

Marshall S. Sayner American Legion Post 341

Membership Meeting, December 2, 2010

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 led by Chaplin, Ron Madsen. The POW/MIA Flag Ceremony was conducted by 2nd Vice Commander Shelaine Coleman.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commander - Jake Greeling, Present - 1st Vice Commander - Lewis Kaslow, Absent - 2nd Vice Commander - Shelaine Coleman, Present, - Adjutant - Dan LaPointe, Present, - Finance Officer - John Chelstrom, Present - Judge Advocate - Gene Rogers, Present - Service Officer - Nat Holmes, Absent – Acting Chaplin – Ray Brust , Present – Acting Sgt-At-Arms – Bill Pranke, Present.

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

The minutes from our last 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Report: John Chelstrom, the Post Finance Officer gave the Monthly Finance Report. It was also noted that it is posted on the Bulletin Board. He reported that the Post has a total of \$62,189.00 on hand at this time.

Membership Report: 1st Vice Commander Lewis Kaslow reported that the current number of members was at 471 members who have paid 2011 dues. This leaves 84 members who paid their 2010 dues that have yet to pay their 2011 dues.

Service Officers Report: Post Service Officer, Nat Holmes was absent so no report was given.

Fundraising Committee Report: Fund Raising Chairman Doug Grant reported that the date for the Legion Annual Golf Tournament was set for May 21, 2011 and that Kingswood and Berksdale courses have been reserved for the event. He reported that the golf tournament committee will be meeting after the first of the year and that anyone who would have input is invited to attend. He also reported on **Care Package for our Troops** program. Commander Greeling reported that the November Spirit night only netted. \$6.00 and said that we would be switching to a quarterly Spirit night with the next one in February. He said that we will need to organize much better to get better participation from the membership.

S.A.L. (Sons of Legion) – There was no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Monthly Breakfast: 2nd Vice Commander reported that \$714.00 was netted from the November monthly breakfast and that they had served 102 people. There will not be a breakfast in December as there is too much going on. The next one will be on January 8, 2011.

Christmas Party: Saturday December 11th starting at 5:30 PM. Shelaine Coleman is the Chairperson for the event. Members are asked to bring a side dish or desert. The main course will be provided. Members were also asked to bring unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots.

New Business: Commander Greeling awarded a Certificates of Appreciation to Bennet Sloan to recognize him for what he felt was efforts beyond the regular line of duty in efforts for the Post. He also reported that the ***Wreathes across America*** program was on December 11th at the Fayetteville National Cemetery and asked as many members as possible to attend and participate. He brought up for discussion by the members the idea of having 2 monthly breakfasts at the post. After much discussion it did not appear that the members were in favor of doing this at this time. Commander Greeling reported to the members that the post was going to start sending out quarterly Newsletters.

New Members: Gary Clifton, US Army and Charles Rhodes, US Army – both Viet Nam Area Veterans

MOMENT FOR DEPARTED MEMBER:

Commander Greeling reported that the Post has not lost any members during the last month.

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commander Greeling conducted appropriate Closing Ceremonies. The meeting was adjourned at 1940 hours. There were 23 members were present.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan LaPointe, Adjutant