

**American Legion Post 341
Membership Meeting February 13, 2017**

Opening Ceremonies:

At 18:30 hours, Commander Jean Meacham called the meeting to order. Opening ceremonies were conducted with the Pledge of Allegiance. The opening prayer was given by Chaplain Norvil Lantz. The POW/MIA Flag Ceremony was conducted by 1st Vice Commander David Winchell.

Guests:

- No guests were present

New Members:

- Brad Cowen, USAF, joined this evening.

Roll Call of Officers:

Present were:

Commander Jean Meacham
1st Vice Commander David Winchell
Adjutant Judith Winchell
Finance Office John Chelstrom
Historian Bob Trager
Chaplain Norvil Lantz
Executive Committeeman Pat O'Brien
Past Post Commanders Norvil Lantz and John Chelstrom
Absent were:
Judge Advocate Don Naught
Sgt-at-Arms Gene Rogers

Executive Committeemen Andy Anderson and James Johns
Past Post Commander Doug Grant
Past Post and Department Commander Jake Greeling
The positions of 2nd Vice Commander and Service Officer are vacant at this time

A total of 27 members, including above noted officers, were present.

Reading of the Minutes:

It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the January meeting, which are posted on the Post website, be approved as written.

Correspondence:

- We received a letter from member Ray Lange who said that much as he had enjoyed this Post, he will be transferring to a Post nearer to his new home in Houston, TX

Committee Reports:

- Finance report: John Chelstrom reviewed the monthly financials and stated we are looking good right now. The report will be posted upstairs for review.
Membership report: Judith Winchell reported that we have 558 members who have renewed for 2017 making this our official membership. Renewals for 2017 are still being accepted, but our membership will only reflect those who have renewed for the present year. Again, the turn around time at the state level is 45+ days and then there is an added processing time at the national level, so if you have a 2017 card, please disregard any renewal notice you receive. Since the beginning of the 2016-2017 membership year, we have had 18 members transfer in and 23 new members join. We have also had 15 members die and 6 members transfer to posts near to where they now live.
- Consolidated Service report: Judith Winchell reminded members to submit their volunteer hours. Hours volunteered to causes not related to the American Legion are accepted but should be listed separately from those given the Post.
- House Committee report: Armando Martinez said that the Sunday evening Texas Hold'em game is starting off well and the players seem to be having fun. Thus far, the game has generated \$400 for the Post. Kenny Butts is helping with the game and is also looking into reviving the Corn Hole competition. The House committee is in the process of reviewing the menu offerings with the new cook and removing those items which are not popular. Jean Meacham reported that the Valentine's Day dinner/dance was a success and raised over \$1200.
- Casey Chenoweth is here every Wednesday. Walk-ins are welcome; however, it is best to call the AR VA program in Bentonville to schedule an appointment with him to discuss any VA problems or concerns that you may have.

Unfinished Business:

- The need for duty officers was reiterated. The sign-up sheet is in the bar.
- Boys' State is coming up soon. Gene Rogers has been doing this by himself for many years now and additional volunteers are needed to help him.

New Business:

- Jean stated that a St. Patrick's Day dinner /dance is in the works and scheduled for 3/17. The price of the tickets will depend on the menu which looks like it will include corned beef and cabbage.
- Tom Mecham said the 10th Annual Golf Scramble is scheduled for 06/03 at Berksdale Golf Course. Volunteers are needed to help with grab bags and other projects.
- Sign-up sheets for the Memorial Day Poppy Sale by the Auxiliary are on the table.

Good of the Legion:

- Kathy Jeffrey is the Public Relations Officer for the Department and also did the January Reveille. Any one who has an article to include, please contact her.

- The 50/50 drawing of \$26 was won by Wayne Jertzen and graciously returned to the building fund.

Closing:

Closing ceremonies were conducted by Commander Meacham and Chaplain Lantz. The meeting was adjourned at 19:00 hours.

Respectfully submitted by

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Judith A Winchell
Adjutant