

**American Legion Post 341
Membership Meeting April 11, 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:

- Bill Keller, a long time member of this Post, was recognized for attending his first meeting.

New Members:

- No new members were present

Roll Call of Officers:

Present were:

Commander Jean Meacham
Adjutant Judith Winchell
Finance Office John Chelstrom
Chaplain Norvil Lantz
Judge Advocate Don Naught
Executive Committeeman JJ Johns
Executive Committeeman Pat O'Brien
Past Post Commander Norvil Lantz
Pas Post Commander John Chelstrom
Past Post and Department Commander Jake Greeling

Absent were:

1st Vice Commander David Winchell
Historian Bob Trager
Sgt-at-Arms Gene Rogers
Executive Committeeman Andy Anderson
Past Post Commander Doug Grant

The positions of 2nd Vice Commander and Service Officer are vacant at this time

A total of 41 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:

- There was no correspondence.

Committee Reports:

- Finance report: John Chelstrom reviewed the monthly financials and stated we have a near deficit in the operating account at this moment. The report will be posted upstairs outside of the office for all who wish to read it.
- Membership report: Judith Winchell reported that we have 582 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 will be starting Queen of Hearts this evening with the first drawing after the meeting. The game is open to all 2017 Post, SAL and Auxiliary members over the age of 21. We are planning a Cinco de Mayo dinner/dance for May. Tickets are now on sale.

Unfinished Business:

- The need for duty officers was reiterated. The sign-up sheet is in the bar.
- Sign-up sheets are available for those willing to help the Auxiliary with their Poppy Sale on Memorial Day weekend.
- Golf Committee needs help to fill the goodie bags
- We need volunteers to help with bussing tables, delivering orders, and washing dishes especially on Tuesdays.

New Business:

- Nominations were taken for 2017-2018 officers by Norvil Lantz as follow:
 - Commander: Jean Meacham
 - Vice Commander: Vic Walker
 - Finance Officer: (John would like to step down)
 - Adjutant: Don Naught
 - Judge Advocate: Norvil Lantz
 - Sgt-at-Arms: JJ Johns, Gene Rogers
 - Historian: none (Bob Trager is not available for the coming year)
 - Chaplain: Norvil Lantz
 - Executive Committeemen: Pat O'Brien, Armando Martinez (Gary Fisher declined the nomination)
- There will be a flag workday on Wednesday, April 12, at 10:00 AM at the cemetery. Last year some of the flags were put away damp and we need to see if we have enough clean flags for this year's program.

Good of the Legion:

- The blood drive this morning was a success. While the final tally is not in yet, more people showed up to give than were anticipated.
- Articles for the April Reveille should be in to Kathy Jeffrey by the April 23.

- We had a successful flag retirement ceremony this past Saturday, with over 500 flags retired.
- The 2nd annual Daisy Air Rifle shootout will be in May.
- The NWA Veterans Coalition will be reading the names of the veterans buried in the National Cemetery in Fayetteville on May 28-29. Because this is the 150th anniversary of the cemetery, all of the veterans buried there will be named. Volunteers are needed for the roll-call. Each volunteer can sign-up for a 15 minute segment.
- The annual Memorial Day program put on by this Post will be on Monday, May 29th at 10:00 AM at the Bella Vista Cemetery on Buckstone Road.
- Texas Hold'em is every Sunday evening. If there is another card game members would like to play, see Armando.
- The yoga class taught by Lee Williams began last Sunday with 11 students. There is no class this coming Sunday because of Easter, but every one is welcome the following week. The cost is \$3/person/class.
- The 50/50 drawing of \$40 was won by David Spencer who donated it to the sign fund.

Closing:

Closing ceremonies were conducted by Commander Meacham and Chaplain Lantz. The meeting was adjourned at 19:05 hours.

Respectfully submitted by

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Judith A Winchell
Adjutant