

## Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 15 , 2025 @ 1800 Hours

Roll Call: (Quorum = 9/13 present: Yes)

Commander: Juan Palacios

Adjutant: Russ Ludwig

First Vice: Leroy Brown

Judge Advocate: Vacant

Second Vice: Terry Ward

Chaplain: Thomas Clayton

Finance Officer: Cheryl Saville-Miller

Historian: Vacant

Sgt At Arms: Robert Andrade

At Large: Rebecca Hardin

Service Officer: Mike Billings

At Large: Chris Dauterman (Absent)

At Large: Vacant

### Minutes:

Meeting was called to order at 1800. Appropriate Ceremony was conducted.

No minutes from the past meeting.

New Members recognized:

Mike Rathburn, US Army Transfer

Dennis M McCord, US Navy Post 21

Devon Weaver, US Navy Post 21

Voting on Membership Carried for each.

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## Officer Reports:

### Commander:

Budget: Introduced budget for 2025 budget year. Budget proposal passed out for Officers and Membership to review. Finance Officer spoke about the different sections of the Budget including last year's totals and predicted budgetary items for 2025. General questions from the membership were asked and answered by the Finance Officer. **Motion on the floor to accept the budget as presented (Leroy Brown) Second (Mike Billings). Motion Passed.**

Nominations Committee Chairman was appointed by the Commander. Cheryl Saville-Miller is chair with Leroy Brown volunteering to help.

Commander also mentioned that members must be active to run for Office and only Legion members may vote on issues brought before the meeting.

### First Vice:

Leroy Brown presented Post 21 with an award showing the appreciation for everything that the American Legion does for the Sea Cadets.

Leroy Brown requested a donation to the Sea Cadets for the work that they do for the Post. He requested \$500.00 which was the same amount from last year. Cheryl Saville Miller mentioned that they approved an annual award of \$500.00 and Leroy Brown indicated that he was not asking for more money in addition to that annual allotment.

Sea Cadets will be having a fundraising event for themselves as well as the Aviation Museum and Post 21. It will be Memorial Day Weekend. More information to come on that.

### Second Vice:

Terry Ward said the Activity Committee has been slow as some members are not showing up for meetings. Legion after Dark with Karaoke went well and he noticed a younger crowd attending the event. February 15 will have a live band here from 9 to 1 am and everyone is invited to that Legion after dark event. A Fettuccine Dinner is coming up on the 18th (Sons of American Legion event?)

### **Finance Officer:**

Cheryl Saville-Miller had nothing additional to report.

### **Service Officer:**

Mike Billings reported a veteran (Shawn Hawn) of Newberg requested assistance for food and sustenance. Army Veteran/ Vietnam era disabled. Recommended we assist him with \$400.00. Cheryl Saville-Miller expressed concern to give cash and recommended we help with Winco for food and possibly paying specific bills. Discussion around the issue included why Newberg Post is not helping, cost of tires is expensive. **Motion by Cheryl Saville-Miller to give \$400.00 gift card (Winco) with no cash back. Second by Paul Krutch. Motion Carried**

### **Sgt at Arms:**

Robert Andrade reported to give appropriate recognition to the Commander when speaking.

### **Adjutant:**

Reported membership information received from the State. Gave information on our social media, newsletter, and website. Ms. Bailey discussed the website and requested we get a new domain and website saving approximately 100 per year.

**Motion to allow Ms Bailey and Ms Ludwig to not renew the old website and purchase the new domain / website to update our website. Motion by Leroy Brown; Second Jim Connely. Motion Carried.**

### **Chaplain:**

Thomas Clayton reported that he has a long list for members that he is keeping in prayer. He reported volunteer hours: Legion members 566.75. Grand Total of all Post volunteer hours for Post 21 equaled 900.25 hours.

Yamhill Health will be putting on a "Stand Down" event May 14th at Chemeketa Campus from 10 to 2 pm. Lunch is provided and we are being asked to be involved

by manning tables and checking people in with the opportunity to promote our Post. They are expecting approximately 50 veterans to be involved.

### **At Large:**

Rebecca Hardin, No Report

### **At Large:**

Chris Dauterman : Not Present

### **At Large:**

Position not filled

### **Legion Riders:**

Gale Sears reported that the blanket auction is over and they raised over 1000.00. He spoke on their scholarship with the High Schools and that they have their grade point average is now 2.0 to help with students who may want to go to trade type schools. Riders are also supporting the Veterans Lunch and he is encouraging folks to support that program here at the post as well.

Steve Sagmiller is looking into what involvement can be made with the Honor Flights.

Legion Riders went from 5 to 19 scholarships last year. **Motion by Bob Wilson for \$5000.00 be added from the Legion to the Legion Riders Scholarships. Bob Berwager Second. Discussion that it would be a high level of our available funds. Christmas tree fund could possibly give \$2,000.00. Bob Wilson amended it to \$3,000.00 dollars. Second Bob Berwager. Motion Carried.**

Next meeting is next Wednesday 7:00 pm.

### **Sons of American Legion:**

No representative present

### **Auxiliary:**

Debra Godwin reported Veterans Lunch had 31 people last year. Next will tie in Valentines day. Christmas Basket report included a high level of ungratefulness and they will try to come up with a plan that may be more well received.

### **Restaurant Manager:**

Debra Gddwin reported that business may be up because of Sharis and other restaurants closing. Deep cleaning day will be the 27th of January. They will be closed. Restaurant will be open on the 20th (MLK and Inauguration day).

### **House Committee:**

No representative present. Commander reported that they are remodeling the shower house/laundry and that will begin in February. Contractor will ensure we pass city code. There is also still some sewage smell in the kitchen and we will have to address that issue in the near future.

## Unfinished Business:

Paul Krutch reported that approximately \$3000.00 was made by the Christmas Tree Sale. Appreciation was expressed for the volunteers and everyone who helped out on the project.

Paul discussed that he would like some of the money to replace the Branch Flags annually/ as needed (300 per year) and that the money would come out of the Christmas Tree Fund. Motion by Paul Krutch that \$300.00 annually be put aside annually for flag replacement. Second Leroy Brown. Motion Carried.

Paul Krutch said that original donors of the money for the Christmas Tree fund requested that some of the money be used toward Veterans Hurricane Relief Fund in North Carolina. Motion for that \$3000.00 be made by Paul Krutch. Second Leroy Brown. Motion Carried.

Rich Pimb Reported that the Rose Garden Fund had \$6077 with a portion of it dedicated for other projects.

## New Business:

None reported

## Ceremony:

Draping of the Charter for departed Members.

## Good of the American Legion:

Commander reported a Quilt of Valor event at the Nut Tree Estates in Newberg on Tuesday February 21 at 9:00 am. Event is for Byron Garrouette.

## Good of the Order:

None

## Closing Ceremony:

Meeting Adjourned at 19:35

Next meeting next month 3rd Wednesday

Respectfully Submitted by Russ Ludwig, Adjutant Post 21

**Motion Carried to Accept these minutes on 2/19/25 at the General Membership Meeting.**