

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership Meeting — September 20, 2023

ROLL CALL:

Commander — Juan Palacios — present	Service Officer — Chris Dauterman - present
First Vice — Paul Krutsch - present	Chaplain — Thomas Clayton — present
Second Vice — Jim Connelly - present	Historian — Leroy Brown - excused
Adjutant — Shirley Brown — present	At Large — Mike Billings - present
Judge Advocate — Steve Randles — present	At Large — Bruce Peterson - present
Finance Officer Cheryl Saville-Miller - present	At Large — Gale Sears - present
Sgt. At Arms — Armand Pilotte — present	

Motion: By Mike Billings that we accept the minutes as presented — Seconded by Jim Connelley — PASSED.

Guests: Jeremy Bailey representing Kia Baley two time National Champion Cheerleader. Is now attending Oregon Dream Team Cheerleading Academy. Will be attending two Competitions next year in Las Vegas, Nevada and Orlando, Florida. She is a straight A student and her goal after college is to become a neurosurgeon to help people, so they don't end up like her Grandfather, Jack Bailey. The cost for both Competitions is about \$5,000. Looking for a donation.

Motion: By Jim Connelley that we donate \$250.00 to help fund her in her travels for the upcoming competition — Seconded by Bob Berweger — PASSED.

New Member: Robert Schoch, US Army.

Motion: By Mike Billings that we accept Robert Schoch as a new member — Seconded by Cheryl Saville Miller — PASSED.

1st Vice: Membership renewals are at 222, which puts us at 53.24%.

2nd Vice: Need help with KP on Friday Nights. Working on a calendar for the year. Bob need help with the Rose Garden, if anyone has time available. Theresa Andrade was first place in the Chili Cook Off. Upcoming events: 10/5 Band of Brothers; 10/6 KP Auxiliary; 10/10 House Committee, 10/13 KP — Sons; 10/16 Activities meeting followed by the Executive Board Meeting; 10/17 Auxiliary Meeting; 10/18 General Membership Meeting; 10/20 KP Riders; 10/21 Sons Oyster Feed; 10/25 Riders Meeting and it's Glenna's Birthday; 10/27 KP Legion. We will be getting 200 Christmas Trees at the end of November.

Service Officer: Chris Dauterman applauded the Sons for assisting a local Veteran install a Gazebo. The Legion theme of Financial readiness: if you know of a veteran suffering from financial difficulties, please bring that to the Service Officer — Be The One. MCM, the local TV show, will be filming the Air Show.

Finance: Have hired two Office Managers with very strong accounting background. Purchased a subscription for non-profit accounting software. Will be able to track monies, send out statements, track donations, etc.

Current Post Account Balance 289,830.11; Lottery Account \$76,696.71; Maintenance Account \$2,063.02; Operating Cash - \$10,408.12 = TOTAL ASSETS of \$368,589.84. Giving the Post a 12 Month Asset Growth of \$77,048.96.

Motion: By Mike Billings that we accept the finance report as presented.

Chaplain: Sick and Inured — Terry Ward is in good humor. We have quite a few member families suffering from cancer, please keep them in your prayers. Last month there were 543.75 volunteer hours.

At Large — Mike Billings: Thank you to the Sons for labor in installing a Gazebo at Old Stone Village. Looking into getting a Highway Sign directing drivers to The American Legion. Have a Purple Heart Veteran by the name of Abel, he is a dual member of the VFW and the Legion. He was in a traffic crash a year ago, didn't think he qualified for assistance. He is \$1,638 behind with a late fee of \$200. The VFW has paid the bill to prevent an additional late fee. Would like to ask that the Post reimburse VFW for \$500.00.

Motion: By Dan Brown the Post reimburse the VFW \$500.00 — Seconded by Jim Connelley — PASSED.

At Large Gale Sears: Volunteerism – what can you do to help on Friday Night. Riders – Very successful Poker Run in August. Looking forward to next year's Poker Run

Commander: Will contact the PIC of the Veterans Parade, Dave Lipscomb and find out what is going on. Air Show was dumped on him, but he has a tentative schedule for putting up the crowd fencing. 9/27: 9-4; 9/28: 9-4; /29: 9-5; 10/1: 3pm and 10/2 finish removing fencing. Cruikshank Road is closed, and a new gas line has been installed and Juan has made it clear that we will not be pounding posts into the ground above the gas line. They will be putting in barriers to keep traffic away. Juan will contact the county and see if they can keep the road closed until after the air show. Need trucks and trailers also for putting in the fences.

SONS: Membership renewals are at 15 paid which puts us at 28.3%. Bob Bonebrake a Vietnam Veteran recently had knee surgery and asked for assistance in erecting a Gazebo at his home in Old Stone Village. Sons members Del White, Pete Jensen, Jim VanScoyck, Terry Naig, Angel Mendoza, and Rich Randles put in 5 hours putting in the framework. The next day they returned and worked for five more hours assembling the Gazebo. It took a total of 50 man hours to assemble the Gazebo. Mr. Bonebrakes was very pleased. Cheers to the Sons for putting in a Gazebo for a Veteran at Old Stone Village!

Auxiliary: Working hard on membership renewals. Will be having an open house on October 17th with Raffles.

Club Manager: Had Stanley Steamer come in and strip, buff and seal the Honor Room. Please, if you use the Honor Room clean up after your group.

House Committee: Estimated Guaranteed Ship date September 22. Will need help assembling chairs, need to inspect upon arrival. Chairs will need to be partially assembled. Comcast upgrade will not happen until they can replace the cable coming into the building.

Commander: New flags have been installed in the Rose Garden donated by members of the Post. Electrical sign to be installed in the entry way, do not need a permit, however it does need to be installed by a qualified electrician.

Will be getting the OWL system from the city of Dayton so we can record meetings to prevent any misunderstanding on what was said during meetings.

Will be putting up sign up sheets for the Air Show, County can shut down Cruikshank Road. Unsure of how much money the Air Show will be donating to the Post.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Dan Brown, PIC of Veterans Golf Weekend, presented the Commander with a check from Michelbook Country Club for \$1,500.00. Dan explained that the total donations to the Post for the Veterans Golf Weekend are \$3,930.00 in hole sponsorships and \$1,500.00 from Michelbook making the total funds raised from the Veterans Golf Weekend \$5,430.00.

Good of the Order: There are now four Flamingos in the Rose Garden, membership does not feel this is appropriate for a Memorial Rose Garden.

Would like to have a Ceremony for those names on the Memorial Wall. Will provide more information as plans come together.

So far, the Post has given \$1,470.00 to Tunnels to Towers, still have more monies to donate.

Del White, Sons Commander, represented Post 21 in Albany and helped an elderly women place a wreath in memory of 9/11.

Auxiliary Unit 21 went to Sheridan for Patriots Day, there were 10 1st Responders, the Sheriff and many deputies, they talked about 9/11 and what they remembered happening on that day.

Chris Dauterman, Service Officer, wanted everyone to know that the Veterans Service Officer at the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is inviting all veterans to attend the Veterans Outreach Event being held by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

ADJOURNED. Next meeting is on October 18.