

MINUTES OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

COMPILED BY: D. George
ADJUTANT

DATE: July 11, 2017

APPROVED BY: J. Lee
COMMANDER

POST: 184 DEPARTMENT OF: OREGON

ATTENDANCE: OFFICERS 8

MEMBERS 5

TOTAL 13

TIME CONVENED: 1905 Hrs.

TIME ADJOURNED: 2025 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 / SAL Commander / Advocate	-	Norman Simms	Present
• Adjutant	-	Dan George	Present
• Chaplin	-	Jim Weger	Present
• Historian	-	Kneil Stucky	Present
• Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms	-	Carl Frank	Excused

OPENING REMARKS/BUSINESS

1. The Commander introduced Brad Wright, a new member, to the membership.
2. The roll call of officers was performed and the Commander asked that the Adjutant add the title, *Immediate Past Post Commander* to the roll sheet.
3. Commander John Lee introduced himself to the members and explained what his focus will be this year. He said that he has three main goals:

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- *Communication* - which John feels is important and says he will be working to make happen this year. As an example, he said he will try to use emails to keep members informed.
 - *Unity in the American Legion Family* - for which our Post received an award at this year's convention, will also be a priority. John has invited the Auxiliary president and other Auxiliary officers to participate in many of our meetings. He said he will continue to do this to better communicate and to foster good relationships.
 - *Recruiting Younger Members* - will also be a focus for the coming year. John explained that he will work to understand what is necessary to attract these younger vets and to get them involved.
4. The minutes from the June meeting were distributed earlier to allow members a chance to review them. John asked if the minutes had been reviewed and Norm Simms made a motion to accept them. Marty Cross seconded and the motion carried with a vote from the membership.

OFFICER / COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Finance Report** – The Finance Report for June 2017 was distributed. Norm explained that he still had not been able to find where the \$78 came from that Dick May asked about last meeting. Norm thinks it could be from the sale of flags but isn't sure.

Norm told the group that all our bills are being paid and indicated that we are in good shape financially. He told us that he is showing a new column in the Restricted Funds section of the report dedicated to the purchase of flags. This money will be used to replace worn out street flags and to purchase flags for funerals.

Dick May asked where the money in this account comes from and Norm answered that it comes from donations and the sale of flags to people who want one and can pay for them. John clarified this by explaining that our Post donates flags but that, as the situation dictates, we may also sell them to people.

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Chaplin Jim Weger made a motion that we accept the Finance Report as presented and Kneil Stucky seconded. A yes vote from the membership carried the motion.

Amount Deposited into Checking Account	-	\$ 822.89
Amount Withdrawn from Checking Account	-	<u>\$ 1,110.40</u>
Difference	-	\$ (287.51)

Balance in Checking Account	-	\$ 1,215.07
Balance in Building Fund Savings Account	-	\$ 4,142.20
Balance in Restricted Funds Savings Account	-	<u>\$ 1,332.26</u>
Total	-	\$ 6,689.53

Loan Balance on Building - \$ 95,529.35

(Note: For a complete explanation of Post finances, see Financial Report.)

2. **Immediate Past Post Commander and current Second Vice Commander** Rick Dominguez was then asked to conduct an installation ceremony for newly elected Chaplin Jim Weger and Sgt-at-Arms Mike McDaniels. This being accomplished, both were congratulated and presented to the membership.

Rick was also asked to exhibit and explain the awards our Post earned at this year's convention. He started out by reminding everyone that the recognition we received is largely the result of documenting and submitting community service reports on a regular basis. He encouraged us to keep up the good work and told us that the Department Commander believes that our Post is doing a good job. He also pointed out the fact that our Brownsville community values our contributions.

Awards Presented on Behalf of the Department of Oregon:

Sons-of-the-American-Legion

- A plaque for Achievement in Rehabilitation
- A plaque for Children and Youth Program

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- Framed certificate for Outstanding Achievement for the most Grenada, Lebanon, Panama and Persian Gulf Veterans
- Framed certificate for Community Service
- Framed certificate for Americanism Achievement
- Framed certificate for Highest Membership over Previous Year
- Framed certificate for All Time High for 21st Century
- Framed certificate for Rehabilitation Program
- Department Unity Award for Outstanding Achievement and Leadership

Appreciation Awards Presented to Members of our Post

- Squadron Commander Norm Simms awarded a plaque of Appreciation for Outstanding Performance and Dedication to the SAL
- Commander John Lee was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Dedication to the 2017 Boys State Program
- Comrade Dick May awarded American Legion Member of the Year, 2016-2017 for Outstanding Dedication and Support to our Post
- First Vice Commander Brad Boles, Adjutant Dan George, Chaplin Jim Weger, Finance Officer Norm Simms, Historian Kneil Stucky and Commander John Lee were all awarded Certificates of Appreciation and given hat pins for their dedicated efforts of recruiting one or more new members in 2016-2017. The certificates were signed by the National Commander Charles E. Schmidt and the National Adjutant Daniel S. Wheeler.

