

**American Legion Post 341
Membership Meeting
February 10 2020**

1. Opening Ceremonies- Commander John Chelstrom, raps the gavel, “ Sgt. @ Arms would you please secure the doors”. Shut off cell phones.
2. Three raps of the gavel; “Hand Salute; to the colors”.
3. Uncover and remain uncovered for the opening prayer, placing of the POW-MIA flag on the empty chair and the Pledge of Allegiance.”

“Will the Chaplain please offer opening prayer?””Amen” Please uncover.

“A POW-MIA empty chair is placed at all official meetings of the American Legion, as a physical symbol of the thousands for of American POW-MIA’s still unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts involving the United States of America. This is a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity, the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty, and a full accounting of those missing. Let us rededicate ourselves for this vital endeavor.

“Please place the POW/MIA flag on the empty chair”.

4. “Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance”.
“Recover”.
5. Recite the Preamble.
6. One rap of the gavel-“I now declare Willard E. “Rocky” Glidewell Post 341 of the Department of Arkansas regularly convened”.

Order of Business

1. Roll call of officers.
2. Reading of the minutes are available and the meeting minutes are posted on our website and on the consolidated service report. Last month’s minutes our available in hard copy here and now for whomever wishes to read them. Minutes were approved from last month’s meeting.
3. John our commander introduced two new members to the Post, Bob Trout and Andrea.
4. John read the financial report out loud and went over the numbers for the business month of January and stated that there was \$35,350.00 cash on hand.
5. The commander also spoke about getting the damaged guard rail fixed at the front entrance and also commented about filing the annual tax report for the Legion.

6. John opened it up for questions from those in attendance and Pat Obrien asked about the insurance money on the damaged guard rail and the commander said that the insurance money that we received from them was deposited in the bank. The commander said that food sales were down some for the month of January. He said that we made \$2400.00 in food sales and I didn't catch the number for bar sales. Another contributing factor was that we were closed for four straight days. Brad Kanell, asked when the last time an audit was done for the post. John replied that it has been awhile but that we can always request one if needed. I asked what the fee was to rent the legion hall for an event and it costs \$400.00 to do so.

7. Brad Kanell, has volunteered to head up the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation committee. Other members that have agreed to help are Doug Grant, Don Naught and Greg Helle.

8. Mike Montes, who works on the face book page for us said that he will be gone for part of next month so we will try and cover for him during his absence.

9. As for the continued planning meetings for the June Golf Tournament we have agreed to meet the Second and Fourth Saturdays of every month. Brad asked where the proceeds from the tournament would be going. So far it has not been determined. If we are going to have breakfast at one of these upcoming meetings it was put out to the general membership that help was needed with cooking and preparation between 6 and 7 prior to the meeting. We are going to send out a mass e-mail with information about the tournament.

10. John mentioned that in 2 months it will be time to elect new officers for the new year. More to the point we are looking help with the Finance officer position that was vacated last year. We do have an accounting clerk that we pay to help us part time but we are still actively recruiting for a person to fill the position.

11. Greg Helle, has agreed to send out a mass e-mail to the membership and for this we thank him.

12. John announced that on the 24th of February at 6:30 pm. A group called Concerned Veterans of America will be here to talk about legislation and veteran's benefits. All members are encouraged to attend and there will be refreshments.

13. Don Naught conducted the monthly door raffle and the generous winner turned the money (\$27.00) back over to the legion which is very much appreciated.

For the Good of the Legion:

For the third month in a row we did not have 25 members in attendance so we were unable to have a quorum. That being said the commander moved the meeting to closing ceremonies.

Chelstrom, asked Chaplain Lantz to lead us in closing prayer. Meeting motioned to adjournment.

Respectfully submitted

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