

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership Meeting — August 16, 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 - present
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 Rich Pimm that we accept the minutes as presented — seconded by Mike Billings — PASSED.

New Members: Steve Sagmiller — Army Vietnam Veteran. Ken Joa — Army Vietnam Veteran.

1st Vice: Membership goal for 2023-2024 is 417, so far 199 members have renewed putting us at 47.72%.

2nd Vice: Upcoming events are as follows: General Membership Meeting — 8/17; Sons Friday Dinner; 8/19-8/10 Golf Tournament, 8/23 Riders Meeting; 8/25 Riders Friday Dinner; 8/26 Riders Annual Scholarship Poker Run; 9/1 Legion Friday Dinner; 9/7 Band of Brothers; 9.8 Auxiliary Friday Dinner; 9/9 District 2 meeting — Post 21; **9/10-9/13 POST WILL BE CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE**; 9/12 House Committee; 9/16 Chili Cook-off; 9/18 Activities meeting; 9/18 Executive Board Meeting; 9/20 General Membership Meeting; 9/22 Riders Friday Dinner; 9/27 Riders Meeting; 9/29-10/1 Air Show; 11/11 Veterans Parade; . Other upcoming events not yet scheduled — Oyster Feed, Tri-Tip Dinner.

Service Officer: 100 Days in The Ghan is a captivating story of one ordinary kid who felt called to serve following 9/11 and was ultimately severely wounded in action. Wiggins story begins on 9/11 and walks readers through a series of events that lead him and his friends to join the military. Upon completing training Wiggins finds himself in the Nation's oldest and most prestigious Special Operations Unit, the Airborne Rangers. During his time in the Rangers, Wiggins deploys in support of the Global War on Terrorism five different times. An ambush on May 13, 2004, left Wiggins now 25 deaf and with other serious injuries. Wiggins dies on a battlefield in Afghanistan (The Gan) several times only to prove all of the doctors wrong and makes a near full recovery. More than three years later, Wiggins was living in Oregon, serving as president of Evergreen Defense and Security Services and working on obtaining his bachelor's degree at Linfield College.

Finance Officer: Current Post Account Balance 262,959.24; Lottery Account \$98,435.28; Maintenance Account \$2,063.02; Operating Cash - \$10,647.52 = total assets of \$363,457.54. 12 Month Asset Growth = \$64,128.19.

Memorial Rose Garden: Currently have \$6,314.49 in account will be adding 5 new names at the cost of \$430.00. Towers 2 Towers balance \$1,656.

Motion: By Jim Connelly we accept the Finance Report as presented, seconded by Mike Billings — PASSED.

At Large Mike Billings: Looking into having a highway sign directing drivers to the Post, will have more information next month. Received a call from a Veteran living in Old Stone Village that needs help in putting together a Gazebo kit he recently purchased.

At Large Report Gale Sears: The Riders Annual Scholarship Poker Run is the 26th there will be an award of \$1,000 for High Hand. Need Legion helpers selling meal tickets, registration, lunch, 50/50, Breakfast Buffet. Lunch with Bert's BBQ at 2:00 pm. Silent Auction, and Raffle. Last stop here at 3:00 pm. Sea Cadets will be helping as well. Sign up sheet on bulletin board. Need Volunteer for Silverton Stop. Looking for as much help and participation as we can get.

Sons: Del White — Korean War Breakfast went very well, sold 75 had 4 Vietnam Veterans and 1 WWII Veteran. Membership for 2023 we had 52 paid putting us at 96.3%, missed 100% by only two renewals. 2024 we have 12 paid putting us at 22%. Kitchen duty covered by the Sons with a great turnout. Bill Lindermann said they have been contacted by Riders in California and Idaho looking forward to the Scholarship Poker Run. Will be announcing the Sons Commanders Project soon.

Club Manager: The Post will be closed starting at 4:00 pm on September 10, we will be closed until the 13th to install new flooring. Will need volunteers to help remove the old flooring.

Crawfish Broil was very well attended with 100% of profits going to the Post sold 100 dinners with approximately \$1,900 in proceeds.

Auxiliary: August 19th is the District 2 meeting at Red Oak Farm outside of St. Paul. There will be a Raffle and door prizes, would like to see as many as can to attend.

Historian: If you have pictures that you have taken at some of the events the past year, let Leroy know so he can get them in the yearbook.

Chaplain Thomas Clayton – Scottish games are coming soon, real men wearing kilts, lots of games and a real fun time.

The Volunteer Book has been changed; we are no longer tracking hours for the separate branches. Please write down your hours. Last months hours are as follows: Legion 691.5; Sons 106.75; Honor Guard 8; Riders 204 for a total of \$1,010.25 hours.

Commander: Commanders Project this year is a reader board. Commander has raised \$2,000 reader board has been ordered. Post is getting busier and busier, if it takes time to get your order remember we have a very small kitchen. Volunteer have bought Six flags (one for each Branch Army, Navy Air Force, Marines, Space Force, to be displayed in the Rose Garden. In the future we will have two microphones for our meetings, one for the board and one for the audience. Looking at getting a recording system for meetings might get it donated from Dayton. Cost is about \$350.00.

Commander showed everyone Plaque from the Baseball Team the Post sponsored.

Received a letter from Bayou Golf Course they would advertise the American Legion on their score cards, the cost would be \$350 a year.

Motion: By Rich Pimm that we go ahead with the advertising with Bayou Golf Course, seconded by Leroy Brown - **PASSED**.

Commander would like to thank Gale Sears for stepping up during the Crab Broil, it is actions like this that make the post successful.

Air Show: Juan will be meeting with Chris Callie from the Air Show to find out what they need from the Post. MCM (the local TV station) will be filming the Air Show again this year.

Good of the Order:

The following members have donated the funds to allow us to purchase Christmas trees to be sold this holiday season. Leroy Brown, Al Schmidt, Rich Pimm, John Ambrose, Dewey Jackson, David White, Don McGinnis, Jan Fourier, Stan Kosmiki, Willard Dodds, Patrick Fuchs, Jim Letourneau and Paul Krutch.

Tunnels 2 Towers had donated \$1,000.00 dollars so far this year.

A BIG THANK YOU to the Sons for putting on the Korean Breakfast, they all looked very nice and professional dressed in the Sons shirts.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting September 18th.