

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
GENERAL COMMITTEE
April 19, 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 — _____	VACANT	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	_____	10 Members in the audience

New Members: Dennis Frazier — Transfer from Newberg.

VISITORS: None

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

Motion: By Riche Pimm motion that we should accept the minutes from last month as presented. Seconded by Leroy Brown — all in favor — Passed.

FINANCE OFFICER: Gale Sears presented the financial report: Total profit for February \$6,876.84.

Motion: R. Pimm motioned that accept the financial report Seconded by Leroy Brown — all in favor — Passed.

COMMANDERS REPORT: Volunteer Hours Navy = 409.5; Marines = 401; Army = 178; USAF = 128. Without volunteer's we wouldn't be anything. Commander Sears stated that the Legion Families have paid the cost for Post 21 to sponsor both a boy's baseball team and a girls' softball team. This sponsorship will put the Legion Name on the Team uniform shirts and also place a banner in the ball park with the Legion name and logo.

Second Quarter RV Park agreements have all been signed and tenants have been extended for an additional four months.

President signed into law the Vietnam War Veteran's recognition Act of 2017 designating March 29th as National Vietnam Veteran's Day.

Commander Sears proposed that in the future when we have fundraisers that the membership be allowed to designate the funds raised be allocated for a specific purpose, i.e. furniture, building improvements, or some other specific purpose.

1st VICE: T. Ward explained that there were 10 people at the activities meeting. The following activities have been planned for the upcoming months — This Sunday — April 23rd is the Final Battle of the Branches Breakfast; May — 1st Power will be off (will be doing some painting and maintenance); 5th — Cinco De Mayo Celebration; 13th Volunteer Appreciation Potluck & BBQ; 14th Mother's Day Bruch; 21st Women's Veterans Conference; 28th Indy 500 Potluck; 29th Summer BBQ; JULY 4th Army Birthday; 17th Derby Days; 18th Father's Day Bruch; 21-24 Legion Convention — Ka Ne Tah. 8th Frank E. Evans Memorial Dedication. AUGUST 4-5 Auxiliary Garage Sale.

JAG: All's quiet on the Western Front.

Service Officer: Pinewood Derby Race is coming up, open to all members, \$10 per entry, registration starts at 9:00 am — 10:30 cut-off, race starts at 11:00 sharp. Need volunteers to help during registration and the race.

Women's Vets: N.W. Women's Vets Connection; Ladies Event bringing Women's Veteran resources together on May 21, 2017 starting at 2:00 pm.

Chaplain: Ralph Nihols has passed. Veteran Ted Aaron has also passed. Brad Shelburne is in Prestige Care Facility.

Historian: Pictures from Breakfast are on Facebook, if you would like a copy contact Leroy Brown.

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: B. BERWEGER: Boy's State: Jim Connelly, Angel Mendoza, Bob Zeeck and Bob Berweger are continuing seeking young men to attend Boys State. At this time, we may have two or more candidates that wish to participate. The date for Boys State is June 18 through June 24. Two boys at Oregon Boys State will be selected to attend Boys Nation held in Washington D.C. where Samsung awards some Scholarships to young men and women.

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American Legion Memorials Database Project: As the weather is improving more time will be spent in gathering and posting information on Memorials in Yamhill County on the Nation website.

Frank E. Evans Memorial: The date has been confirmed – July 8, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. the Dedication of the Monument honoring the 74 Sailors lost at Sea on June 1969, specifically RDS Garry Bradburry Hodgson the only Sailor from Oregon. Participants from Post 21 for the Ceremony are Gale Sears (Master of Ceremonies), Terry Vehr (Frank E. Evans representative), Angel Mendoza (Honor Guard), Terry Naig (set up for event), Thomas Clayton (Invocation).

The County has proposed a Proclamation in support of the placing of the Memorial for the Frank E. Evans. In addition to the Legion District Commander the Mayor will also make a presentation.

At Large: FRED MARTIN: Fred Martin explained that he was finally able to get ahold of someone at the Steel Mill and was able to perform the Flag Ceremony and dispose of the flags that have been dropped off at the Post.

Women's Auxiliary: Cinco De Mayo is coming up; volunteers are needed to help with clean up.

Sons: Elections Process has started; Final votes will be next month. Membership continues to rise they are gaining about 1 or 2 new members a month, some concern as older members are not showing up for meetings or participating in events. Sons are considering a fund raiser, Italian Dinner on a Saturday.

Riders: Attended the Meet & Great with the National Commander in Salem. Nominations in April then elections. Upcoming Rider Events: Memorial Day Activities, Yamhill Derby Days, Sheridan Days, Ride for Life, California ROMP. The Riders are continuing the 3,000-mile program, a hand full of our Riders have approximately 1,000 miles so far.

Election Nominations:

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

NEW BUSINESS: Commander Sears explained that the Post has received a letter from the City requesting a donation from the Post to be presented at the Annual Firemen's/Police Banquet.

Motion: Thomas Clayton motioned that the Post give a certificate for Prime Rib Dinner for 4 people. Seconded by Bob Berweger – all in favor – Passed.

Convention: Discussion on how much reimbursement be given to Delegates for attending convention.

Motion: Motion by Jerry Perry that Convention Delegates receive a per diem of \$350 with receipts for attending Convention.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Jim Connelley said that the Second Winds Band played for about 400 4th graders.

Angel Mendoza stated that plans are moving forward with Veterans Day Parade and 9/11 Remembrance Day. The Yamhill County Sheriff's Office has offered their assistance with parking along the Parade Route.

Sons will be having a fundraiser on May 28th – Indy 500 Potluck.

Honor Guard – Have been attending many funerals – need more members in the Honor Guard.

Angel Mendoza talked about a possible new project. He stated he had a visit from McMinnville Police Officer, Mike LaRue about having flags available for officers to cover Veteran's Bodies when they pass as the body is removed from the home.

SICK & INJURED: Joe Lillibridge reported that the doctors stated they removed the cancer during his surgery and is now a Cancer Survivor.

HAND SALUTE:

CLOSING PRAYER: T. CLAYTON

ADJOURNED: 20:00