

Marshall S. Sayner American Legion Post 341

Membership Meeting, July 1, 2010

OPENING CEREMONIES:

At 18:30 hours Acting Commander Shelaine Coleman 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 conducted by former Commander NorvilLantz.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

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

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:

Fundraising Committee Report: Doug Grant reported that he had been contacted about parking cars for the July 3rd fireworks. He asked for any available member to help out from 6 PM till the start of the fireworks. The city will donate the Post \$400.00 for our help.

Finance Report: Because John Chelstrom, the Post Finance Officer was not present there was not a Finance report given for the month.

Membership Report: Acting Commander Coleman reported that she believed that the current number of paid-up members was still at 555 .

Service Officers Report: Nat Holmes reported about many important correspondence and actions that he has received from the VA. The new information was posted on the bulletin board. For a full list of current and new information effecting Veterans please contact Nat Holmes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Monthly Breakfast: 2nd Vice Commander reported that the post had made over \$2400.00 from the last 3 months breakfasts. She asked anyone who wanted to help with the next breakfast on July 10th to be at the Post at 7:00 AM.

Boys State: Bill Dieleman reported on the trip he made to Boys State and the actions of the boys that were sponsored by our Post. He said he saw 2 of the boys we had sent and that he was again impressed with the actions of the group. He asked for a volunteer to act as the Post Liaison for this Legion Activity. He said he feels it is one of the Legions best programs but would like to see another member step forward and take this position. Bill reported that he had asked the boys to speak at the August Meeting to express their feelings and give a short report on their activities at Boys State. If they are not all able to attend then they may give their report at the September Post Meeting.

Flag Retirement: Bill Pranke reported on the Flag Burning Ceremony that was held at Blowing Spring Park. He reported that approximately 100 people were present including members and public. He also reported we had retired between 300 – 400 flags. He reported that the Post had been assisted by the local Boy Scout Troop. Everyone thought that it was much nicer at the park than at the Post because of the absence of noise and the size of the facility.

4th of July Parade: Acting Commander Coleman asked for a Volunteer to get the Post Colors to Forest Stricker at the Parade on July 3rd at 10 AM. She said we did not need to provide a person to carry the Colors in the Parade but just needed to get the Colors to Forest.

NEW BUSINESS:

Veterans Council Representatives: Bob Rishel was nominated and approved as the Post Representative to the Veterans Council. Also approved were the at-large members, Herb Thomas, Tim Hull and James Sperry.

Golf Tournament Proceeds: Because of the Absence of the Post Commander and Post Finance Officer Acting Commander Coleman reported that we would delay the donating of funds from the Tournament to next month's meeting.

No Saturday Coffee on July 3rd. Because of the Holiday weekend and the Parade the Saturday coffee and donuts has been cancelled.

GOOD OF THE LEGION:

Past Post Commander Norvil Lantz reported that the Department Convention would be held in Little Rock, Ark on July 15th thru the 17th. Any member can attend.

Bill Dieleman reported on the **Honor Flight Program** and said that the next flight that will be on September 18th.

Judge Advocate , Gene Rogers reported on the progress on getting the new water meter installed and the project that will be coming in the near future to get some of the large trees removed from the post property. He asked members to help when they are needed to trim branched and cleanup the post grounds.

MOMENT FOR DEPARTED MEMBER:

Acting Commander Coleman asked Chaplin Madsen to lead the Members in a Memorial Prayer for Authur "Duck" McLean who was a member of our Post who served in the US Navy from 1944 – 1951.

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Acting Commander Coleman conducted appropriate Closing Ceremonies. The meeting was adjourned at 1920 hours. There were 19 total members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan LaPointe, Adjutant