

THE AMERICAN LEGION

COMPILED BY: D. George DATE: November 14, 2017
Post Adjutant

APPROVED BY: J. Lee POST: 184 DEPT. OF Oregon
Post Commander

ATTENDANCE: OFFICERS 8 MEMBERS 8 TOTAL ADDENDANCE 16

TIME CONVENED: 19:00 Hrs. TIME ADJOURNED: 20:15 Hrs.

THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the Commander at 19:00 hours.

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

The roll call of officers:

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

OPENING REMARKS

1. Commander John Lee introduced Dale Brown, a guest at tonight's meeting. Dale is an SAL member from Post 10.

BUSINESS

1. The minutes for last month's meeting were distributed for review and, since there were no questions or comments, a motion was made by Rick Dominguez to accept the minutes as presented. Norm Simms second to the motion and a vote by the membership carried the motion.
2. The Finance Report was distributed and all members had a chance to review it. Norm Simms mentioned that our Post had recently received a \$900 donation and that the Executive Board decided to put \$450 of it into our scholarship fund and the other \$450 into our building fund.

After Norm asked if there were any questions, Kneil Stucky made a motion to accept the report as reviewed and Mike McDaniel seconded. A vote by the membership carried the motion.

Amount Deposited into Checking Account	-	\$2,535.05
Amount Withdrawn from Checking Account	-	<u>\$1,207.15</u>
Difference	-	\$1,327.90
Balance in Checking Account	-	\$2,417.32
Balance in Building Fund Saving Account	-	\$4,142.63
Balance in Restricted Fund Saving Account	-	<u>\$1,332.41</u>
Total	-	\$6,796.36
Loan Balance on Building	-	\$93,276.96

(Note: For complete explanation on Post Finances, see Financial Report)

POST ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST MEETING

- The Halloween Haunted House event was a success again this year with many of our community enjoying the fun. We were able to earn \$355 and two barrels of canned food.
- A member of our Post attended a Veterans Appreciation Day at the *Life Gate Christian School* in Harrisburg where we were honored by Brigadier General Norm Hoffman with a plaque recognizing us as the Veterans Organization of the year.
- A member of our Post also attended a Veterans Appreciation day hosted by Third Graders at the *Pioneer School* in Lebanon.
- Members of our Post performed Color Guard duties and assisted with Quilts of Valor at the Lebanon Veterans Home on Tuesday.
- On Tuesday and Wednesday, members of our Post visited with preschoolers at the Brownville Learning Tree.
- Quilts of Valor honored Rick Gullberg and other veterans with quilts on Wednesday during the Senior Pot Luck.

- Members of our Post participated in a Veterans Day Appreciation ceremony at the Central Linn Elementary School on Thursday. During the ceremony, John and Norm presented the school with a little library on behalf of our Post. The little house was built by Norm Simms.
- ROPES organized and set-up an Oregon Health Care Outreach program at our facility on Thursday. Twenty-four families were able to sign-up and a few more just need to submit their paperwork.
- A few of our members put-up flags in town before Veterans Day and took them down a few days later.
- Members of our Post performed Color Guard at the Veterans Day banquet at the Albany Fairgrounds on Friday.
- About seven of our members, along with members of the Auxiliary, put together a float and participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Albany on Saturday. During the parade, we handed out about 180 lbs of candy.
- Members of our Post visited and had dinner with the veterans at Cambridge Terrace in Albany on Saturday afternoon. Before Dinner, our members presented each veteran with a certificate of appreciation for their service and a copy of the new picture of them that have recently been added to the Veteran's Wall.

UP-COMING EVENTS

- District 3 Committee Meeting – Saturday, Nov. 18, 1:00pm at Post 3 in Eugene. All are invited to attend.
- Sharing Christmas Tree – There will be a sharing tree at our Post during the Festival of Trees. This tree will have tags on it with numbers corresponding to a few folks in our town. Select a tag and enjoy helping someone who may not otherwise receive a gift this Christmas.
- Festival of Trees – Our Post will help again this year putting tree stands on the Christmas trees. The Chamber of Commerce will distribute them to the businesses in town. The tentative date for this is November 28th.
- Auxiliary Bazaar – Saturday, December 2, 9-4pm at the Legion. Of the 13 tables at the event, there is still one table left. The Auxiliary will serve Clam Chowder for anyone interested.
- Department Executive Committee Meeting – January 12-14th, Post 51, in Lebanon.
- Community Emergency Response Team Training – January 20/21 and 27/28, 8-5pm at the Legion. This first aid training is very good and you do not have to be a member of the teams to attend the training.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Post Commander John Lee

- The Oratorical Contest this year will be held on December 16 at 1:00pm at Post 51 in Lebanon. Our Posts will compete together, but each Post will have their winner. As it stands now, our Post may have 3 or 4 contestants.

- Boys State will be held this year on June 22 and 23rd at Western Oregon University in Monmouth.

2. **Past Post Commander/SAL Commander Rick Dominguez**

- The dedication ceremony for the Veterans Memorial in Halsey went well on Saturday, November 4th. KEZI, the Albany Democrat Herald and the Brownsville Times were all there to report this event. Carl Frank, who worked with Rick on the memorial committee, agreed that it was well attended and went smoothly. They mentioned how good the monument looks at night with the lights. Rick thanked all of our members that participated and attended the ceremony.
- The generous \$900 donation we received recently was donated by the contractor who did the concrete work on the Halsey Veterans Memorial. This donation is very much appreciated.
- If you know of anyone who would benefit from a food package during the holidays, let Rick or John know. Last year, our Post put together four packages and we have enough food to do the same or better this year.

3. **Post Adjutant Dan George**

- The Soldier's Home in Roseburg is sponsoring an Art Exhibition during the months of November and December. See Dan if interested.
- As of Saturday (Veterans Day), all veterans can now purchase on-line from military exchanges.

SICK CALL

Please keep these friends, members and family members in your prayers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Legion microwave quit working and we are now using a temporary machine. The Senior Center has graciously offered to buy a new commercial grade microwave in the near future.
2. One of our members, Joe Hicks, has donated a 17' aluminum inboard boat to our Post. Although it hasn't run in a few years, it was kept indoors, the motor ran well before it was winterized and the hull is in good shape. The plan is to get the trailer registered and put it up for sale sometime next spring. It is currently covered and setting at Norm's house.
3. Jim Merzenich told the group that veterans and current active duty military can get two tickets to the OSU/Arizona game this weekend for free.
4. Guest Dale Brown told the group that Albany Post 10 will have a table at the gun show on June 13/14. He asks that if anyone would like to help, let him know.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Tonight's 50/50 winner Kniel Stucky received \$30.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 20:15 hrs.