



# Henry E. Bergdorf American Legion Post 155, Inc.

## MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2021

Meeting opened by Commander Bruce Taylor at 1034 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, Shannon Mossman, David Cooper, Joe B. Ward, Chris Potter, Dennis Larsen, Rocky Wright, John Allison, Paul Branham, Mike Buckley, Bill Christman, Burt Fraley, Linda Gusch, Richard Taylor, Harold Holmes, and Barbara Cooper.

Guests present: Nancy Holmes, Mike Carson, Mike Shaffer, Pam Burt and her family, Mike Arnold and his family. A gourm was present.

Minutes of January meeting were approved.

A Transfer-In presentation was conducted for Burt Fraley.

An Initiation Ceremony was conducted for Bill Prater and Linda Gusch.

A Post Everlasting Ceremony was conducted for John Arnold and David Burt.

### **Old Business:**

- Continue Activity & Mileage Sheets.
- Any transfer forms/new member applications should be turned in at the end of the meeting.
- Bruce reported that our next gun raffle will be for a 9mm S&W weapon that comes with 5 magazines, a range bag, and a first aid kit. Next ticket day will be on Saturday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at the Tractor Supply Store, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The next day will be on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at Selkirk Ace Hardware in Oldtown.
- Bruce noted that we still have three open Officer positions, Chaplain, Finance Officer, and Second Vice-Commander. Anyone interested in filling one of these positions should talk with Bruce or David.

## **New Business:**

- Our Post will be hosting the next District 1 Meeting on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at Priest River Community Church in their lower level. It will start at 9:00 a.m. for registration and the meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. There will be a \$3.00 registration fee and a \$10.00 fee to cover lunch and snacks. All Post members are encouraged to attend. Our Auxiliary will be serving the lunch.
- 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.
- Four Requests for Assistance were approved in January for local Veteran's needs.

## **Officer Reports:**

- First Vice – Shannon discussed the need to fill the open Officer positions in the Post. He also talked about we now have 2 meter and GMRS radio repeaters installed on Cooks Mountain. Repeaters are also going to be placed in Priest River, Usk, Diamond Lake, Priest Lake, Spirit Lake and Metaline.
- 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.
- Finance – Bruce reported that we have current funds on hand of \$8,898.57 as of February 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 Service Recognition Plaques for our Veteran's Park Gazebo are \$10.00 each. He also asked for everyone to turn in their Resource Survey forms if they have yet to do so. He also mentioned the need to support getting new members for our Auxiliary Unit and Sons of The Legion Squadron. We also need to have volunteers come forward to form our Honor Guard.
- Service Officer –John Jensen will be going into the hospital for knee surgery.
- Chaplain – Shannon recently was in the hospital for testing and is feeling much better now. Llew is in need of having double knee surgeries. Chuck Mattson has requested that he be replaced as Chaplain so we need someone to volunteer to take over this position.
- Historian – Dennis had nothing to report.
- Auxiliary President – Barbara gave an update on the Unit's members and their activities. She also talked about being able to have men in the Auxiliary now. They are actively looking for Junior members. Their next gun raffle will be for two guns, a Ruger .22 caliber "Cowboy" pistol and a Savage 4-10 shotgun. They both will be raffled together.
- 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. He reminded us that we need to turn in our monthly Volunteer hours forms. Several members from the Post attended a community services planning meeting earlier this month to discuss how to link Emergency Services organizations together by radios as a backup system to existing communications abilities.

**For the Good of The Legion:**

- Our next Coffee Day will be on Tuesday, February 16<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. Everyone is welcome.
- Next Post meeting: Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. There will be a Quilts of Valor presentation for Kathy Evans.
- Colors retired, POW/MIA chair cover removed. Closing prayer given by Commander Bruce Taylor.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 1204 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

David G. Cooper  
Post 155 Adjutant