

Marshall S. Sayner American Legion Post 341

Membership Meeting, November 3, 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 given by Chaplin, Ray Brust. The POW/MIA Flag Ceremony was conducted by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Douglas Grant.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:**

Commander - Jake Greeling, Present - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Shelaine Coleman, Present, - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Doug Grant, Present, - Adjutant - Dan LaPointe, Present, - Finance Officer - John Chelstrom, Present - Judge Advocate - Gene Rogers, Present - Service Officer – Frank Lindsey, Absent – Chaplin – Ray Brust, Present – Sgt-At-Arms – Andy Anderson, Present -- Past Commander - Norvil Lantz, Present.

**MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:**

The minutes from our October, 2011 meeting are posted on the bulletin board and have been posted on the website for some time. A motion to accept the minutes was made and the minutes were approved.

**Introductions of Guests:** New member present is Ed Kratke – U S Army.

**Finance Report: John Chelstrom**, the Post Finance Officer reported that the post has total Cash on Hand of \$90,389. \$66,797 of which is in the Building Fund.

**Membership Report:** First Vice Shelaine Coleman reported that the Post currently has 472 members or 80% of the goal of members who have paid up their 2012 Dues.

**Service Officers Report:** Post Service Officer, Frank Lindsey was absent so there was no report.

**Steak Dinner Report:** Gene Roger reported that the event netted approximately \$1,700.00. He thanked all of the people who helped especially Shalaine Coleman who made all of the deserts.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Poppy Sales:** Shirley Foster the Auxiliary President asked the members to help the Auxiliary sell Poppies by signing up to sell at the scheduled spots. Most of the slots were filled except for a few openings at the Jane Wal-Mart. She said they were only going to sell them for 1 day on November 5, 2011

**Saturday Coffee Duty Roster:** Commander Greeling asked for a volunteer to help with Saturday coffee on November 5, 2011. Gene Rogers volunteered to be in charge.

**Veterans Day Ceremony:** Second Vice Commander Grant asked the members for help in getting chairs and the sound system to the Wall of Honor for the ceremony on 11/11, 2011 at 11 AM. He reported that Lt Colonel Gene Tomey from the 188<sup>th</sup> fighter wing of the Air Force reserve would be the guest speaker and the Army reserve band will also be here.

**Birthday Party:** Charlie Louck's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday is on November 16, 2011. He has been a Legion member for the last 65 years. A Party for him will be held on November 17, 2011 at the post from 2-4 PM. All members are asked to stop by and help Charlie celebrate this Special day.

## **New Business:**

**Newsletter to be sent out this month:** Commander Greeling asked for anyone who has anything to put in the newsletter to get it to him ASAP.

**Building Committee Volunteers:** Post Finance Officer John Chelstrom asked for any member that has the special skills needed, and is willing to help, to step forward and become a member of the committee that is needed to manage the new Post Building Projects. He said that the Post will be trying to secure the new post construction funding by the year's end.

**Bella Vista Business Association:** Post had decided a few years back to discontinue membership in the Association but Commander Greeling now feels it will be in the interest of the Post to become members again.

**Post Historian:** Jim Heath has volunteered to be the Post Historian. This position has not been filled for the last few years. Commander Greeling feels that this would be a great addition to the Post Officers and recommended that the members elect him to this position. He was nominated and elected as Post Historian by the members present.

**Christmas Party:** Saturday night December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Post. More info at next month's meeting.

**General Wesley Clark:** To speak at the Walton Arts center on Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Tickets are needed to get in but the tickets are free and members only need to call to get them from Carol Ultum. She is the Veteran's Upward Bounds Representative for the veteran at the Univ. of Arkansas.

**Good of the Legion:** The VFW is having a Chili Dinner on 11/12/2011. Members are encouraged to attend and support the local Post.

The Ambassadors for Christ Church will be having their annual USO Show on November 11th. All members are welcome to attend at 2:30 PM and the public is invited to attend a performance that evening.

## **MOMENT FOR DEPARTED MEMBER:**

James Swift 91, a WWII Navy Veteran and Jack Mitchell a WWII Army Air Corps Veteran have both passed in the last month. Also Paul Herrig has a brother that has been MIA for the last 42 years. Chaplin Brust delivered a memorial prayer in their honor.

## **CLOSING CEREMONIES:**

Commander Greeling conducted appropriate Closing Ceremonies. The meeting was adjourned at 19:25 hours. There were 31 members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan LaPointe, Adjutant