

**American Legion Post 341
Membership Meeting March 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 Chaplain Norvil Lantz in the absence of Vice Commander David Winchell.

Guests:

- No guests were present

New Members:

- Bobby Luffman, a Navy veteran

Roll Call of Officers:

Present were:

Commander Jean Meacham

Adjutant Judith Winchell

Finance Office John Chelstrom

Chaplain Norvil Lantz

Sgt-at-Arms Gene Rogers

Executive Committeeman JJ Johns

Past Post Commanders Norvil Lantz and John Chelstrom

Absent were:

1st Vice Commander David Winchell

Historian Bob Trager

Judge Advocate Don Naught

Executive Committeemen Andy Anderson and Pat O'Brien

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 25 members, including above noted officers, were present.

Reading of the Minutes:

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

Correspondence:

- We have received a notice from the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks reminding us of the scheduled blood drive at the Post on April 10 from 09:00 – 14:00.

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. He again reiterated the need to increase our monthly revenue intake to cover the monthly expenditures, something we are not doing consistently.
- Membership report: Judith Winchell reported that we have 572 members who have renewed for 2017 making this our official membership. . 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.
- 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: We have a second hot water heater installed for the kitchen and no longer run out of hot water on Taco Tuesday. Sales of tickets for the St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance are still available. Jean said that if they do not increase, she will cancel the dance and have the dinner only.
- 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.
- Sign-up sheets are available for those willing to help the Auxiliary with their Poppy Sale on Memorial Day weekend.
- Tom Meacham reported on the progress of the Golf Tournament committee.

New Business:

- Lee Williams, a member of this Post, is interested in starting a weekly yoga class at the Post. Jean read from the letter of intent that he had written and asked all interested parties to meet with Lee after the meeting. Participation is open to all members and their families.

Good of the Legion:

- Articles for the April Reveille should be in to Kathy Jeffrey by the end of the month.
- The 50/50 drawing of \$30 was won by Ron Krolikowski.

Closing:

Closing ceremonies were conducted by Commander Meacham and Chaplain Lantz. The meeting was adjourned at 19:10 hours.

Respectfully submitted by

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Judith A Winchell
Adjutant