

Marshall S. Sayner American Legion Post 341

Membership Meeting, May 5, 2011

OPENING CEREMONIES:

At 18:35 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, Present - 2nd Vice Commander - Shelaine Coleman, Present, - Adjutant - Dan LaPointe, Present, - Finance Officer - John Chelstrom, Present - 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 March 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.

New Members introduced.

Warren Smith, Army. Bob Trager, Army. Robert Doran, Marines.

Guest Speakers:

Kelly Callen whose family publishes the local Bentonville/Bella Vista phone book wants to recognize the Veterans by displaying a picture of the Veteran Wall of Honor on the cover. Support was voiced and she was directed to contact Gene Roy of the Veterans Council for final approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising Committee Report: Fund Raising Chairman Doug Grant reported that the golf tournament was just over 2 weeks away and much help with final preparations were needed. 33 Teams have signed up to date. He reported that the golf tournament committee will be meeting this Saturday May 7th at 11:00 at the Post and said that anyone that has input or wants to help is invited to attend.

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 \$74,669 on hand at this time. He also notified the members that he had been able to secure a better premium for our Post Insurance and has switched to Farmers Insurance and saved the Post \$275.00 a year.

Membership Report: Lewis Kaslow, the Post First vice Commander reported that the post has reached 105% of the membership goal and we now have 585 members who have paid 2011 dues. Commander Greeling reported that Post 341 is now the largest Veterans Post, in membership in the western half of Arkansas.

Norvil Lantz, the State Membership Chairman gave out 100 % Pins to some of the members for recruiting new members to the Post in the last year. Receiving Pins were Commander Jake Greeling, Adjutant Dan LaPointe, 1st Vice Commander Lewis Kaslow, 2nd Vice Commander Shelaine Coleman, Doug Grant, Andy Anderson and Don Naught.

Service Officers Report: Post Service Officer, Nat Holmes was absent so no report was given. Commander Greeling reported again that there are several very important links that have been added to the Post 341 website under the heading of **Veterans Information Page**.

Boys and Girls State: Commander Greeling reported that there will be a Pizza party at Mazzio's Pizza in Bentonville for the 2 Boys and their families at Noon on May 14th.

S.A.L. (Sons of Legion) – S.A.L. Commander Doug Grant reported that things are going well and asked anyone who qualifies to join and is interested to be at the meetings which are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Monthly Breakfast: Shelaine reported that the next breakfast will be on May14th, 2011. Anyone who can help - please be at the post at 7:00 AM. She also reported that the 1st Methodist Church is having a Breakfast that day but we will still have ours.

New Business:

Election of New Officers: New Officers were elected for the 2011/2012 year. They are: Jake Greeling, Commander. Shelaine Coleman, 1st Vice Commander. Doug Grant, 2nd Vice Commander. Dan LaPointe, Adjutant. Gene Rogers, Judge Advocate. Ray Brust, Chaplin. Chris Cole, Service Officer. John Chelstrom, Finance Officer. Andy Anderson, Sergeant at Arms.

Poppy Sales -- John Chelstrom and Norvil Lantz are coordinating members to sell Poppy's for a Post Fundraiser. They provided 3 signup sheets for the members to use to sign up for any of the time slots. We will be selling at the Walmart in Jane, MO, The Walmart in Bentonville, At Allen's, Harps and Macadoddles. The hours will be 10AM to 6PM on Friday and 8AM to 4 PM on Saturday. Each shift will be for 2 hours.

Memorial Day Ceremony at the Bella Vista Cemetery – The VFW Post will be providing leadership. Andy Anderson and Chris Cole will be in charge of coordinating the Legion Members assistance for the event.

We need help from our Members in putting up Flags and chairs. Please be there at 7:00 AM to help. The Ceremony is scheduled to start at 9:30 AM and will move to Riordon Hall in the event of Rain.

Boy Scout Troop – A group of Leaders from Bentonville are looking for an organization to sponsor a Venture Boy Scout Troop and has asked if the Post would be willing to sponsor the troop. A meeting on May 12th at 7 PM at the Post is planned. Any member who has interest may attend.

Wounded Warriors fundraiser – At Harps parking lot in Rogers. A chicken cookout from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM with all proceeds going to the Wounded Warriors Project.

MOMENT FOR DEPARTED MEMBER:

Commander Greeling reported that in the last month Bob Kasper 86, WWII Army Air Corp had passed away. Chaplin 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