During the awards ceremony, Dick May commented that he wanted to thank and congratulate members that are actively out in the community. Rick Dominguez added that our Post also shows involvement in the community by assisting the City of Halsey in the establishment of the Veterans Memorial.

Commander John Lee pointed out that this is the first time we have been awarded the American Legion Family Unity Award and he culminated the awards portion of the meeting by saying that our Post did a good job at the convention this year.

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3. Comrade Dick May commented that he likes the agenda that was distributed for the meeting. He said it is helpful to have the Preamble printed on the back.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. American Legion Baseball Color Guard – Wednesday, July 12 and Monday, July 17 our Post will be performing the Color Guard in Corvallis.
2. American Legion College – Friday, July 14 through Sunday, July 16, Albany Post 10 will be sponsoring the American Legion College at their Post. Members from our Post that will attend are John Lee, Rick Dominguez, Brad Boles, Mike McDaniels and Dan George.
3. Auxiliary Bazaar – This weekend is the Brownsville All-Town Garage Sale and the Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Bazaar at the Legion.
4. Legion Building Deep Cleaning – Wednesday, July 19th, the Legion, Auxiliary and Senior Center will meet at the Legion at 9am and work together to deep clean the building.
5. Stand-By-Me Day – Sunday, July 23rd Brownsville is celebrating the 31st anniversary of the movie Stand-By-Me. The Museum will be showing videos here at the Legion from 11 - 1:00pm. We may sell snacks at the showing.
6. Steam-Up – July 29 and 30 and again on August 5 and 6 our Post will be performing Color Guard at the Steam-Up in Brooks.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Commander John Lee explained that the street flags are worn and need to be replaced. He told us that 4 of them are ready to be taken out of service now. He said that we have received about \$125 in donations but that we will need about \$400 to replace them all. We do have 9 flags in stock that we offer to businesses when their flag needs replacing or provide to the public for a \$20 sale price.
2. Second Vice Commander Rick Dominguez told the group that our Post will be providing Color Guard for the American Legion Baseball games in Corvallis this week. He also told

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the group that our Post will be providing Color Guard for the Steam-Up event in Brooks later this month. Both event dates have been included in the Upcoming Events section above.

3. Adjutant Dan George reminded the group that it is time to pay their 2018 dues. National Headquarters will be sending out reminders this month. Dan also informed members that they can sign-up on-line for Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance provided by the American Legion. This insurance is free of charge to members in good standing. He told them to see him for a card explaining how to do this if they are interested. Lastly, he reminded the group of the forms to recruit new members and where they can get them.
4. Finance Officer Norm Simms informed the group that Saturday, August 5th, CLHS will be holding a get-together at the Legion so Bingo has been cancelled. He did say however that there will be an Emergency Preparedness Open House in the Pioneer Park beginning at 6pm that evening. Everyone is invited.
5. Historian Kneil Stucky reminded everyone of the Senior Center pot-luck lunch tomorrow Wednesday, July 12 at 12noon here at the Legion. Kneil also said this month's waffle supper on July 19 will be a BBQ in the park.
6. Comrade Rick Gullberg asked how to order an American Legion shirt. Norm said he would order shirts for anyone who needed one and they could reimburse him.

SICK CALL

1. Richard Swearingen is doing well. His eye surgery has really improved his sight.
2. Joe Hicks is in the hospital but is doing fine. He is currently selling his house in Brownsville and moving to Albany.
3. Donna Lee is also doing well and is enjoying a weekend at the coast.

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4. Rick Dominguez' shoulder has healed and he is doing well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. The contractor was called out today to repair the leak in the kitchen vent hood. While he was here, he looked at our new A/C and determined we will need a new motor and some additional tubing to stop the noise coming from the unit. The parts are on order.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Auxiliary was called into our meeting and President Linda Chambers was presented the American Legion Unity award plaque.
2. Rick Dominguez also presented Marilee Frazer an award for outstanding dedication to the Post and Auxiliary.

CLOSING THE MEETING

1. The 50/50 drawing of \$30 was won by Dick May.
2. The Assistant Chaplin gave the closing prayer.
3. Solute to Colors.
4. Meeting adjourned at 2025 Hrs.