

# MINUTES OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

COMPILED BY: D. George  
ADJUTANT

DATE: August 8, 2017

APPROVED BY: J. Lee  
COMMANDER

POST: 184 DEPARTMENT OF: OREGON

ATTENDANCE: OFFICERS 8

MEMBERS 8 TOTAL 16

TIME CONVENED: 1905 Hrs.

TIME ADJOURNED: 2010 Hrs.

The meeting was called to order by the Commander at 1905 hrs.

- Salute to Colors
- Invocation
- POW/MIA
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Preamble

The roll call of officers:

• Commander	-	John Lee	Present
• First Vice Commander / Asst Chaplin / Advocate	-	Brad Boles	Present
• Second Vice Commander / Immediate Past Post Commander	-	Rick Dominguez	Present
• Finance Officer / Advocate	-	Norman Simms	Present
• Adjutant	-	Dan George	Present
• Chaplin	-	Jim Weger	Present
• Historian	-	Kneil Stucky	Present
• Sergeant-at-Arms	-	Mike McDaniels	Present
• Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms	-	Carl Frank	Excused

## OPENING REMARKS/BUSINESS

1. Commander John Lee introduced Sharon Banks as a new member of our Post and told us that Sharon will be speaking in a few minutes about an organization she leads.
2. John then informed us that Georgeanna Jones passed away yesterday and that there will be a card circulating for everyone to sign. Georgeanna was the Treasurer of our Post's Auxiliary and she will be greatly missed. Norm Simms informed the group that there will be a memorial get-together at the Legion on Friday from 12-4pm.

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3. With copies of the July minutes out for review, John asked if there was a motion to accept them if there weren't any revisions needed. A motion was made and seconded and a vote by the membership carried the motion.

4. Sharon Banks was then asked to come forward and speak about her program of addressing addiction in our community.

She began by telling us that she had been a Lt. Col. in the U.S. Army and that she now lives in our community. Sharon told us that the name of her program is *ROPES* and she distributed a write-up that gave us a good overview of the program's structure and its goals (attached). She explained why the program is necessary and that an addict must agree to actively participate to be successful. Sharon explained that success is partially measured by them regaining their self-worth and finding employment. She then asked for questions.

Sgt-at-Arms Mike McDaniel asked if *ROPES* was affiliated with Linn County in any way and Sharon explained some of the issues she has been seeing in our community. Commander John Lee answered the question stating that it was not affiliated at this time, but that Sharon and her peers are working on it.

John told the group that the *ROPES* program is looking for a sponsor and would like us to consider allowing them (Sharon and staff) to meet in our building. Chaplain Jim Weger made a motion to allow them access and Kneil Stucky seconded it. A vote by the membership carried the motion.

5. Commander John Lee then asked Second Vice Commander Rick Dominguez to come forward. John recognized Rick with a certificate for the outstanding work he has done as Post Commander from 2009 when the post was first organized, to July of this year. Rick has been instrumental in Post 184's success and we value his contributions.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Senior Pot Luck tomorrow Wednesday, August 9 here at the Legion at 12:00 pm. Cambridge Terrace will be here to socialize and provide lunch. All are encouraged to attend.
2. Willamette Country Music Festival August 17-21. Our Post will be providing a bus stop in front of our building for people to comfortably wait for transportation to and from the festival grounds. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help staff the building. John Morrison told the group that signage at the festival is always a problem and that sometimes the festival goers don't know what is available to them in town. He mentioned that there may be a need for more Ambassadors at the festival to help supply water to folks and assist with medical needs.
3. Solar Eclipse – The eclipse will take place on August 21<sup>st</sup>. (It is possible that there will be darkness in Brownsville for about 42 seconds!) John Morrison told the group that the Chamber of Commerce is selling T-Shirts and that glasses to view the eclipse can be obtained through the Library or Sheriff's Department. John also asked that, since there potentially will be many people in town on that day, we all consider being helpful and to step-up if anyone should need help.
4. District 3 Executive Committee Meeting – This meeting is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm here in Brownsville. The Auxiliary will be providing lunch beginning at 12 noon.
5. Department of Oregon Committee Meeting – Scheduled for September 16-17 in Tigard. Let John know if you are interested in attending.

