



Henry E. Bergdorf  
American Legion Post 155, Inc.

MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2021

Meeting opened by Commander Bruce Taylor at 1030 hours.

Prayer given by Commander Bruce Taylor.

Colors placed. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

POW/MIA Chair Cover Placed.

Preamble recited by all Post, Auxiliary, and SAL members present:

Bruce Taylor, David Cooper, Joe B. Ward, Chris Potter, Rocky Wright, John Allison,  
John Jensen, Richard Taylor, Harold Holmes, and Barbara Cooper.

Guests present: Nancy Holmes. A gourm was present.

Minutes of November meeting were approved, no meeting was held in December.

An Initiation Ceremony was conducted for John Allison.

Joe B. Ward has volunteered to be our Service Officer. Bruce thanked him again for stepping up and taking the position.

**Old Business:**

- Continue Activity & Mileage Sheets.
- Any transfer forms/new member applications should be turned in at the end of the meeting. Mark Ford has transferred into the Post. He is involved with the coordination of local emergency radios at the County level.
- Legion Dues are due as soon as you are able to turn them in to David.
- Bruce reported that the Post is now a member of the Newport/Oldtown Chamber of Commerce. This will give us greater exposure to the community and future events.
- Flags for placement on our Hwy. 41 bridge are still being researched and will be reported on in our next meeting.
- Over the past two months we were able to assist three Veterans with urgent financial and physical needs.

## **New Business:**

- Another Gun Raffle be held and this time it will be for a \$500.00 gift certificate from the Lucky Pawn Gun Store. The winner will be able to choose the gun they would like to have.
- Bruce passed out Veteran Assistance business cards to the members to be given to any Veteran we see to let them know where to find help if they or some other Veteran they know may need some kind of assistance.
- Our Post will be hosting the next District 1 meeting on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, time and location yet to be determined.
- Two Requests for Assistance are being considered and waiting for the estimates to come back from Perfection Tire. Once we have those we will email the amounts for approval.
- The Priest River Veterans Honor Guard has requested help as they need four additional people to serve on the firing squad for John Arnold's service on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Any members wishing to help with this need should contact David ASAP.

## **Officer Reports:**

- First Vice – Shannon was not present.
- Second Vice – Bill is wintering in San Diego and has requested that due to him having to be in San Diego during the winter months that he would like for someone to assume the duties of this position. Bruce noted that John Arnold recently passed away and his funeral will be held on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Sherman-Campbell Funeral Home, 43 Wisconsin St, Priest River. Graveside service to follow at Evergreen Cemetery. **This is a revised day and date from what was announced in the meeting.**
- Finance – Bruce reported that we have current funds on hand of \$10,271.55 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> in the bank. The Finance report was approved. The Finance Officer position is currently open and we need someone to volunteer to take over the position.
- Sgt. At Arms – Chris reported that Bill Christman's wife had to have a surgery operation and they recently lost their dog. We need to keep them in our prayers.
- Service Officer –John Jensen and Harold Holmes were able to purchase and install the stove pipes and joints that Jack Youngbuck needed for his new wood stove installation.
- Chaplain – David Burt recently passed away. A Post Everlasting Ceremony will be conducted for David and John Arnold at our February meeting. Chuck Mattson has requested that he be replaced as Chaplain so we need someone to volunteer to take over this position.
- Historian – Dennis was not present.
- Auxiliary President – Barbara gave an update on the Unit's members and their activities. She also talked about how their Unit is putting together a History of Our Nation presentation. The unit is going to be working with our local food bank especially for foods that diabetics require as the food bank is short on that type of food. They are also looking to build up their Junior Members in the Unit.
- Adjutant – David said that we need to start looking for potential High School Juniors that we can send to Boys State in June. We have to start the process now as their paperwork is due in April.

**For the Good of The Legion:**

- Our next Coffee Day will be on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Riverbank Restaurant in Oldtown. Due to an increased attendance we will have these coffee day events every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. from now on.
- Next Post meeting: Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.
- Colors retired, POW/MIA chair cover removed. Closing prayer given by Commander Bruce Taylor.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 1135 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

David G. Cooper  
Post 155 Adjutant