

Marshall S. Sayner American Legion Post 341
Membership Meeting, September 1, 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 2nd Vice Commander Douglas Grant.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

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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 Mike Fredrichs, Phil Ryan, Jim Heath. Also present and introduced were 2 guests. David Patterson and Gene Mladucky

Guest Speaker: Donna Rouche with Quilts of Valor. She gave a brief history of the program where ladies across the nation have formed charters to make and send Quilts to all local service personnel to let them know that they are not forgotten by the people back home. Quilts are made by local ladies from Bella Vista in Quilt guilds and also small groups. To date they have provided 911 handmade quilts to local service personnel, stationed overseas and also at the VA Hospital in Fayetteville, AR. After hearing the story and seeing many beautiful Quilts that are similar to the ones sent out to the soldiers the members of the post made a motion and passed it to give a \$500 contribution to her organization.

Robbie Witte, who was one of the boys who attended Boys State, reported on his experience at Boys State. He said it was a very rewarding experience and thanked the Post for allowing him to attend. He was presented with a certificate from the Post representative for Boys State, Bill Dielman.

Fundraising Committee Report:

Fund Raising Chairman Doug Grant gave a brief report to the members on the latest and future fund raising projects which may include a Steak fry and a possible fish fry in the future. He is looking for members to chair these fundraisers.

Finance Report:

John Chelstrom, the Post Finance Officer, reported that the post has total Cash on Hand of \$88,145. \$64,370 of which is in the Building Fund.

Membership Report:

Commander Greeling reported that the Post currently has 335 members or 57% of Goal who have paid up their 2012 Dues.

Service Officers Report:

Post Service Officer, Frank Lindsey gave a report on the status of some new Benefits and new information that is now available on the VA webpage including changes to the GI Bill. Please check out the website which has a link attached to our Post 341 Webpage.

Legion Riders:

Ray Brust reported that they have had organizational meetings and are moving forward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Monthly Breakfast:

The next breakfast will be on September 10, 2011. Anyone who can help - please be at the post at 7:00 AM.

Venture Scouts:

Have been meeting twice a month on Sunday Afternoons at the Post. To date they have 6 Scouts and 8 Adults on their roster.

New Business:

A new Post DVD was shown that will be used for soliciting donations for the new post and also for information for the community was shown to the membership. Appointments to show it to potential Donors will be set up in the near future.

Fish Fry and Steak Fry: Commander is looking for members to step up and Chair these events. We should try to have these events in the near future so we can take advantage of the Pavilion during the nice fall weather.

Veterans Day Celebration: November 11, 2011 at 11:00 AM. Possible participants include the Army Band from Little Rock, AR and a fly over from the 188th Fighter wing. Also, the Commander of the 188th Fighter wing will be the Guest Speaker.

Air Show in Ft Smith on October 1, 2011: Forest Stricker has arranged for transportation to an Air Show in Ft Smith on Saturday October 1, 2011. All members are invited to attend. The cost for the Bus will depend on the number of members who sign up to go.

MOMENT FOR DEPARTED MEMBER:

Chaplin Brust reported that the Post had lost 1 member in the last month. John W. Davis (Doc Foot) US Army, WWII. Chaplin Brust delivered a memorial prayer in their honor.

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commander Greeling conducted appropriate Closing Ceremonies. The meeting was adjourned at 19:45 hours. There were 40 members present.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan LaPointe, Adjutant