

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership Meeting — August 21, 2019

ROLL CALL:

Commander — Steve Farley, excused	Chaplain — Thomas Clayton, present
First Vice — Robert Berweger, present	Historian — Leroy Brown, present
Second Vice — Terry Ward, present	Sgt. At Arms — Ron Grose, present
Finance Officer — Gale Sears, excused	At Large — Paul Schnell, excused
Adjutant — Shirley Brown, present	At Large — Sam Fields, present
Judge Advocate — Steve Randles, present	At Large — Jim Connelly, present
Service Officer — Juan Palacios, present	

New member: Charlie Bauer — USAF; John Mohammed — USA; Dan Brown — USAF. Unanimous Motion that we accept them as new members, seconded by Terry Ward. — Passed.

Minutes: Motion by R. Pimm Seconded by Leroy Brown that Minutes be approved with minor spelling changes — Passed .

Finance: Finance Officer Gale Sears stated that the post account is now at \$60,462. Working with bookkeeper to track dues when they come into the post and when a check is written to Department. Would like to see an accurate accounting of membership dues. UVHG reported no change in their finances, however bank statement did, will be checking on that as well. Also working on insurance for post officers. **Motion:** by Jim Smith, seconded by Terry Ward that we accept the finance report as presented. Passed.

Commanders Report: Acting Commander Bob Berweger reported that the Post has committed to building the temporary fence Bob Berweger and Sam Fields will be working with the Ground Operations Crew. There is a sign-up-sheet on the bar. We need everyone to help. Tentative meeting on Sept 14th. Meet on Tuesday, September 17 to start work. Don Weber would like us to set up an information booth at the show. Membership voted should man a booth; would like to see members of all families helping man the booth. Lions Club is looking for volunteers, Bob stated he would get additional information as to when and where.

2nd Vice: Upcoming August 26 — Open Mic; 9/7 Scholarship Poker Ride; 9/17 Air Show Fence building; 9/17; Air Show 9/20-22; Pierogi's by the Son's on September 28th; D.E.C. at Post 21 — 9/29; Stand Down 10/12.

NEW BUSINESS: Scholarship Poker Run and Auction is September 7th all money raised provides Scholarships to children of Local Fallen Veterans' since 911. Scholarships are awarded by Post 21 Riders Scholarship Committee; applicant must be a graduating senior and the child of a veteran.

Riders State Meeting is September 14th — PIC — Gale Sears.

Dianne Hays-Hatch — Lions also has sight/hearing program — free to those who qualify. They also have a scholarship program and provide flags for 1st graders. She will update as to when and where help is needed.

JAG: Received By-laws and Constitutional changes back from Department JAG with high compliments said this is the best he's seen from any post.

Service Officer: We have had a recent request from a homeless veteran for a room for the night. Could not find a place in McMinnville — Gospel Mission has on bed available for one Night. This is a veteran that has been working the system throughout Oregon and Washington. His name is now in the book behind the bar please do not assist him in the future. Veteran needing help with Ramp has still not heard anything from the VA, may need some volunteers to help.

Chaplain: Volunteer hours Army 375.5; Navy 259.5; USMC 404; USAF 32.5 — Total: 1,071.5 volunteer hours for the last 30 days, Total Hours this year 3,411 for all families. A list of what qualifies as volunteer hours will be posted soon.

Discussion regarding how maintenance funds are set aside for future use. Finance Officer requested that a separate account be opened for maintenance purposes. **Motion** by Sam Fields that Finance Officer be authorized to determine if a separate account can be created for maintenance funds. Seconded by Leroy Brown.

Sgt. at Arms: Will be painting the rest of the parking lot soon.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Steve Randles voted as Rider of The Year. Raffle prize for attendance won by Carol Brown. Adjourned.