

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership Meeting - February 19, 2020

ROLL CALL:

Commander — Steve Farley, **present**
First Vice — Robert Berweger, **present**
Second Vice — Terry Ward, **present**
Finance Officer — Gale Sears, **present**
Adjutant — Shirley Brown, **present**
Judge Advocate — Steve Randles, **present**
Service Officer — Juan Palacios, **present**

Chaplain — Thomas Clayton, **present**
Historian — Leroy Brown, **present**
Sgt. At Arms — Jim Connelly, **present**
At Large — Sam Fields, **excused**
At Large — Paul Schnell, **present**
At Large — Cody Pankey, **present**

New Member: Bobby LaBron — Army; Joseph Bloodgood — Navy; Robert Harmon — USMC.

Motion by Juan Palacios that we accept them as new members — Seconded by Steve Randles — **Passed.**

Review of Minutes: Motion by Rich Pimm that the minutes be approved as presented, seconded by Leroy Brown - **Passed.**

Finance Report: Post Account \$32,630.54; Lottery Account \$39,925.45 — Total Accounts = \$72,555.99. Total Liquid Assets = \$20,249.93 = Total Assets = \$92,805.92. Continued work on reconciliation completed through June 2108, expect to be complete within the next two weeks. Online registration of website \$299.00.

Picture donated to be framed and presented to the Tribe at next Pow-Wow. Asking for authorization of \$300 for frame. \$288.00 donated Mr. Sears will cover remainder. Those who have a motorcycle would like to present picture at Veterans Pow-Wow this summer. July 12, 2020.

Motion: Jim Connelly that we accept the finance report as presented, seconded by Juan Palacios — **Passed.**

Commanders Report: Looking for a bid to fix drainage issues in parking lot. Bid will not include repair of asphalt. Golf Tournament July 25, 2020 — PIC Dan & Shirley Brown.

Next month we will start nominations for officers. Steve Farley will not be running for office. Need a new commander, please consider running for office.

Mr. Farley explained he received information two weeks ago regarding a fund raiser. Set for June 26-27 (during convention). Last year they raised \$10,000 for Autism Charity. This year the sponsor is Coors and they can't support a child fundraiser so the event manager decided on Veterans and asked if we would be interested. It is a Beard Contest, will need volunteers for help during event, clean up, servers etc. PIC to be determined.

1st Vice: Bob Berweger said it is once again time to decide if we will sponsor McMinnville Youth Baseball. The cost is \$1,000 to sponsor 3 teams.

Motion by Cody Pankey that we sponsor three teams again at the cost of \$1,000 — Seconded by Ron Grose — **Passed.**

2nd Vice: Continued Battle of the Branches — 3/8 Army; 3/22 Marines. Additional events are St. Patty's Day Dinner put on by the Auxiliary 3/17; Son's Oyster Feed 3/21; Vietnam Veterans Day 3/29. Post 57 will be having a Stand Down on May 15. Mr. Connelly said the Navy served 176 Breakfasts.

Service Officer: One request from a veteran that needed work boots for his employment — bought him new boots and even received a thank you from his employer. Helped a child of a Veteran who needed medication — father had changed the pharmacy and mother could not get medication. Had a veteran request to stay at the Red Lion, said we could put him up at Motel 6, never showed up again.

Chaplain: Newberg - Post 57 Auxiliary is having a fund raiser at Round Table Pizza from 4-6 tomorrow — a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Post 57 Auxiliary to help local veterans. Visited Alice Blakely-Smith at Willamette Valley Cancer Center, she asked Thomas to do her eulogy. Volunteer Hours — Army 102.5; Marines 94/5; Navy 109.75; Air Force 64.5 total 371.25 hours. Hours to date are 6,693.5.

Historian: Had a visit from the VA regarding in home VA care. Mr. Brown presented an outline for a proposal to recognize the men and women who have fought for our country in the War on Terror. Would like to see it modeled around the Warm Springs Veterans Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Parade. Would like to do this when we have our Centennial in August 2020. Would like to be able to hand those being recognized something, i.e. challenge coin, t-shirt, ball cap open to suggestions. Would like to have it coincide with our Veterans Day Parade in November.

Motion by Jim Connelly that Mr. Brown go forward and gather information needed to proceed with program of recognizing those who have served since 9/11 – Seconded by Cody Pankey – **Passed.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Auxiliary: Great Article in the News Register covering the Auxiliary visiting Veterans at Brookdale Care home. Article sent to Department.

Mr. Connelly would like to recognize Cody Pankey and what an awesome effort he is undertaking returning to school and carrying a 4.0 towards his goal to be a Sports Medicine Physical Therapist – Keep up the hard work Cody!

OLD BUSINESS

BASEBALL: McMinnville Parks and Rec. have invited the Legion Riders back on opening day. You don't have to be a rider, just come and support our youth and The American Legion. Question as to why there isn't Legion Baseball in McMinnville? Explained that Parks and Rec took over the Baseball program and it is too expensive to run a Legion Ball program because of the cost of travel for teams.

Good of the Order: Angel Mendoza has stepped down as Liaison for the Sea Cadets, Leroy Brown has replaced him. Angel will still handle the Veterans Day Parade in November.

IWO JIMA: Today commemorates the first day of the Battle of Iwo Jima, a moment of silence for those who were lost. Jim Connelly stated that he interviewed a soldier who was in the third wave at Iwo Jima, the gentlemen tried to go to medical school after returning, said he saw too much there and couldn't continue with medical school.

Angel Mendoza stated that the 6th Annual Law Enforcement Career Camp will be July 25th – July 31st at OSP in Salem. Asks that each Family sponsor one student at \$250.00. Last year Post 21 sponsored several applicants. The application is online on our website and Department, must have a recommendation from school counselor. There are 36 slots available and it is first come first serve. If a family sponsors a student and they end up not attending, you will get your money back.

March 5th @ 11:30 will Band of Brothers at Evergreen Theater, Larry Brown is guest speaker with a review of the Vietnam War. April 3rd Steve Bobs from Grande Ronde Tribe will be the guest speaker, he is a decorated Vietnam Veteran.

Terry Naig asked if there was anything planned for July 25th - Korean War recognition Day.

Sick and Injured: Donna Reed, keep her in your thoughts. Dewey Jackson's wife is on hospice. John Mohammed – keep him in your prayers. Jim Connelly's wife needs your prayers as well.