of money and tools and also volunteer hours. For more information visit their website www.tools4troops.org.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

Motion: By Steve Farley motion that we should accept the minutes from last month as presented. Seconded by Steve Randles – all in favor – Passed.

FINANCE OFFICER: Mark Rathburn presented the financial report: Total profit for February \$6,366.93.

Motion: S. Farley motioned that accept the financial report Seconded by S Randles – all in favor – Passed.

COMMANDERS REPORT: Commander Sears on behalf of Post 21 presented Arnie Hollander a certificate of appreciation along with monetary donation and a membership card for the American Legion in appreciation for his dedication to Veterans and his continued support of Post 21.

Commander Sears announced that we have been accepted as a Commemorative Partner of the Vietnam War Commemoration organization and handed out over 80 pins so far, during the last several meetings and at Navy Breakfast.

Commander Sears announced that there will be a Meet & Greet for the National Commander on April 9th at the Veterans Center in Salem.

Volunteer hours update: The numbers have been tallied and so far, the Navy and the Marines are tied at 211 hours each, the Air Force has 118 hours and the Army has 88 hours for a total of 628 Volunteer hours for March.

Son's: Terry Naig explained that The Sons are preparing for elections next month. Terry sent out a big thank you to Virgil Lucht for doing the potluck fundraiser for the S.A.L. by getting people to the club to watch the Daytona 500 Race. Virgil did a Super Bowl type numbers game and raised \$150.10 that was donated to the S.A.L

American Legion Rider's: Jerry Perry explained that one member has reached the 3,000-mile goal for the *Incentive Ride Program*. In order for the miles ridden to qualify the member must be wearing their Legion Vest while riding solo and must ride with another member on a separate bike who is also wearing their vest.

The Legacy Run is scheduled for September 9th. It will be a local run this year and will end at Post 21 for a barbeque and live music. More details to come.

1st Vice: Almost out of Vietnam Commemorative Pins, only 5 left. More on order should be here by the end of the week.

2nd Vice: Lots of activities coming up in the future. St. Patrick's Day Dinner this Friday, Chili Cook-off on 4/1 – bring chili in at 9:30 – Judging starts at 11:30; Marine Breakfast on 4/9; Air Force Breakfast 4/23; Cinco de Mayo 5/5; Mother's Day Brunch 5/14; Indy 500 Potluck 5/28; All family BBQ 5/29; Army Birthday 6/14; Pinewood Derby Race 6/17; Father's Day Bruch 6/18; Frank E. Evans Memorial Dedication.

JAG: At this point there are no issues for the Club. The By-laws are complete and have published. The club rules have been reviewed and revised but have not yet been published.

Chaplain: Hoss Hostetler service was held on Saturday; the honor guard was present. We have another member who is very ill, Willy Andrist, please keep him in your thoughts. The Post is now out of Catholic Bibles and we need to order more. A Bible is given to the family at every service.

Historian: Lots of pictures taken at the Navy/Cost Guard Breakfast pictures have been posted on the Historian's Facebook page. Will be taking pictures at the other Breakfast gatherings as well.

At Large: Fred Martin explained that we have lost our point of contact for Flag disposal. He is working on contacting someone at the Steel Mill since their facility has the capabilities to follow the guidelines required for flag disposal.

At Large: Bob Berweger gave the floor to Jim Connelly who talked about Boy's State & Girls State. We are gearing up for Boy's State & Girl's State Angel Mendoza, Bob Berweger and Jim Connelly are working on getting the information out to the local schools but we need a way to get the information out to the home school kids. No decision has been made regarding how many attendants the post will sponsor.

Member of the Year: Jim Connelly is seeking a "written notice – with a explanatory paragraph for the Nomination of American Legion Member of the Year and legion Rider of the Year.

Simply a name offered for nomination and recognition will not suffice this year. We are looking ofr the reasons the veteran is being nominated. This should not be confused with a popularity contest. Plese give this rating of high priority and great thought. Nominations are needed ASAP in order to vote on selections. Contact Jim Connelley at 868 Howard Jordan Loop, Dayton, OR 97114 coachconn@hotmail.com or 503-550-7541.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commander Sears explained that the \$800.00 for support of McMinnville Youth Baseball and Softball has yet to be sent to the city. The club will be sponsoring both a Boys Baseball and a Girls Softball team, and a banner valued at \$200.00 with the American Legion Logo displayed at the ball fields and also the player's uniform shirts will display that the team is sponsored by the American Legion. Commander Sears is asking the other families to contribute to the costs associated with this local community spring/summer baseball/softball support program.

NEW BUSINESS: Commander Sears explained that as a result of the construction by Habitat across the street from the club the power will be shut off for 8 hours sometime in the future and the club will be closed for that time.

Suggestions have been made for a Battle of the Branches BBQ or perhaps a Rib Cook-Off details to come.

House committee: Drink Chip rules will be changing on April 15, if you have chips that need to be exchanged for the new ones you must contact Ericka, she will exchange your old chips for the new ones. The house committee is reviewing the prices of food and drinks and changes of the menu. The Quarter Jar and chip exchange rules are changing more details will follow.

R. Pimm: Bingo Committee has renewed their license with the state. Since we are the only Bingo Game in town attendance has been increasing regularly and more table are needed.

Convention: Rich Pimm asked if the Board wanted him to coordinate reservations and attendance for the Convention June 20-24, 2017 at Ka-ne-tah Resort.

Motion: Steve Farley motioned that Rich Pimm coordinate Convention reservations and passes.
Seconded by Leroy Brown – all in favor – Passed.

R. Pimm was approved to be the individual that would develop a list of delegates to attend the convention after department provided the number of delegates authorized for the Post.

BATHROOM REMODEL: Rich Pimm explained that he has a petition signed by 18 members that the Flag needs to be removed from the men’s bathroom as it is offensive to the membership. Rich further stated that he would ask that the flag be removed or another flag be purchased to be displayed in the club for all to see.

Motion: Rich Pimm motioned that the flag in the men’s room be removed unless another flag is purchased and displayed in the club. No Second – Motion dies on the floor. Rich Pimm was unable to get the additional flag issued within the motion.

Election Nominations:

- Commander – Gale Sears
- 1st Vice - Larry Brown
- 2nd Vice – Terry Ward
- Adjutant – Shirley Brown
- Judge Advocate – Steve Randles
- Finance Officer – Mark Rathburn
- Service Officer – Jeanie Clayton
- Chaplain – Thomas Clayton
- Historian – Leroy Brown
- Sgt. At Arms – Fred Martin and Joseph Lillibridge

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Jim Connelley wanted to thank all the volunteers (over 18) who helped out during the Navy Breakfast. The Navy served over 200 breakfasts and made approximately \$2,000 for the Post.

Need to get the word out that Vietnam Veteran Commemorative pins are available for all (don’t need to be a member).

Frank E. Evans dedication June 8th except that there will be a very large media presence.

SICK & INJURED: Joe Lillibridge is having surgery, keep him in your prayers.

HAND SALUTE:

CLOSING PRAYER: T. CLAYTON

ADJOURNED: 20:04