

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2017

Commander Gale Sears opened the meeting at 1830 hours

ROLL CALL:

Commander – Gale Sears, _____ present
First Vice – Larry Brown, _____ present
Second Vice – Terry Ward, _____ present
Finance Officer – _____ **VACANT**
Adjutant – Shirley Brown, _____ present
Judge Advocate – Steve Randles, _____ present
Service Officer – Jeannie Clayton, _____ present

Chaplain – Thomas Clayton, _____ present
Historian – Leroy Brown, _____ present
Sgt. At Arms – Bob Berweger, _____ **excused**
At Large – J. Smith, _____ present
At Large – S. Farley, _____ present
At Large – J. Lillibridge, _____ **excused**
_____10____ Officers are present being a Quorum
_____17____ Members in audience

MINUTES:

Motion by Jim Smith that we accept the Minutes from September and October – Seconded by Leroy Brown – Passed.

COMMANDER/FINANCE REPORT: Commander Sears stated that they are still working on the bookkeeping process since the bookkeeper left. At this point they are not able to produce a Profit & Loss statement but can they can report that there is approximately \$90,747 in assets. The 2016 taxes have been filed and fines have been paid. Commander Sears pleaded once again that we are in desperate need of a FINANCE OFFICER.

Still working on getting a defibrillator for the Post, when that happens we will need to coordinate training so all staff or trained.

Commander Sears would like to recognize Angel Mendoza for the excellent job he did on the Veterans & First Responders Parade. The 2018 Parade will be on Sunday so expect even more participants and spectators.

Second Winds Band is looking for donated musical instruments they can refurbish and present to those who cannot afford them.

SECOND VICE: Upcoming events – 11/18 Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner; 12/2 Auxiliary Bazar; 12/6 – Chamber Meet & Greet; 12/7 – KLYC Live; 12/10 – Pearl Harbor Breakfast; 12/23 – White Elephant Christmas; 12/31 – New Year’s Eve Party. Terry Ward stated that Adam Finnicum will be bring Christmas trees sometime next week, trees will be sold for \$20.00. Hopefully he can get some Nobles which will sell for \$40.00, will need help selling trees.

Presentation: Battlefield to Ballroom – Founder presented information regarding a new program for Combat Veterans. Ballroom dancing has proven to provide PTSD therapy through dance. Many veterans who said they couldn’t dance have found it beneficial.

SERVICE OFFICER: We have a request to help someone who is in treatment. The need is for basics – underclothing and socks. The facility does not provide laundering and most residence bring their own, however this individual is homeless.

CHAPLAIN: Many of our older veterans are not doing well, just keep them in your thoughts.

AUXILLIARY: Christmas giving program – Christmas Baskets deadline is 12/11/17. Applications are available at the counter. Debra will be checking with other agency to prevent double donations. The Auxiliary will begin assembling baskets and stockings on 12/14/17 with distribution to start on 12/15. Need donations of toys and food.

HISTORIAN: Leroy Brown presented the photo book of the Evans Memorial dedication and stated that if anyone would like to have an electronic copy, please get in touch with him.

SONS: Had quite a few volunteers help out with the Veterans Dinner.

RIDERS: Had a good turnout for the Parade from not only McMinnville but the surrounding area as well. Also, had a few riders who assisted with the Veterans Day dinner.

HONOR GUARD: The Honor Guard did seven flag presentations during the week in honor of Veterans Day, also attended the Veterans Bruch in Amity for the Karli's Kindness Campaign. Wanted to thank everyone who donated funds for the purchase of the new Honor Guard uniforms, they are receiving many compliments on how sharp and professional they look and are looking forward to improving in other ways as well.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: House Committee did not meet this month, but clean-up continues. Duniway students have offered to help with cleanup.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: By-laws have been completed, wrapping up changes to the constitution and expect presentation in January.

MAINTENANCE BUDGES: Commander Sears stated that since we have funds in the maintenance fund that is time to think of preparing a maintenance budget and look at things that need to either be repaired or replaced. Would like to get some volunteers to help in getting estimates for repairs or replacement in order to formulate a budget and decide what has more priority.

Member Teddy Campbell wanted everyone to know that there will be a gun show at the Yamhill County Fairgrounds in March, June and September. Contact him with any questions. 503-551-6130.

Motion by S. Farley that the Legion sponsor one participant in the Battlefield to Ballroom program – Seconded by S. Randles – Passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Faith Gerstel passed away recently and the Honor Guard will be presenting the colors at her services in Newberg.

HAND SALUTE ADJOURNED: 19:55