

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership Meeting — October 20, 2021

ROLL CALL:

Commander — Juan Palacios — present
First Vice — Bruce Peterson - excused
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

Draping of the Charter: In memory of Jack Baily and Warren Collins the Charter and the playing of Taps.

Motion: By Rich Pimm that we accept the Minutes as presented, seconded by Jim Connelly — **Passed.**

New Members: Jim Shaw — Coast Guard. Rich Vanatta — USMC.

Motion: By Paul Schnell that we accept Jim Shaw and Rich Vanatta as new members, seconded by Leroy Brown — **Passed.**

Current Post Account Balance \$148,561.39 Lottery Account 42,154.38; Maintenance Account 3,898.55; Operating Cash - \$15,160.37 = total assets of \$209,774. There are \$7,000 in bills that were recently paid that have not yet been recorded by the bank. We have recently obtained our Liability, Workers Compensation and Alcohol Liability insurance for the upcoming year.

Motion: By Bob Berweger that we accept the Finance report as presented, seconded by Robert De Kar — **Passed.**

Commanders Report: Recently attended the Fall DEC at Aurora and was bragging about our Post, ended up being fined \$50.00 for bragging, ended up paying an additional \$50.00 to continue bragging about POST 21! The next District 2 meeting will be on November 14th at the Sheridan Post with a 1:00 potluck followed by the meeting at 2:00 everyone is invited. Will need someone from the post to attend to read the Post 21 report. Recently had contact from an individual from Dayton who was a POW in the Philippines during WWII. Working on getting him his POW metal to present to his family. "We don't leave our members behind" He also is on the Memorial in Dayton. His Grandson is a McMinnville Police Officer.

2nd Vice: Activities are the grease that make us grow. Glenna Smith was the only member at the last activities meeting, need more people to attend, need to hear your ideas. The Sons Oyster Feed was a tremendous success. Upcoming events are November 7th Second Winds Band Salute to Veterans Concert at the Community Center; November 11th Veterans Day Dinner (free meal to all veterans, with proof of service). Looking into the future for a Thanksgiving Day Potluck, White Elephant Christmas Party, Chili Cook-off, also looking into having a cribbage game night. Auxiliary will be doing their Christmas basket drive in December. They are also raffleg for a Crabbing Trip for four, tickets are \$20.00 each. Also, currently there is a shotgun raffle and a knife raffle to help fund the 3rd Veterans Memorial in the Rose Garden.

Adjutant: Current membership is at 68% with 275 members renewing their dues. Deadline for input in the Newsletter is next Thursday, October 28th.

Service Officer: Call from a veteran who needs help with the appeal process for his VA claim. Need help installing a wheelchair ramp for a Veteran. Also need volunteers to put up flags on the bridge for Veterans Day. Would like to thank the Riders for escorting his ex-wife to her final resting place at Willamette Cemetery.

Chaplain: Keep Debra Jushae and Chris Sieber in your thoughts.

Auxiliary: Presented with a \$1,000.00 donation from the proceeds of the Golf Tournament for all their help during the preparation and the Tournament itself. The Auxiliary recently picked up hazelnuts from a members hazelnut orchard, look for them to be on sale as soon as they are roasted. The Auxiliary recently helped a veteran move into an apartment.

Riders: Would like to thank everyone that showed up to escort Jack Baily, there were 136 bikes in the escort, thank you everyone. There will be an event at Spirit Mountain Casino on Veterans Day from Noon – 1:00, it is a drive through there will be free gas cards, t shirt and lunch available till supplies last.

Sons: Pearl Harbor Breakfast on December 7th – all WWII veterans eat for free. Funds generated will go to Juliette's House.

Bob Berweger: Wanted to thank Dr. Schmidt and Dwayne "Dewey" Jackson for their help in getting the Rose Garden ready for winter. Visited a home of two Veterans (husband & wife) on Wallace Road where they have on display every US flag that has flown.

Had two people help get the Rose Garden ready for winter, thank you for the help

Memorial Rose Garden Update: Currently we have \$15,966 in the bank to go towards purchasing a new monument. Ordered Solar lights for the new monument this will reduce the installation cost for the new monument. There is a name on the first monument that was misspelled, it will cost \$245 to have it corrected.

New Business:

Gale Sears stated that Department is looking at putting a Monument at Department Headquarters in Wilsonville it will be 15 feet long cost estimates are \$55,000, feels that the post should consider donating for that monument.

House Committee: Looking into Christmas Trees, it is going to cost more than last year and there are not many trees available. Need someone who can pick them up. Will be gone hunting so will not be available. Also, will be gone for Thanksgiving so need someone to head up the tree sales. Robert De Kar volunteered his commercial trailer for pick-up. Robert will call to schedule pick-up.

Motion: By Paul Schnell that we pay the \$3,900 for purchase of Christmas Trees, seconded by Bob Berweger – **Passed.**

The odor in the building has not gone away, house committee would like to have the drains scoped to determine if there is a blockage in the sewer drains.

Motion: By Bob Berweger that House Committee be authorized to have the sewer scoped at a cost not to exceed \$1,000, seconded by Robert De Kar – **Passed.**

Good of the Order: Would like to see the post have a cribbage game day on Fridays from 11:00 – 1:00.

Sick or injured: Debra Jushae and Chris Sieber. Ron Woodard.

Next meeting: November 17, 2021.