

**American Legion Post 341
Membership Meeting June 13, 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 Chaplain-elect Norvil Lantz. The POW/MIA Flag Ceremony was conducted by 2nd Vice Commander David Winchell.

Guests:

There were no guests present.

New Members:

Don Wiggins (USAF) is a transfer in, while Leon Richter (USN) is a new member.

Roll Call of Officers:

Present were Commander Doug Grant

1st Vice Commander Ed Hardesty

2nd 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 44 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 next blood drive is June 27th.

David Winchell reported that thank you letters have been mailed to all non-post persons and businesses that helped with the Memorial Day Program. Gary Aaron stood and thanked David for all the work in producing an outstanding Memorial Day Program.

Committee Reports:

- Finance report: Ed Hardesty, as Acting Finance Officer, reported that we have an increase in revenue.
- Membership report: Judith Winchell reported that we have 782 members with 686 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 reported that the Consolidated Post Report has been completed and submitted electronically for 2015-2016. She also reminded members to submit their volunteer hours.
- House Committee report: Jean Meacham said that she has resigned from this committee since being elected Post Commander. JJ Johns has agreed to head the committee for the coming year. She also discussed the upcoming Veterans appreciation baseball game at Arvest Park on June 20. A sign-up sheet is available for those wishing to attend.
- Fundraising/Golf Committee: The tournament was held on 06/04/16. Not all the figures are in, but it appears to have been a success. A thank you to all who helped with it.

Unfinished Business:

- Again the need for Duty Officers was stressed and the need for those volunteering to complete the checklist when closing to building.
- David Winchell asked for volunteers to meet at the cemetery tomorrow at 08:30 to take down the remaining flags, those that got rained on.
- Jean Meacham said a flag retirement ceremony would be held at the post tomorrow at 10:30. Help is needed with this.
- Jake Greeling reported briefly on the recent convention.

New Business:

- Following recognized procedure, Norvil Lantz (past commander and chaplain-elect) administered the oath of office to the new officers for 2016-2017:
 1. Commander: Jean Meacham
 2. 1st Vice Commander: David Winchell
 3. 2nd Vice Commander: Mike Montes
 4. Adjutant: Judith Winchell
 5. Finance Officer: John Chelstrom
 6. Chaplain: Norvil Lantz
 7. Judge Advocate: Don Naught
 8. Sgt-at-Arms: Gene Rogers
 9. Historian: Bob Trager
 10. Committeemen: Andy Anderson, JJ Johns, Pat O'Brien
 11. ALR Commander and Vice Commanders: Pat O'Brien and Jim Kelly
 12. Veteran Service Officer, Tim Sturgeon, was not present.

- Doug Grant read a notice concerning free dental care offered by Aspen Dental to all veterans on 06/25/16. The office is in Rogers and reservations are recommended.
- On Wednesday, 06/22/16, at Post 21 in Fayetteville, the South Korean representative will be presenting a Korean Peace Medal to all Korean War veterans. A phone number is available to those wishing to attend the presentation. It is recommended that those wanting a medal take their DD214 with them to the program.
- Casey Chenoweth is the new Benton County Veteran Service Officer. He will be at this post on Wednesdays from 08:15 until 15:30.
- Robert Wilson was introduced. He is the new leader of our SAL division. He is requesting help is getting our unit up and running again.
- Jean Meacham said the Patriot Parade will be held in the Allen's Shopping Center on 07/04/16 as in previous years. It will have pre-parade entertainment beginning at 09:00 and the parade beginning at 09:30. She requested that all members of this post not involved in the parade and who are able to consider marching in the parade as members of this post.
- Armando Martinez said that in the past, he enjoyed a friendly poker game upstairs in the evening. Anyone who is interested in playing, please see him.

Good of the Legion:

- Information for the June newsletter should be turned in by Jun 23.
- Norvil Lantz won the 50/50 drawing of \$54 and donated it to the building fund.

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