

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership Meeting — June 16, 2021

ROLL CALL:

Commander — Juan Palacios — present
First Vice — Bruce Peterson — present
Second Vice — Jim Connelly - **excused**
Adjutant — Shirley Brown — present
JAG — Steve Randles — present
Finance Officer, Gale Sears — present

Sgt. At Arms — Robert DeKar — present
Service Officer — Tim Anderson — present
Historian — **absent**
At Large — **vacant**
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New Members: Terry Howell — General Manager at Evergreen Museum. Terry Howell is a Vietnam veteran and was presented with the 50-year Vietnam Commemorative pin. Terry spoke about the upcoming changes at the museum, they will be working directly with George Fox to create some hands-on exhibits. They will have a room that will teach kids how life on Mars would be. They are also going to have an Observatory on the grounds. The new focus will be on space exploration but they will preserve the history of the museum.

Motion: By Thomas Clayton that we accept Terry Howell as a new member of Post 21, seconded by Robert DeKar — Passed.

Commander: Would like to appoint Bob Berweger, Rich Pimm and Paul Schnell to the three vacant at large positions.

Motion: By Gale Sears that we accept the appointment to at the At Large Positions of Bob Berweger, Rich Pimm and Paul Schnell, seconded by Robert DeKar — Passed.

Guest: Debra Godwin, acting bar manager wanted everyone to know about the upcoming Car & Motorcycle Show on July 4th, we will be serving Pulled Pork sliders award will be given out at 4:00, volunteers are needed.

Motion: By Paul Schnell that we accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Thomas Clayton — Passed.

Finance Officer: Total Assets \$163,762.76. This now includes the Payroll Protection money that has been transferred into the post account. We received a donation of \$12,000 with a request that \$2,000.00 be given to the Sea Cadets. 2020 Taxes have been filed. Steve Randles asked if maybe we should raise our food prices. New safe has arrived the cost was \$699. Still working with insurance company on workers compensation. Working on recovering chairs.

Motion: By Paul Schnell that we accept the finance report as presented, seconded by Thomas Clayton — Passed.

Commanders Report: Thank you for electing me. I would like to see a better line of communication among the families, we are all here to work together helping veterans. Would like the Honor Room to be an Honor Room, not a storage room. If you use the room, put it back the way it belongs. When you are in the Post having dinner or drinks and you see someone new, welcome them. Would like everyone to know about his Commanders Project — Would like to get a new Legion Flag, the one on display is bigger than the American Flag and drags on the ground and is extremely dirty. Cost of new flag is \$1,100.00 will be doing some fundraisers.

NEW BUSINESS:

All the families have donated \$150.00 for hole sponsorship at the Golf Tournament, would like to see the Post also contribute.

Motion: By Tim Anderson that The Post sponsor a hole at the Golf Tournament for \$150.00 — seconded by Thomas Clayton — Passed.

Service Officer: We have a veteran who lives in McMinnville that wants a wheel chair ramp installed in his garage. We have one that we can install, just need some volunteers. Sea Cadets have been helping put out the flags, would like to see them wearing a reflective vest.

Chaplain: Kevin Sands, former member of Post 21, now a member of Post 58 – Newberg passed. Please if you know of someone who has passed let the Chaplain know. We are now going to put the names in the newsletter. We will also be draping the Charter for those members who have passed.

Auxiliary: Glenna Smith, new President, upcoming garage sale August 13, 14 and 15 proceeds to be split among the families. Will be gathering donations after the Car and Motorcycle show. Becky Berweger is PIC.

Sons: Terry Naig, stated that they have been having their regular meetings and are looking at having the long-awaited Oyster Feed in October.

Riders: Paul Schnell the Riders will be attending Sheridan Days this Saturday arrive between 8:00 – 10:00 for Breakfast at the Sheridan Post - last bike out at 10:00. There will be a Parade and the bikes are going first. Scholarship Poker Run is in September. Thank you everyone for showing up for the Cemetery Tours on Memorial Day, the Highway 18 Riders came along as well, it was a great turn out.

Honor Guard: New Honor Guard member, Dan Jones. On June 29th our Honor Guard do a flag presentation for the National Commander who is visiting Post 136 in Salem. The Honor Guard provided 23 Full military honors last year. On July 3rd we will be providing honors in Sheridan. July 4th the Honor Guard will present the Colors for the Car & Motorcycle Show. Looking at doing the POW/MIA table in September. Ed Howard passed away they are looking at doing a celebration of life in August or September.

Memorial Garden: Rich Pimm said there is only room for 14 more names on the monument. He went to Oregon Monuments and the cost of a new stone is around \$20,000 has \$5,000 so only looking at raising another \$15,000 to erect a new monument.

House Committee: Dan Brown stated that when they repaired the air conditioner it was noted that the filters are filthy and full of feathers. The thought is that there may be birds in the ductwork and that might be the cause of the smell.

NEW BUSINESS: Gale Sears stated that the cost to purchase a new safe is \$699.00. The cost to recover the chairs is about \$500.00.

Motion: By Paul Schnell that spend \$699 and purchase a new safe, seconded by Thomas Clayton - Passed.

Motion: By Paul Schnell that we authorize the \$500 to resurface the chairs, seconded by Thomas Clayton - Passed.

Good of the Order:

Sick and Injured:

Next meeting July 21st, 2021.