

## MARSHALL S. SAYNER AMERICAN LEGION POST 341

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MAY 6, 2010

#### OPENING CEREMONIES:

At 1830 hours Commander Jake Greeling called the members to order. Opening Ceremonies were conducted with the Salute to the Colors, opening prayer led by acting Chaplain Nat Colis, the POW/MIA Flag Ceremony conducted and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Shelaine Coleman placed the Flag on the "Empty Chair", the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Recitation of the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion.

#### ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commander – Jake Greeling, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander - Shelaine Coleman, Adjutant – Leslie Jackson, Finance Officer – John Chelstrom, Judge Advocate – Gene Rogers, Service Officer – Nat Holmes, Sgt-At-Arms – Bill Pranke, Past Post Commander – Norvil Lantz

#### MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

Minutes from our last meeting are posted on the bulletin board and have been on the website for some time. A motion to accept the minutes as read was approved.

#### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Steve Lowery, who is a candidate for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District, spoke to the members about his background and goals if elected congressman. He also answered questions from the members.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Golf Tournament:** Commander Greeling reported we netted \$7170 from the golf tournament which was almost as much as last year which was good considering we had 3 foursomes less than last year. The Post has netted close to \$20,000 from the 3 golf tournaments. Commander Greeling thanked everyone who helped for their hard work and support.

**Fundraising:** Doug Grant reported that 95% of the items are in for the silent auction. He passed a flier of items available for auction. This flier can also be viewed online on the Post's website. The auction will be held 2 weeks from this Saturday. He asked for any more donations and passed around a signup sheet for volunteers to help out on Friday, Saturday or both. 6-8 people are needed to set up from 3-5pm on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> and 10-12 people are needed to help with parking, cooking, and answering questions about the building on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Allen's Supermarket will be providing the hot dogs, buns, etc... A non-competition classic car show will be held as well. If you know of anyone with an antique classic car who might be interested please contact Doug. There are only 40 spaces available.

**Finance:** Finance Officer Chelstrom informed the members that as of today the Post's cash assets were: checking - \$9000, building fund - \$30,000, money market - \$15,000. He also stated that this is the most money the Post has ever had and that the balance sheet was posted on the bulletin board for all to view.

**Membership:** Commander Greeling reported there are 555 paid up members.

**Service Officer:** Service Officer Holmes reported about many important things including that 3 new diseases are being attributed to Agent Orange, benefits for Air America employees, a list of Gulf War diseases, changes in Tricare and the VA will providing vaccines for shingles. For a full list of current and new information effecting Veterans please contact Nat Holmes.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Monthly Breakfast:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Coleman reported that we netted \$1229 from the last breakfast. She asked if you would like to help out at the breakfasts please be at the Post by 8am.

**Boys State:** Bill Dieleman informed the members that 4 boys have been selected to attend. They attend Bentonville High School. They are: Gentry P. Damron, Caleb A Fackler, Tyler J. Brandt, and Jeremy M. Sasse. An orientation pizza party will be held for the parents and the selectees at Mazzio's on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Because of insurance reasons it is the parents' responsibility to transport their children to and from Boys State. Legion night at Boys State is May 31<sup>st</sup>. The boys always enjoy having Legion members attend. If interested it is a 3 hour drive to Conway so you must leave with others who will be attending early in the day. Please contact Bill Dieleman if interested.

**Poppy Sales:** The Women's Auxiliary Treasurer Fern Haskens asked for volunteers for several times and dates that are still not filled. The poppy sales will be conducted on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Last year \$3000 was made from the sale. A more than adequate supply of poppies was ordered for this year so there should be no shortage. Wives are encouraged to participate as well. All of the proceeds will go to the building fund.

**Memorial Day Event:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Coleman reported the Post will be assisting the VFW for this event. It will start at 10am at the cemetery. Volunteers are needed to put flags up starting at 7am and to transport 50 chairs to the event.

**Flag Day Flag Retirement Ceremony:** will be held at Bowling Spring on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Ron Raby, an assistant leader of the boys' scouts has volunteered his scouts to assist in whatever is needed for setting up, tearing down, and parking.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Nomination of Officers:** Commander Greeling again announced the nominations of officers for 2010-2011: Jake Greeling for Commander, Lewis Kaslow for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Shelaine Coleman for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, Dan Lapointe for Adjutant, John Chelstrom for Finance Officer, Gene Rogers for Judge Advocate, Nat Holmes for Service Officer, Ron Madsen for Chaplain, and Bill Pranke for Sgt-At-Arms. He announced the nominations were still open. He asked if there were any more nominations. There were none. A motion was made for the nominations of officers to be closed. That motion was seconded and approved by the members present.

**Election of Officers:** A motion was made to elect the current slate of officers nominated. The motion was seconded and approved by the members present.

**Veteran Council Representative:** Commander Greeling asked if there was anyone who would like to be a representative. Robert Rishel responded and said he would like to be a Veteran Council Representative.

Commander Greeling asked if there was any other new business as well as any business for the Good of the Legion. There was none.

**MOMENT FOR DEPARTED MEMBERS:**

Commander Greeling called for acting Chaplain Nat Colis to lead the members in a memorial prayer for departed member **Delos P. “Moose” Struthers** who was an Air Force Veteran who served in the Korean War.

**CLOSING CEREMONIES:**

Commander Greeling conducted appropriate Closing Ceremonies. The meeting was adjourned at 1935 hours. There were 26 members present and 7 voting officers present.

On a personal note, it has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as Adjutant for the American Legion Post 341 for the past two years. I want to thank everyone for all their support and kind words throughout those years.

Respectively submitted,

Leslie Jackson, Adjutant