

Marshall S. Sayner American Legion Post 341

Membership Meeting, June 2, 2011

OPENING CEREMONIES:

At 18:38 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, 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, Absent - Judge Advocate - Gene Rogers, Absent - Service Officer - Nat Holmes, Absent – Chaplin – Ron Madsen, Present – Sgt-At-Arms – Bill Pranke, Present -- Past Commander - Norvil Lantz, Present.

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

The minutes from our May 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 Speakers:

Jessica Reed with Patients Choice Hospice talked about their ***We Honor Veterans Program*** and took questions from the floor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising Committee Report: Fund Raising Chairman Doug Grant was not present so no report was given except for Commander Greeling telling the Members that the preliminary report on the recent Golf Tournament shows that the Post made almost \$10,000 net from this year's event. He thanked all members who helped out with the success of the event. He also informed the members about an event that is scheduled for July 23rd at Academy for Christ in Bentonville. It will be a spaghetti dinner, talent show and silent auction. He mentioned that last year's silent auction was the second largest fundraiser of the year and asked for any members who could help to attend a meeting at the Post after coffee on June 4th. Norvil Lantz, Past Commander, reported that the Poppy Sales went well and final numbers are not in yet but it looks like the Fundraiser will net approximately \$ 2,400.00 for the Post.

Finance Report: John Chelstrom, the Post Finance Officer, was absent so no Monthly Finance Report was given.

Membership Report: Lewis Kaslow, the Post First vice Commander was absent but Commander Greeling reported that we still have 585 members who have paid 2011 dues.

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

Boys and Girls State: Bill Dielman reported that a total of 4 members from our Post had attended Veteran Night at Boys State and had a very rewarding experience. It appears that the boys representing Post 341 are having a great time.

S.A.L. (Sons of Legion) – S.A.L. Commander Doug Grant was not in attendance so no report was given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Monthly Breakfast: Shelaine reported that the next breakfast will be on June 11th, 2011. Anyone who can help - please be at the post at 7:00 AM.

New Business:

Election of New Officers: Commander Greeling postponed installation of officers due to the large number of new officers that were absent from tonight's meeting. All of the new Officers will be installed at the July Meeting.

Boy Scout Troop – Kate Coleman and Tom Pitts representing a group from Bentonville who are looking for an organization to sponsor a *Venture Boy Scout Troop* and have asked if the Post would be willing to sponsor the troop. At a meeting on May 12th at 7 PM the Post Officers had agreed to be the sponsor but invited these Leaders to attend a monthly Post meeting to answer any questions that the membership may have. It appeared that the Post Membership is excited to sponsor and support the new Venture Crew.

Membership Cookout: A cook-out for all members and spouse (or guests) at the Post Pavilion on June 18th at 5 PM. Meat and soft drinks will be provided. Beer will be available by donation. Please bring a dish to pass.

MOMENT FOR DEPARTED MEMBER:

Commander Greeling reported that in the last month David Redway, 77, A US Navy Veteran had passed away. Chaplain Ron Madsen delivered a memorial prayer in his honor.

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commander Greeling conducted appropriate Closing Ceremonies. The meeting was adjourned at 1925 hours. There were 27 members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan LaPointe, Adjutant