

**American Legion Post 341  
Membership Meeting  
May 13, 2019**

**OPENING CEREMONIES** - At 1836 hours Commander Jean Meacham called the Post meeting to order. Commander Meacham led the Pledge of Allegiance. Norvil Lantz led the membership in the opening prayer. The group's recitation of the Preamble to the Legion's Constitution and Bylaws were guided by the Commander. Thirty-six members attended this meeting.

**ADJUTANT'S REPORT** – The report consisted of the following sections:

- The minutes from the April meeting are to be posted on the Office bulletin board and the Post's web site. The minutes were approved as presented.
- Naught reviewed the current membership status. The Post currently has the potential for 622 individuals on the rolls but we still have 111 members who have not renewed at the date of the meeting. This leaves 511 2019 paid members including 56 Paid Up For Life members (PUFLS).

Naught reiterated the need for members to pay their 2019 dues and requested all members present contact those members they know have not renewed yet. The 2020 membership cards and drive will be starting very soon.

- Naught closed with his standard request for members to submit their volunteer hours to him right away.

**FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT:** Finance Director Greg Helle presented the Post's finance report. This report indicated the Post:

- Had a March profit of \$10,875 versus March, 2019. Total cash flow was \$10,288 but Building and Golf Fund receipts of \$11,945 were included in that total resulting in an operating deficit of \$1,070.
- As of the meeting the fund balances were:
  - General fund – \$7,875.
  - CD - \$6,041.
  - Maintenance fund - \$9,974.
  - Restricted building fund - \$12,532.
  - Reserve fund - \$7,863.
  - Total cash reserves - \$44,836.
- Bar profit was \$4,604 with 46% Cost of Sales (COS).
- Kitchen profit was \$714 with a COS of 44%.
- Employee meals were \$818 or 7% of sales.
- Building fund campaign efforts raised \$12,532 and paired with the matching funds produces a fund of \$22,532. Fund raising efforts continue. At meeting time only 46 members have contributed to this drive.

- Since the objective of this fund drive is to help solidify the Post's long-term financial position the efforts will continue. April continued to produce \$1,000 to \$2,000 days to exceed the Post's breakeven point. This allows the funds to cover other Legion needs beyond building Post financial security.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT: Craig Graham reported:**

- A special event is scheduled for Memorial Day on July 27<sup>th</sup> with a "Las Vegas" theme. 120 tickets have been produced and are on sale for \$12 per person. Any profit is slated for the "Comfort Warriors" which is a Legion sponsored organization
- The very successful "Corn Hole" games are on hiatus for the next six weeks. They will resume again on June 21<sup>st</sup>. This group contributes some very serious cash to our Post SO LET US ALL DO OUR BEST TO MAKE THEM FEEL WELCOME.
- Soon profits from "Donate Up" will be designated to fund the recently established Veteran's Assistance Fund. In addition, before funds may be dispensed a complete set of guidelines will be written to protect the donations from possible misuse.
- Friday evening entertainment has ended, at least temporarily, because the male in the twosome has passed away. David Cavalerri will continue to provide entertainment on Thursdays.
- A number of web sites (including Facebook) are being contacted to place our notices on their sites. Mike Montes has volunteered to lead these efforts. Get him the help he needs by contributing "newsy" events and information.
- Mike Montes says the "Chili Cook Off" has yet to be scheduled. Call him to enter and help with the preparations.
- A regular "steak night" is yet to be scheduled but the "salamander" oven is due to be installed shortly. This will facilitate our efficient production of broiled and baked items.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The Commander announced the Veteran's Affairs Officer has begun to return to the Post. The VAO does request, however, persons wanting to see her call in advance so she can be thoroughly prepared for their meetings.

The Post's Legion Riders have teamed up with Riders from Post's 19 and 100 to conduct a raffle of a spectacular veteran's quilt. Tickets are for sale for \$1 per chance or 6 chances for \$5. The drawing will be held on Veteran's Day.

**PURCHASE YOUR CHANCES TO SUPPORT OUR RIDERS. Do you have to be present to win???**

**OLD BUSINESS** – The Commander proceeded to Old Business but none was raised. She related:

- The Blood Drive was successful producing 15 pints from participants. The Commander indicated she would like to see 20 pints the next time a “drive day” is held.
- The “salamander” range has arrived and is to be installed soon.

**NEW BUSINESS** – The new business of the day was the election of officers for the 2019-2020 year. The final results were:

- Commander – Brad Kennell
- First Vice Commander – David Niemann
- Second Vice Commander – Nathan Vail
- Finance Director – Open but Greg Helle will continue to act temporarily in the position until it's filled.
- Adjutant - Open but Don Naught will continue to act temporarily in the position until it's filled.
- Sergeant at Arms – Don Naught
- Chaplain – Norvil Lantz will continue in this position for the Post.
- Committee persons:
  - John Chelstrom
  - Craig Graham
  - Jean Meacham

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION** – The following items were discussed:

- David Niemann related a member of the Post and the Marine Corp Detachment had a horrific event due to our ongoing rain this Spring. The floor in their mobile home collapsed and their water heater fell through the floor. The combined efforts of the Detachment and Post members have renewed the flooring and will now be undertaking to build a ramp into their home to accommodate the wife's wheel chair.

Lowes donated the water heater for the home and as such a thank you certificate will be crafted and presented to Lowes' management for their donation to our member's welfare.

- The Vietnam Travelling Wall will be appearing at Crystal Bridges May 23<sup>rd</sup> thru the 27<sup>th</sup>. The 27<sup>th</sup> is also the day on which it will be torn down for shipment at the end of the day. SEE IT EARLY!!!

The location needs security volunteers for three hour shifts during its' appearance. Volunteers can arrange their schedules through the Post.

## **ADJUTANT'S COMMENT**

It is readily apparent that more members must be willing to get actively involved to ensure ALL POST POSITIONS are filled with QUALIFIED personnel. You can get your name "in the ring" by letting any current, Post officer know of your desire to serve.

## **THIS ORGANIZATION CAN NOT RUN WITHOUT YOUR COMMITMENT AND ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT!!!**

There being no further business the Commander moved the meeting to the meeting closing procedures.

### **CLOSING CEREMONIES:**

Commander Meacham and Chaplain Lantz conducted the closing ceremonies at approximately 1950 hours.

Respectfully submitted

*Dox Naught*

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