

**American Legion Post 341
Membership Meeting
January 13 2020**

1. Opening Ceremonies- First Vice Commander Darryl Davis, 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. Correspondence: Darryl Davis just returned from Little Rock state conference for the beginning of the year.
4. Introduction of guest speakers: Doug Grant, David Bailey and Cindy Johnson.

Doug Grant, was the first speaker up and he will be helping us with our annual golf tournament this year. Planning meeting will kick of this Saturday from 8 to 10 am at morning coffee with the

commander here at the legion hall. The tournament will be a shotgun scramble held at Kingswood golf course here at Bella Vista on the 13th of June. When Doug was done talking with us he went over to speak with the Ladies Auxiliary group about supporting this fundraising event.

Second person to speak to us was David Bailey who is a local prosecutor that is running for district court judge this coming election in March. Mr. Bailey spoke to us about a program called veteran treatment court. That is somewhat modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous to help veterans deal with substance abuse problems and perhaps keep them out of jail through a mentoring program available in Benton, Madison, Sebastian and Washington counties here in Arkansas. Mr. Bailey said if elected to district court this year he would like to implement this program by January 2021. He asked for questions of which there were none.

Last speaker was Ms. Cindy Johnson the sales director from Concordia nursing home. She has 35 years of experience and also does missionary work. She said that she works with residents that have Dementia and that it is important to give them a sense of purpose to carry on. Ms. Johnson traveled to Italy last year to conduct missionary work and spread the word of the gospel. She also brought us cookies for this we thank her.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Finance report: Greg gave us the monthly finance report and read it out loud for all the members in attendance. A copy of this report will be attached to the minutes. Don Naught made a motion to approve the financial report and Gene seconded motion passed.

b. Membership report: I gave the report out loud and for 2020 we have a total of 544 members. The overall numbers are included in the report attached to the minutes.

c. House Committee: Darryl gave the final tally for the New Year's Eve party and we brought in just under \$3,000.00 after costs and expenses between ticket sales (\$30.00 each) and what the bar made.

Don Naught who was adjutant last year addressed the meeting about members paying their dues for the year so they won't lose their benefits and stop receiving the American Legion magazine. Let's all get the word out to other members we know we thank you.

Darryl asked if there were was any unfinished business or if there was anyone else who wished to bring anything forward at this time.

One of our members named Tom got up and said that he was a scout leader and that the boys and girl scouts are looking for service projects. He said that to keep them in mind for work projects throughout the upcoming year. They meet at the First United Methodist Church and can be reached by calling 479-553-7328.

Jean Meachem, who was one of our past commanders said that she had been to other places of business recently and found out when a purchase was made by a credit or debit card that there

was a way to allow for a donation to go to the Legion during the transaction. She said this would be one way to raise money for the post. We thanked for her input.

Next Don Naught the Sgt. of Arms conducted the monthly raffle and \$49.00 was the pay-out.

For the Good of the Legion:

At this time there were only 20 members present and we need 25 for a quorum. So that being said Darryl Davis moved the meeting to closing ceremonies.

Closing:

Davis asked Chaplain Lantz to lead us in closing prayer and he asked to remember the past members that we have lost in 2019 and continue to remember them and their families during their loss. Meeting motioned to adjournment.

Respectfully submitted
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