

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21  
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
APRIL 18, 2018

**ROLL CALL:**

Commander – Gale Sears, present	Chaplain – Thomas Clayton, present
First Vice – Larry Brown, absent	Historian – Leroy Brown, present
Second Vice – Terry Ward, present	Sgt. At Arms – Bob Berweger, absent
Finance Officer – vacant	At Large – S. Farley, present
Adjutant – Shirley Brown, present	At Large – J. Smith, absent
Judge Advocate – Steve Randles, present	At Large – Joe Lillibridge, present
Service Officer – Jeannie Clayton, present	<b><u>9 Officers are present = Quorum.</u></b>
	<b><u>15 Members present</u></b>

**Visitor:** Rich Pimm presented a Public Relations Program between the Post and the McMinnville Police Department. “Action Figures to Heroes” to present a super hero to a child facing a situation. He is asking for support from Post 21 and to place a drop off box in the lounge so new or slightly used 10-12-inch action heroes can be dropped off they will be cleaned, sanitized and wrapped for distribution by the Police Department.

**Motion:** By Steve Farley that we allow Rich Pimm to use the Legion Name for advertising of donations and allow him to place a bin in the restaurant area for donations of figurines. Seconded by Leroy Brown – Passed.

**Review of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** By Steve Farley that we accept the minutes as written, seconded by Leroy Brown – PASSED.

**Finance Report:** Commander Sears presented the finance report with net income for March as \$19,327.62 up from \$17,753.12. Commander Sears further stated that the Tax Liability for the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter \$9,044. Commander Sears further stated that the United Veterans Honor Guard is now a part of Post 21 and their finances will go through the Post.

**MOTION:** By Steve Farley that we accept the finance report as presented, seconded by Leroy Brown – PASSED.

**Commanders Report:** Commander Sears stated that the by-laws are being updated to include the United Veterans Honor Guard and will be voted on next month. LED lighting upgrade will be happening soon, and volunteers will be needed. The Defibrillator is on site and we are working on scheduling the training. Commanders Sears presented two challenge coins: David Whitt with a Commanders Coin for his contribution in purchasing the new stickers that will be sent out with membership renewals; and Steve Randles for all his hard work on the Legal Committee and By-Laws committee and for his hard work on the John Peterson matter.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Nominations:**

Commander	–	Bob Berweger	–	Not Present
	–	Steve Farley	–	accepts
1st Vice	–	Larry Brown	–	accepts
2nd Vice	–	Joe Lillibridge	–	accepts
	-	Cody Pankey	–	accepts
Finance Officer	–	Gale Sears	–	accepts
	–	Juan Palacios	–	accepts
Adjutant	–	Shirley Brown	–	accepts
Judge Advocate	–	Steve Randles	–	accepts
Service Officer	–	Jeanne Clayton	–	accepts
Chaplain	–	Thomas Clayton	–	accepts
Historian	–	Leroy Brown	–	accepts
Sgt. At Arms	–	Ron Grose	–	accepts

**New Business:** Rich Pimm asked for support from Post 21 officers for Flag Day Ceremony on June 14. This will require participation from the Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice and Sgt at Arms and the Honor Guard. Will follow accepted Legion practice in the proper disposal of flag.

**MOTION:** By Dennis Frasier that Post 21 participate in Flag Ceremony on Flag Day and that the Post purchase the burner needed for the ceremony – Seconded by Leroy Brown – Passed.

**Commander Sears** stated that there was a recent Environmental Health Inspection resulted in a write up regarding the outside propane tanks. Outside tanks are not allowed, they must be attached to the RV. This will be addressed by the house committee.

Veterans Build dedication on April 28, 2018 at 11:00, all are invited, honor guard will present colors.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Upcoming Activities are planned as follows: Cinco de Mayo – May 5<sup>th</sup>; Mother's Day Brunch – May 13<sup>th</sup> Take a Soldier Fishing – May 19; Social Potluck – June 9; Father's Day Brunch – June 17; Boy Scout BBQ – June 23; Convention in Florence June 27 – 30; VFW Fundraiser June 30; Veterans Support Golf Tournament July 14.

Commander Sears asked who would like to attend the Convention. Rich Pimm, Thomas Clayton and Stan Lepowski said they would like to attend.

**MOTION:** *By Steve Farley that Post 21 provide reimbursement to delegates attending convention in the amount of \$350 with receipts – Seconded by Dennis Frasier – Passed.*

Juan Palacios stated that the flags in the honor room should be updated, some of the poles are missing their tops and the bases are not uniform. We should be proud of our Post and proud of our flag. Juan accepted the task of updating the flags.

Steve Farley invited everyone to attend the upcoming Veterans Support Golf Tournament, you do not need to be a veteran to participate. He also stated that there will be a committee formed to help with hole sponsorship and donations and to help during the Tournament. If you would like to help, let Steve know.

#### **Officer Reports:**

**Judge Advocate:** On March 14<sup>th</sup> there was a hearing held in Ontario regarding John Peterson. Mr. Peterson told the Department JAG that logistically he could not be there, JAG told him he could ask for a continuance, he did not ask for one and did not show up. A full hearing was held, Mr. Peterson was represented by witnesses as was the Post, Mr. Peterson was found guilty and was expelled from The American Legion is no longer a member.

By-laws were approved by the Department JAG on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Presentation of proposed amendments to include the United Veterans Honor Guard were presented to the membership. Voting will take place at the Membership meeting in May.

**Service Officer:** Old Stone landscaping planned in the future, Newberg Post will assist. If you are Auxiliary and are planning on going to convention let Debra Godwin know.

Would like to do a fundraiser to assist Alice Balcombe with funds to attend the opening of the Army Museum where her mother was inducted in 2106. Her mother Sgt 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jeanne Balcombe, a military police officer who was killed on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 1999 by a fellow soldier while on active duty in South Korea. Balcombe and two other women are the first of 41 soldiers whose stories will be told on free-standing, stainless steel pylons in the museum's soldier's stories gallery. Let's see how much we can raise to help Alice attend the dedication for her mother.

**Chaplain:** Thomas Clayton stated that he will be Blessing the Bikes before the Poker Run on May 6<sup>th</sup> in Lebanon. On May 5<sup>th</sup> the Honor Guard will present the colors at the annual Celebration at Champoeg Park. They will also be presenting the colors on Memorial Day. June 9<sup>th</sup> for the Highland Games at Linfield.

**Sons:** Voting is done, and new officers are G. Hamilton, Commander; A. Mendoza – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice; S. Kindel – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice; T. Naig – Adjutant; B. Lepowski – Sgt at Arms; P. Jensen – Chaplain.

**Nominations Committee:** Those of you who were recently nominated please contact someone on the committee, so they can explain what the position entails.

**Riders:** Mike Paull invited everyone on a ride this weekend to see Ken Austin's car collection. You do not have to be a rider to attend all are welcome. Meeting at the Post on Saturday at 10:30.

**Sick or Injured:** Lil Farley fell and is doing ok, a little banged up but otherwise ok. Keep her in your thoughts.

Meeting was adjourned at 20:43 hrs.

Next meeting 23 March 1830 hrs.