

Marshall S. Sayner American Legion Post 341

Membership Meeting, March 3rd, 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 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, Present - 2nd Vice Commander - Shelaine Coleman, Present, - Adjutant - Dan LaPointe, Present, - Finance Officer - John Chelstrom, Absent - Judge Advocate - Gene Rogers, Present - Service Officer - Nat Holmes, Absent – Chaplin – Ron Madsen, Present – Acting Sgt-At-Arms – Bill Pranke, Present. Past Commander - Norvil Lantz, Present.

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

The February meeting was cancelled due to the weather so there were no minutes. The minutes from our January 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.

Special Guest:

Jerry Meyers, District 1 Commander

Guest Speakers:

Glen Minor is a candidate for Arkansas Department Commander for the term of 2011-2012.

Stele James is the new Benton County Service officer.

Both spoke briefly about their request for support from the members of Post 341. Stele asked if there may be members who would be willing to be trained to help him in getting papers to veterans that need benefits. Everyone interested in receiving the training should let the Commander know.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Report: Lewis Kaslow, the Post First vice Commander 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 \$66,127.70 on hand at this time.

Membership Report: Lewis Kaslow, the Post First vice Commander reported that the current number of members was at 548 members who have paid 2011 dues. This leaves only 8 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 money from people who have signed up for the Legion Annual Golf Tournament has started to come in. He reported that the golf tournament committee will be meeting on Saturday March 5th at the post at noon after coffee and said that anyone who would have input is invited to attend. Commander Greeling reported that the next Spirit night would be planned for the near future and he will let all members know at the April Meeting.

Boys and Girls State: Bill Dielman and Norvil Lantz reported that they had visited with all of the local High Schools and have provided the counselors with the forms for HS Juniors to fill out if they want to attend either Boys or Girls State. Boys State will be held at the University of Central Arkansas at Conway, AR and Girls State will be held at Harding University in Searcy, AR. The dates for both are from May 29th thru June 3rd, 2011. Bill feels that this is one of the premier opportunities available to High School Juniors and is something that they will remember their whole life. On Monday night, May 30th members of the Post will go there and visit with our representatives. Any members who are interested in going should let Bill or Norvil know.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Monthly Breakfast: Shelaine reported that there was not a breakfast in February because of the *Snow of the Century*. The next one will be on March 12th, 2011. Anyone who can help - please be at the post at 7:00 AM. A new banner for the Post to display the day of the breakfast was shown to the members.

Ammo for the M1 Garands (10) has arrived. Commander Greeling reported that it is now time to sign up to be members of the Post Color Guard if interested. All members will be mostly responsible for the purchase of their own uniforms.

New Business:

The Legion Auxiliary has asked the Post to take over the Poppy Sales this year. John Chelstrom and Norvil Lantz have agreed to chair the project. We will be selling over Memorial Day weekend. More to follow next month.

Commander Greeling reported that the Flag Day Flag Retirement Ceremony would be at the Wall of Honor on June 14th as the community band has already reserved the Blowing Springs

Park. The good news is that he is 95% sure that he has secured the 106th Army Band to entertain us that evening. He will be looking for volunteers to help him out.

Commander Greeling reported that the National Commander, Jimmy Foster, would be visiting our Post on April 6th, 2011. Jake and his wife Karen have planned a reception in his honor at the post from 6:30 to 8:00PM with limited seating available. Hopefully the weather will be such that we can use the pavilion for at least the reception with a meal provided inside the Post.

Lewis Kaslow, the Post First vice Commander reported that as the Service Officer for Congressman Steve Womack, he is planning an Academy Day where representatives from each of the Service Academies will be present to talk to graduates and their families. The date is tentatively set for April 30, 2011. The location will be determined and there will be ads in the local papers to inform the public about the event.

MOMENT FOR DEPARTED MEMBER:

Chaplin Ron Madsen reported that in the last month post member Harold B Windbender 78, had passed away. He served in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Ron also reported that the last WWI veteran, Frank Buckles, has passed away this week. Ron delivered a memorial prayer for the departed soldiers.

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commander Greeling conducted appropriate Closing Ceremonies. The meeting was adjourned at 1940 hours. There were 40 members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan LaPointe, Adjutant