

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21  
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128  
General Membership Meeting — March 17, 2021

**ROLL CALL:**

Commander — Steve Farley — present	JAG — Steve Randles — present	At Large — Dan Brown — present
Chaplain — Thomas Clayton — present	Finance Officer, Gale Sears — present	At Large — Jeanne Clayton — absent
First Vice — Paul Schnell — present	Sgt. At Arms — Jim Connelly — present	At Large — Robert DeKar — present
Second Vice — vacant	Service Officer — Juan Palacios - present	
Adjutant — Shirley Brown — present		

**Guest:** Debra Godwin wanted everyone to know that there will be a group here on Friday “Wednesday Wine” they will be doing wine tasting they have pre-ordered 43 dinners and will come in in two sessions. They will be having a silent auction; everyone is welcome to bid. All proceeds will go to the American Legion Post 21.

**House Committee:** RV space #1 currently rented for two weeks at \$400.00. We have one space vacant in dry storage. The patio heaters are in and one has been installed, the electricians have done their part and the gas plumbing should be complete this week. We don’t have an ETA on the replacement heater that was damaged. According to the Fire Marshall, we should consider putting two fire extinguishers on the patio (should have had one already with the BBQ). House Committee to provide cost estimate for two ABC Fire Extinguishers for the Patio. The continuing SAGA regarding the sewer odor was discussed at the House Committee meeting last week. We have replaced the wax seal on one of the toilets in the men’s room in hopes that it might alleviate the problem. If that does not work talked about getting a smoke test done or have the lines camera scoped.

**Finance Officer:** Total Assets \$119,353, which is up 14,000 from February. (This includes the \$8,844.00 approved by Payroll Protection Plan.) Liquid Cash on hand is \$12,927.10. The PPP monies have been 100% approved we just need to transfer it from Key Bank to the Post Account.

Costs for the new floors was \$4,245 which was under budget.

The finance committee has approved moving to a new payroll system at 50% the cost which will take us away from Active Tax.

**Motion:** By Thomas Clayton, seconded by Paul Schnell, seconded by Jeanne Clayton that we accept the Finance Report as given  
— PASSED

**NOMIATIONS:**

Commander:  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Robert DeKar  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Jim Connelly  
Finance Officer: Gale Sears  
Adjutant: Shirley Brown  
Service Officer: Juan Palacios  
Sgt. At Arms: Bruce Peterson  
Chaplain: Thomas Clayton  
Historian: Jeanne Clayton, Gerald Evers

**OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**Sgt at Arms:** wondering if we will have the battle of the branches breakfast and the chili feed, since we are now opened, we should consider having these events. Since the Marines did not have a breakfast due to COVID they should probably go first. Goya Hernandez will host the Chili feed since he won last year.

**Service Officer:** Juan Palacios stated that they helped a Veteran with funeral expenses and performed honors for him. Many local posts and businesses donated money for the memorial service.

**Chaplain:** Thomas Clayton would like to thank everyone for the prayers and support, he is doing much better. Terry Ward said the last couple of days have been well with Linda, their grandson is having issues and he asked that we keep him in our prayers.

**Commander:** Last month we received a letter from OSHA regarding a violation of the COVID restrictions. The House Committee drafted a letter in response. OSHA responded acknowledging our actions taken to alleviate any further violations. OSHA stated that “at this time” no further action is required unless they receive another complaint or hear from the

complainant that the hazards have not been satisfactorily addressed. They then may request additional information or require an inspection.

**New Business:** The past historian has the challenge coins for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we will be handing them out soon. Some members have already received their coin.

**Auxiliary:** Looking at dedicated storage solutions, will need volunteers to help clean out the CONEX. Will need all families help as everyone has Legion materials stored there.

**Riders:** We have not had membership meetings lately but have been having officer only meetings. We will have our first meeting of this year on Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup>. Post 21 has the largest Riders group in the state. Poker Run will be in September and we anticipate starting to ride again next month.

**Volunteer Hours:** Volunteer hours for January – March 15, 2021 are Family Totals - Auxiliary – 608; Sons – 268; Riders 140.5. Branches Army – 91; Marines – 8; Navy – 121.5; Air Force 624. With a combined total of 2,630.5 hours for all families and branches.

**Sick and Injured:** Linda Ward & support and strength for Terry Ward, Thomas Clayton, Gene Hamilton.

**Next meeting April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**