

Marshall S. Sayner American Legion Post 341

Membership Meeting, October 6, 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, Absent - Judge Advocate - Gene Rogers, Present - Service Officer – Frank Lindsey, Present – Chaplin – Ray Brust, Present – Sgt-At-Arms – Andy Anderson, Present -- Past Commander - Norvil Lantz, Absent.

**MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:**

The minutes from our August, 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 members present are Jim Bennett- Navy, Jose Martinez – Army, Albert Watts – Army and Eddie Lippold – Army.

**Fundraising Committee Report:** Fund Raising Chairman Doug Grant gave a brief report to the members on the Breakfast that was held on Sunday October 2, 2011 to try to attract bikers on the way out home from Bikes, Blues and BBQ. They server approximately 20 people and made \$134.00 for the building fund.

**Finance Report: John Chelstrom,** the Post Finance Officer was not present. Commander Greeling reported that the post has total Cash on Hand of \$88,229. \$64,820 of which is in the Building Fund.

**Membership Report:** First Vice Shelaine Coleman reported that the Post currently has 418 members or 71% of Goal who have paid up their 2012 Dues.

**Service Officers Report:** Post Service Officer, Frank Lindsey reported that all claims for benefits for the Gulf War Veterans will end at the end of 2011.

**Legion Riders:** Ray Brust reported that they have 11 paid-up members with a constitution and by-laws. He asked Commander Greeling to submit a letter saying that Post 341 is the sponsoring organization for the new group. He also reported to the membership that the Post Executive board had approved the purchase of a flag for the riders.

**Venture Scouts:** Paul Herrick reported that the group has 5 active scouts and 6 leaders. He also reported that they have been meeting on Sunday afternoons and will be on a repelling outing this weekend.

**Revived Cub Scout Pack 341:** Shelaine Coleman reported that there is a new group of boys that have been meeting; with parent leadership, for the last 2 weeks and that the new scouts have already earned their first badge. They usually meet on Thursday night and are meeting at the Wall of Honor for their meeting tonight as the post is using the building for their meeting.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Monthly Breakfast:** Shelaine reported that the next breakfast will be on October 8, 2011. Anyone who can help - please be at the post at 7:00 AM.

**Commanders Call:** Shelaine Coleman reported that she and Gene Rogers attended a Commanders Call down at the VA in Fayetteville on September 14, 2011. They were informed about the new programs that are available at the VA including a new Care Givers program, volunteer programs, toy drives, gift shop and transportation programs for the 5 VA clinics in the area. She reported that there was a lot of good information and that she will make the pamphlet she received available to members of the post to read. She also reported that the Veterans Arts Festival on October 23, 2011. Must have tickets to attend but the tickets are free.

**DVD Progress:** The DVD that will be used for soliciting money for the new building are complete and a cover letter has to be written to be sent out with the disks.

## **New Business:**

**Steak Dinner:** Gene Rogers reported to the members that there was going to be a Steak Dinner at the post on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 PM. He has tickets available for members to sell for \$10.00 each. It will include steak, salad, baked potato, desert and coffee, tea and water to drink. He asked for as many members as possible to be present to help out as needed.

**Veterans Day Celebration:** November 11, 2011 at 11:00 AM. Commander Greeling reported that he had received confirmation that the Army Band from Little Rock, AR. that they will be here. Doug Grant reported that he was still trying to get a fly over from the 188<sup>th</sup> Fighter wing. Also, that the Commander of the 188<sup>th</sup> Fighter wing has not yet agreed to be the Guest Speaker. Chick-fil-A in Bentonville has agreed to supply meals and have its cow, dress in a patriotic uniform, deliver the meals to the band members

**Poppy Sale:** The Legion Auxiliary will be selling Poppy's on Saturday November 5, 2011 and ask for members to help with the sales. They will be selling at McAdoodles, Wal-Mart in Jane, Allen's and Harps in Bella Vista from 8AM to 6 PM.

**Birthday Party** for Charlie Louck's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on November 16, 2011. He has been a Legion member for the last 65 years. The Party 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.

## **MOMENT FOR DEPARTED MEMBER:**

No members from our Post have passed in the last month. Doug Grand asked that we remember a Nation Guard unit from Oklahoma who has lost 12 members. 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 27 members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan LaPointe, Adjutant