

**American Legion Post 341  
Membership Meeting June 12, 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 Vice Commander David Winchell.

**Roll Call of Officers:**

Present were:

Commander Jean Meacham  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander David Winchell  
Adjutant Judith Winchell  
Finance Office John Chelstrom  
Chaplain Norvil Lantz  
Sgt-at-Arms Gene Rogers  
Executive Committeeman Pat O'Brien  
Past Post Commander Norvil Lantz  
Pas Post Commander John Chelstrom

Absent were:

Judge Advocate Don Naught  
Executive Committeeman Andy Anderson  
Executive Committeeman JJ Johns  
Past Post Commander Doug Grant  
Past Post and Department Commander Jake Greeling

The positions of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander and Service Officer are vacant at this time. With sadness, it is noted that Historian Bob Trager died last month.

A total of 21 members, including above noted officers, were present.

**Reading of the Minutes:**

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

**Correspondence:**

- There was no correspondence to report.

**Committee Reports:**

- Finance report: John Chelstrom reviewed the monthly financials. The report will be posted upstairs outside of the office for all who wish to read it. There was discussion about taking \$500 from the profit of the Golf Tournament for the sign fund. After the discussion, the motion to do so was withdrawn.

- Membership report: Judith Winchell reported that we have 590 members who have renewed for 2017 making this our official membership. She reminded members of the 30+ day turn around time at the state level for recording renewals. All new and transferring member requests are being held until after the new cards for 2018 are received at the convention later this month.
- The House Committee suggested and the Executive Board approved the installing of a mail box at the Post. Once this is done, the Post Office will be notified and a change of address will be sent to the American Legion in Little Rock.

**Guests:**

- Tom Harmon with U. S. Law Shield spoke about the insurance program provided to members for both gun and civil actions. He will be available to answer questions after the meeting.
- Tom Judson with the Bella Vista POA spoke about ongoing and future projects of the POA.

**Unfinished Business:**

- The following officers for 2017-2018 were given the oath of office by Norvil Lantz:
  - Commander: Jean Meacham
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Fay Ryan
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Jeff Vermurlen.
  - Finance Officer: John Chelstrom
  - Chaplain: Norvil Lantz
  - Judge Advocate: Gene Rogers
  - Executive Committeeman: Armando Martinez
  - Legion Rider Director: Ed Hardesty
  - Legion Rider Assistant Director: Fay Ryan
  - Legion Rider Secretary: Cathy Downard
  - Adjutant: Don Naught was absent and will be sworn in next month
  - Sergeant-at-Arms: JJ Johns was absent and will be sworn in next month.

**New Members:**

- Jim Beckwith was introduced. He retired from the Army and recently moved to Bella Vista. His membership will be completed after the convention.

**Good of the Legion:**

- Norvil Lantz recognized Tommy Meacham for another successful Golf Tournament.

**Closing:**

Closing ceremonies were conducted by Commander Meacham and Chaplain Lantz. The meeting was adjourned at 19:35 hours.

Respectfully submitted by

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Judith A Winchell

Adjutant