

**American Legion Post 341  
Membership Meeting May 9, 2016**

**Opening Ceremonies:**

At 18:30 hours, Commander Doug Grant called the meeting to order. Opening ceremonies were conducted with the Pledge of Allegiance. The opening prayer was given by Past Commander Norvil Lantz. The POW/MIA Flag Ceremony was conducted by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander David Winchell.

**Guests:**

1. Colin was present, representing Sam's Club. He briefly discussed a special open enrollment program. At this time, anyone from the Post can join at the discounted price of \$35.00 which will apply to all future, continuous re-enrollments. Brochures were left for those interested.

**New Members:**

John Fitzgerald, Josh Tims and Tim Tims.

**Roll Call of Officers:**

Present were Commander Doug Grant

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Ed Hardesty

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander David Winchell

Adjutant Judith Winchell

Service Officer Mike Montes

Judge Advocate Don Naught

Sgt-at-Arms Gene Rogers

Executive Committeemen Gary Aaron, John Chelstrom and James Johns

Past District Commander Jake Greeling

Past Post Commanders John Chelstrom, Jake Greeling and Norvil Lantz

Absent were:

Chaplain Hal Graves

The positions of Finance Officer and Historian are vacant at this time.

A total of 49 members, including above noted officers, were present.

**Reading of the Minutes:**

The minutes of the April meeting have been posted on the website. The motion was made, seconded and passed to accept them as posted.

**Correspondence:**

A letter from the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks has been received. The blood drive April blood drive was a success and exceeded set goals for the number of units collected and the percentage of O negative blood. The next blood drive is in June.

**Committee Reports:**

- Finance report: Ed Hardesty, as Acting Finance Officer, reported that we had a slight decrease in profits again this past month.
- Membership report: Judith Winchell reported that we have 795 members with 636 renewals (87%) to date. We have had several new member applications which are being held for the 2017 membership year.
- Consolidated Service report: Judith Winchell reminded members to turn in their volunteer hours. A special email will be sent out shortly to various committee heads for specific statistics needed for the annual Consolidated Post Report.
- House Committee report: Jean Meacham said the Cinco de Mayo special generated income despite the short lead time for promotion. Taco Tuesday continues to do well as does Trivia Wednesday. In addition to Trivia being now held in the meeting room, Karaoke is moving there also. She briefly described the new electronic ordering system that has been purchased and is being installed. The logic for this purchase prior to that of a new electronic sign was explained.
- Fundraising/Golf Committee: The tournament is planned for 06/04/16.
- Pat O'Brien reminded members of the upcoming Memorial Day program. A sign-up sheet for those willing to help with flags and chairs is in the back of the hall.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- Again the need for Duty Officers was stressed and the need for those volunteering to complete the checklist when closing to building.
- Doug said the Charter renaming this post in honor of Willard E. "Rocky" Glidewell has been received. A rededication ceremony will be held at a later date.
- Following recognized procedure, the names of those nominated for each position were read, changes noted and nominations from the floor accepted. Candidates for contested positions were invited to speak and answer questions from the members. Voting was done by ballot and counted by members not running for office with the following results:
  1. Commander: Jean Meacham
  2. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: David Winchell
  3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Mike Montes
  4. Adjutant: Judith Winchell
  5. Finance Officer: John Chelstrom
  6. Chaplain: Norvil Lantz
  7. Judge Advocate: Don Naught
  8. Veteran Service Officer: Timothy Spurgeon
  9. Sgt-at-Arms: Gene Rogers
  10. Historian: Bob Trager
  11. Committeemen: Andy Anderson, JJ Johns, Pat O'Brien

#### **New Business:**

- The ALA voted to donate \$400 to cover the cost of the newly installed chair rails.

- Discussion was held concerning the Memorial Garden. The motion was made and seconded to place an article in the paper discussing the Garden and inviting people to purchase a brick before the sales are closed in one year. Doug mentioned that he was interviewed for an article to appear in the next edition of the POA quarterly magazine. The motion was voted down by a show of hands.

**Good of the Legion:**

- Information for the June newsletter should be turned in by May 23.
- We will be hosting a hot dog roast on 05/21/16 for candidates going to both Boys and Girls state and their parents.
- Bob Rishel said there will be a large garage sale on 05/28/16 from 7 AM to 6 PM with all proceeds going to the Veterans' Wall of Honor. The location is the parking lot by Allen's grocery store.

**Closing:**

Closing ceremonies were conducted by Commander Grant and the meeting was adjourned at 20:20 hours.

Respectfully submitted by

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Judith A Winchell  
Adjutant