## OFFICER / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Finance Report** – The Finance Report for July 2017 was distributed.
  - Norm pointed out that The Daughters of the American Revolution donated \$150 to our Post.

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- He also told us that we received very generous donations from citizens and businesses of our town to help us replace the street flags. The donated money was transferred into checking to pay for these new flags.
- Norm said the American Legion shirt that was ordered for Brad Wright came in and he can pick it up.
- Norm was happy to report that we are doing well financially and that the mortgage on the building is down to \$95,118.17.

Norm asked if there were any questions and Dick May asked how much we spent on replacing the street flags. Norm said we spent about \$7.98 per flag and that they were purchased from Emblem Sales. John Lee added that they were made here in America.

Turner Whitfield suggested that if any of the older flags are still serviceable, they be given to people in town that need one. Norm and John both explained that pretty much all of them are beyond using again.

A motion was called for to accept the Financial Report as presented and a motion and second were made. A vote from the membership carried the motion.

Amount Deposited into Checking Account	-	\$ 1,354.00
Amount Withdrawn from Checking Account	-	\$ <u>2,053.44</u>
Difference	-	\$ (699.44)

Balance in Checking Account	-	\$ 515.63
Balance in Building Fund Savings Account	-	\$ 4,142.31
Balance in Restricted Funds Savings Account	-	\$ <u>1,953.43</u>
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$ 6,611.37</b>

Loan Balance on Building	-	\$ 95,118.17
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(Note: For a complete explanation of Post finances, see Financial Report.)

2. **Second Vice Commander's Report** – As the leader of the Post Color Guard, Rick Dominguez informed the group that our Post was asked to provide the Color Guard for the Steam-Up event in Brooks, OR again this year. It went well and we enjoyed the

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patriotic environment that the event organizers foster every year. Anyone interested in participating next year is welcome.

3. **Adjutant's Report** – The membership goal for 2018 has been set at 162 for our Post. We have received 42 renewals so far this year and anyone interested can see Dan George and get their dues paid tonight.
4. **Historian's Report** – Kneil Stucky reminded the group of tomorrow's pot-luck lunch at the Senior Center. He encouraged everyone to come and socialize with the Cambridge Terrace people. Kneil also reminded the group of Thursday's Waffle Supper at 6pm.
5. Fred Wellhouser told the group that his pressure washer is available if it is needed. John Lee thanked Fred and told him that we just pressure washed the sidewalk in front of the building a few weeks ago.

## SICK CALL

Nothing Reported

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. John Lee informed the group that Mike McDaniels will be looking at the front of our building to determine what is needed to repair the wood trim before we paint it. He will be putting together a list and getting back with the Executive Board.
2. SERVCO was here yesterday to repair the Air Conditioner but is unsure of what the problem is. They will continue to look into it.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Albany Post 10 sponsored the 2017 American Legion College last month and John Lee reported that it was a success. He said that anyone can go, it not just for officers.

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2. During the hot weather this last week, our Post was open as a “cooling center” for anyone needing air conditioning. John said that a few people came and hung out for awhile to cool off. Brad Boles mentioned that Richard Swearingen came over to his house to stay cool and Rick told him to record it on his Community Service Report.
  3. Rick Dominguez gave us a good report on the CLHS reunion that took place at the Legion last Saturday night. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed getting together.
  4. John Lee pointed out that we should assign a “mentor” to help our new member Sharon Banks learn about the American Legion. Rick Dominguez volunteered.

## CLOSING THE MEETING

1. The 50/50 drawing of \$40 was won by Dan George.
2. The Chaplin gave the closing prayer.
3. Solute to Colors.
4. Meeting adjourned at 2010 Hrs.