



Henry E. Bergdorf American Legion Post 155, Inc.

MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2021

Meeting opened by Commander Bruce Taylor at 1030 hours.

Prayer given by Chaplain Dana Bradfute.

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, Dennis Larsen, John Allison, Dana Bradfute, Bill Christman, Kathy Evans, Burt Fraley, John Jensen, Joe Ward, Chris Potter, David Barth, Mike Buckley, Linda Gusch, Darcy Tyler, Joe Werckle, Harold Holmes, and Barbara Cooper.

Guests present: Dina Tyler. A qourm was present.

Minutes of March meeting were approved.

An Initiation Ceremony was conducted for Darcy Tyler.

Old Business:

- Continue Activity & Mileage Sheets.
- Any transfer forms/new member applications should be turned in at the end of the meeting. Bruce noted the transfer of Walter Thompson from Admin. Post 85.
- Bruce held a drawing for the last gun raffle. Andy Meyer was the winner.
- Bruce noted that the Gazebo plaques now show 118 with 6 unused places left. The Post members show 46 plaques and growing.
- Bruce discussed the free insurance program that the Legion offers to every member. He also talked about the success of the Veteran Help Available cards as the initial order for 500 cards has been exhausted and a new box of 500 cards has been secured and given to our Service Officer.
- Bruce is stil working with vendors for estimates for a flag pole for the Visitor Center.

New Business:

- Post Officer Elections were discussed. The Finance Officer position will be held by John Allison, the Second Vice-Commander will be held by Bill Christman, the Chaplain

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- position will be held by Dana Bradfute. All other positions will be filled by the current officers in those positions. Installation of Officers will take place at our May Post meeting.
- A new gun raffle will be for a S&W SP, 5 shot revolver pistol and a box of shells donated to the Post by Burt Fraley. We will be at Tractor Supply on Saturday, April 17th, and ACE Hardware on Friday, May 7th, at 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Any help with the ticket sales would be greatly appreciated.
 - Bruce discussed "Operation Dog Tag" that provides service dogs to Veterans that is located in Deer Park. He is going to contact Joe Scheffer, USMC to see if this is an organization that we could help support.
 - The need for a Firewood Splitting Day work party was discussed as American Tree Service is giving us their trees that are salvaged from wind storms, etc. We are using Auxiliary Member Carolyn Purdy's property to store the trees but they are in need of being cut to size and split/stacked for them to cure. We are being given another six chords of rounds by Mike McIsaac who is moving to Montana in June and doesn't want to take the wood with him. We will need to pick up the rounds before June and take them to Carolyn's. Bruce suggested we might want to put an ad in the papers letting local Veterans know that DIY cutting and splitting themselves if they would like to help the Post process the firewood. Those members with chain saws, wood splitters, trailers, pick-up trucks, strong backs, etc. are encouraged to volunteer to help get this wood ready for our local Veterans.
 - Our annual Veteran's Day program is moving to Memorial Day due the weather conditions being much warmer than on November 11th. Bruce is arranging for a speaker to be there on May 31st at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. All Post members are encouraged to be there in uniform, either your Service Uniform (assuming it still fits) or in Legion attire.
 - Bruce discussed his advancing years as he doesn't know how much longer he is going to be able to do the duties associated with being our Post Commander. He would be happy to discuss the position and responsibilities with anyone interested in taking over the helm.

Officer Reports:

- First Vice – Shannon continues to work with the P.O. City Radio Group to place repeater radios around the area. We have several in place with more to come in the future. He also stressed the need for members to step up and take leadership positions in the Post.
- Second Vice – Bill Christman has volunteered to take over from Bill Gray who winters in San Diego (poor fellow...) Bill Gray will be back in June
- Finance – Bruce reported that we have current funds on hand of \$9,418.37 as of March 31st in the bank. The Finance report was approved. The Finance Officer position has been filled by John Allison.
- Sgt. At Arms – Chris was wondering if there are any organizations that we could partner with for projects due to the age and poor physical condition of so many of our members. One was Home Depot as we have partnered with them in the past. Bruce said he will talk with Ken, the store manager in Ponderay, to see if we could use them. Perhaps they could help with our Firewood Project?

- Service Officer –Joe reported that we have had no new requests for assistance.
- Chaplain – Nothing new to report.
- Historian – Dennis had nothing new to report.
- Auxiliary President – Barbara gave an update on the Unit’s members and their activities. She also reported on the District 1 meeting held last month. She was elected to take over the District President position and all their District positions were filled at the meeting. The District members appreciated the good food served for lunch and the location for the meeting. Our Unit currently has 16 members and are looking to add new members. Their Quilts of Valor program is back in operation again now that the Covid restrictions are being relaxed. There will be a QOV presentation to 5 local Veterans this afternoon at the PRCC church in Priest River, and again next weekend on April 17th at 1:00 p.m.
- Adjutant – David said that he and Dennis Larsen interviewed four candidates for Boys State and accepted all of them to attend Boys State. Two live in Oldtown, one in Blanchard, and one in Priest River. He also mentioned that July 31st is Timber Days in Priest River. He is going to talk with the Chamber to find out if it is going to be held in two different locations like it was two years ago as the attendance in the park was sparse. We can decide in our next meeting if we want to have a table for the event. He also discussed the recognition program the Legion supports to honor local EMT’s, Police, Fire, Educators, and newspapers for what they do in the community. The paperwork has to be submitted by June 1st to the Department so he is going to work on getting this done before the deadline. The members agreed it is a good thing to do to help build a bond between these organizations and the Post. He also presented information on the Department’s Scholarship Program for Legion dependents in their Senior year of high school.

For the Good of The Legion:

- Our next Coffee Day will be on Tuesday, April 13th 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, May 8th at 10:30 a.m.
- Colors retired, POW/MIA chair cover removed. Closing prayer given by Chaplain Dana Bradfute.

ADJOURNMENT at 1215 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

David G. Cooper
Post 155 Adjutant