

Marshall S. Sayner American Legion Post 341

Membership Meeting, September 2, 2010

**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 conducted by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Shelaine Coleman.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:**

Commander – Jake Greeling, Present --- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Lewis Kaslow, Present --- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Shelaine Coleman – Present, --- Adjutant – Dan LaPointe, Present, --- Finance Officer – John Chelstrom, Absent --- Judge Advocate -- Gene Rogers, Present --- Service Officer – Nat Holmes, Present – Chaplin Ron Madsen, Present --- Sgt-At-Arms --Bill Pranke, Present.

**MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:**

The minutes from our last 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.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fundraising Committee Report:** Doug Grant reported on the progress of the Posts Fund Raising efforts including a Steak Fry planned for early in October. Member Hal Graves spoke about the Spirit Night fundraiser that will be held at the Chick-Fil-A in Bentonville on 9/8/2010. Russ Bonacker suggested that the post have a box social. It was requested that he present the idea to the fund raising committee for consideration and implementation.

**Finance Report:** John Chelstrom, the Post Finance Officer was absent. Commander Greeling gave the Monthly Finance Report. It was also noted that it is posted on the Bulletin Board.

**Membership Report:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Lewis Kaslow reported that the current number of members was at 309 members who have paid 2011 dues and also 57 PUFL for a Total of 366 Paid Members.

**Service Officers Report:** Nat Holmes reported on new benefit changes for members.

**Correspondence:** Ex Prisoners of War/MIA Recognition Program on 9/17/2010.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Monthly Breakfast:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander reported that the August monthly breakfasts \$513.00 at the Post. The next breakfast will be on 9/11/2010

***Veterans Day Celebration will be November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Wall of Honor at 11:00 AM.***

***Building of Outdoor Pavilion:*** Cost of up to \$7500.00. Membership voted to fund project as presented to membership. Work parties will be needed to complete project by the end of September 2010. Commander Greeling requested as much help as possible from the members.

***Saturday Coffee:*** All members are invited to attend from 10 AM to Noon at the Post.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***S.A.L. (Sons of Legion)*** – Past Commander Norvil Lantz requested that the Post submit required paperwork to start a S.A.L in Bella Vista. The membership discussed the idea and requested Norvil submit the necessary paperwork to start a chapter.

***New Members:*** New member Kitty Casanova (US Air Force) and new member by transfer from Maryland, Fay Ryan were introduced. Also introduced was Charles Decker who was visiting the post and Steve Repaz who is a Member / Post Historian from Evergreen Post 2001 in Evergreen, CO

***Honor Flight:*** 1st Vice Commander Lewis Kaslow talked about the next Honor Flight that will be on September 18<sup>th</sup> and requested that as many members as possible show their support and honored these Veterans/Heroes by showing up at XNA Regional Airport at 8:30 PM.

**MOMENT FOR DEPARTED MEMBER:**

Chaplin Ron Madsen reported that the Post had lost one member since our last meeting, George Benning – WWII Army Air Corps. Chaplin Madsen delivered Memorial Prayers for our Departed Member.

**CLOSING CEREMONIES:**

Commander Greeling conducted appropriate Closing Ceremonies. The meeting was adjourned at 1925 hours. There were 28 total members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan LaPointe, Adjutant