

Marshall S. Sayner American Legion Post 341

Membership Meeting, August 4, 2011

OPENING CEREMONIES:

At 18:30 hours Commander Jake Greeling called the members to order. Opening Ceremonies were conducted with the Salute to the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance. Opening prayer was given by Chaplin, Ray Brust. The POW/MIA Flag Ceremony was conducted by 2nd Vice Commander Douglas Grant.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commander - Jake Greeling, Present - 1st Vice Commander – Shelaine Coleman, Present, - 2nd Vice Commander – Doug Grant - Adjutant - Dan LaPointe, Present, - Finance Officer - John Chelstrom, Present - Judge Advocate - Gene Rogers, Absent - Service Officer – Frank Lindsey, Present – Chaplin – Ray Brust, Present – Sgt-At-Arms – Andy Anderson, Present -- Past Commander - Norvil Lantz, Present.

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

The minutes from our July, 2011 meeting are posted on the bulletin board and have been posted on the website for some time. A motion to accept the minutes as read was approved.

Guest Speaker: Daniel Galloway who was one of the boys who attended Boys State reported on his experience at Boys State. He said it was a very rewarding experience but also pretty exhausting with the schedule they worked with. He was presented with a certificate from the Post by Past Commander Norvil Lantz.

Fundraising Committee Report: Fund Raising Chairman Doug Grant reported to the members that the Spaghetti Dinner, Talent Contest and Silent Auction netted a little over \$4,000.00. He thanked all members for their help in making the fundraiser a huge success.

Finance Report: John Chelstrom, the Post Finance Officer, reported that the post has total Cash on Hand of \$84,596. \$59,303 of which is in the Building Fund.

Membership Report: First Vice Commander Coleman reported that the Post currently has 280 members who have paid up their 2012 Dues.

Department Convention: Commander Greeling reported that the Post has won a 100% certificate and a ribbon to hang from the Post flag at the 2011 Department Convention. It is the first time in many years that we have received these awards. Commander Greeling also reported that the SAL Squadron had received an award. And that Past Post Commander of Post 341, Norvil Lantz, had been elected the new NW Arkansas Vice Commander.

Service Officers Report: Post Service Officer, Frank Lindsey gave a report on the status of some new Benefits and new information that is now available on the VA webpage. He will forward some of this info to Commander Greeling to put on the Post webpage for members to review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Monthly Breakfast: Shelaine reported that the next breakfast will be on August 13, 2011. Anyone who can help - please be at the post at 7:00 AM.

Legion Riders: Ray Brust reported on his findings regarding starting a Legion Riders (Motorcycles) Club for the Post. The membership voted to have Ray move forward with getting a Charter. Ray said he would schedule an organizational meeting in the near future.

Correspondence was received from the **Wounded Warriors** Project, **The Fisher House**, the **VA Hospital**, and the **Boxes for our Troop Project**. Each of these organizations thanked the Post for the donations we send them. The letters are posted on the Bulletin Board.

Paul Herrick reported that the new scout troop has been organizing and will start having their regular meetings soon on Sunday afternoons at the Post.

New Business:

A branch from a tree has fallen on the pavilion and the tree needs to be professionally removed to prevent further damage to the building. A motion was made and passed by the members to pay up to \$1,000.00 for the removal of the tree.

New Officers Pictures and Bios: Commander Greeling has scheduled the new officers that needed pictures taken that he would do it after the meeting was over. He also asked all of the new officers to submit biographies to go with their pictures on the Post Website.

Newsletter is to go out this month. Anyone with articles to put in it should get them to the Commander or the Adjutant ASAP.

District Service Officer, Steele James was present and gave a brief report.

MOMENT FOR DEPARTED MEMBER:

Chaplin Brust reported that the Post had lost 3 members in the last month. Dwight Dussair, 95, Army, WWII. Ronald Scroggins, 79, US Marine Corps served in Korea and Viet Nam. And Cliff Jenkins 79, US Navy, Korean War. Chaplin Brust delivered a memorial prayer in their honor.

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commander Greeling conducted appropriate Closing Ceremonies. The meeting was adjourned at 19:35 hours. There were 32 members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan LaPointe, Adjutant