



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

## MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 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, Bill Christman, David Cooper, John Allison, Dana Bradfute, Chris Potter, Dennis Larsen, David Barth, Burt Fraley, Harold Holmes, and Barbara Cooper.

Guest present Andy Meyer. A quorum was present.

Minutes of April meeting were approved.

### **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.
- David noted that in our April meeting raising the annual Post Dues to \$45.00/year was approved but omitted from the minutes.
- Bruce is still working with vendors for estimates for a flag pole for the Visitor Center.

### **New Business:**

- Post Officer Installations were held by unanimous acclamation. Joe Ward has stepped down as Post Service Officer and the Adjutant will cover the position until someone else steps up to take the position.
- Bruce presented 2 special awards to Shannon for all his efforts in doing membership recruiting, and to David for his work as Post Adjutant.
- The drawing for the latest gun raffle was held. The S&W 380 SP went to a local veteran Joe (last name unknown) and the S&W EZ Slide went to Commander Taylor.

- We are looking for the next gun to raffle as the gun store is not able to carry a full stock of guns to choose from.
- We will be at Tractor Supply on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, and ACE Hardware on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Any help with the ticket sales would be greatly appreciated.
  - Firewood splitting events at Carolyn Purdy's announced for Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. We will also be picking up about 5 chords of rounds at Mike McIsaac's place on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - 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. This will be discussed at our June meeting.
  - Our annual Veteran's Day program is moving to Memorial Day due the weather conditions being much warmer than on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Bruce has arranged for Bryan Hult, our Bonner County Veteran's Service Officer to be our speaker on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. All Post members are encouraged to be at our Veteran's Park Gazebo in uniform, either your Service Uniform (assuming it still fits) or in Legion attire. It is suggested that you bring your own chairs as seating is limited at the park.
  - Bruce is still looking for a good second hand trailer to be used at events as a mobile office and radio shack for our HAM radio equipment.

### **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.
- Second Vice – Bill Christman reminded the members of our Boot Camp Farwell event on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Ranch club for our graduating high school seniors that are heading into the military this summer. Bill is working with the Newport and Oldtown City Council members about installing flags on the new railroad overpass on Hwy. 41. More to follow in our June meeting.
- Finance – John reported that we have current funds on hand of \$8,859.67 as of April 30<sup>th</sup> in the bank. The Finance report was approved.
- Sgt. At Arms – Chris has nothing to report.
- Service Officer –David reported that we have one new request for assistance from Jack Youngbuck for building materials. Shannon and Chris and possibly Harold are going to pay him a visit and inventory what his needs are. We might be able to get Home Depot to give us a grant to cover the expenses. Carolyn Purdy is asking for help to maintain her place and is willing to pay someone to help. If you know of anyone, high school students, or ? please let David know and he will get their names and contact information to her.
- Chaplain – Dana has nothing new to report.
- Historian – Dennis noted that Heather Scott is going to be giving her quarterly report of the Idaho House of Representatives activities at the Priest River Event Center on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- Auxiliary President – Barbara gave an update on the Unit's members and their activities. She also reported that the Unit has picked up 3 new members with another 2 members in the process of joining the Unit. She also reported that the Unit members have voted

to provide money to support the Priest River Police Department to encourage them to hire Veterans as positions open up in the department. They will be sponsoring 3 girls attending Girls State this year. It will be done by virtual connection rather than in-person due to the Covid situation. She also noted that Patricia Sudick has taken the District 1 Girls State Board position.

- Adjutant – David reported that the end of grant paperwork for the current ICF grant has been completed and the new grant for \$1,500 has been submitted for approval. He said that he talked with Ann at the Priest River Chamber about Timber Days. She said it will take place this year but was not sure of how it will be laid out just yet. More to follow as we get closer to the end of July.

### **For the Good of The Legion:**

- Our next Coffee Day will be on Tuesday, May 11<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, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.
- Andy Meyer came forward and joined the Post...welcome Andy!!!
- Colors retired, POW/MIA chair cover removed. Closing prayer given by Chaplain Dana Bradfute.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 1208 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

David G. Cooper  
Post 155 Adjutant