

MINUTES
Fred E. Hayes Post 57
Department of Washington
The American Legion

April 15, 2021

Stevens-Young Room, Grandview Community Center, Grandview, WA

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order in regular form at 7:02 PM by Commander Gates. The Invocation was offered by Chaplain John Myers. The POW / MIA Empty Chair was recognized. The Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble was recited by all present.
2. **1900 Hour Toast:** The 1900 Hour Toast was offered by Mr. Davidson.
3. **Roll Call of Officers:**

☒ Robert Gates, Commander ☒ Dudley Brown, Vice Commander ☐ Ricard Zook, Vice Commander ☒ Jim Davidson, Adjutant / Finance ☒ Vicky Gates, Sgt-at-Arms ☒ John Myers, Chaplain ☐ Warren Barmore, PEC-man ☐ Curt Nealen, PEC-man	<u>Guests:</u> ☐ Auxiliary: ☐ Other Guests: <u>Members:</u> Mr. Barmore and Mr. Nealen were excused. ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
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4. **Approve Minutes of March 18, 2021 Meeting:**
Mr. Brown moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve the Minutes of the March 18, 2021 Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - Albert W. Barker, US Army, Korea Era (Resolution 57-2021-004, attached as Appendix "A"). *Mr. Myers moved with second by Mr. Brown to approve Resolution 57-2021-004 transferring Albert W. Barker to Post Everlasting. The Motion was approved unanimously.*
 - Memorial Prayer was offered by Chaplain Myers.
6. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson reported the following:
 - Lower Valley Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$1,392.01.
 - Lower Valley Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$11,818.47.
 - Lower Valley Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$26,620.98.
 - The Congressional Luncheon cost was \$95.42; Donation Income was \$150.00.
 - The Bunny Breakfast cost was \$134.55; Donation Income was \$20.00.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$3,354.01.
 - Expenditure for the expanded School Award program has exceeded the approved Budget line item of \$200.00 and requires approval of the membership to increase the budgeted line item. *Mr. Brown moved with second by Mr. Myers to increase the School Award Line Item to \$400.00. The Motion was approved unanimously.*
 - The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures.
Mr. Myers moved with second by Mr. Brown to approve the Finance Report. The Motion was approved unanimously.

7. **Adjutant's Report:**

- **Membership:** The 2021 Goal is 90 members. Current paid membership is 79 (87.78% of Goal). Actual membership, including previously-paid transfers not counting for Goal is 81.
- **MyLegion Update:** The April 1st roll-out of the new MyLegion system has not gone smoothly. The previously-published instructions were incorrect on multiple levels. Membership processing was not able to be performed. Errors in previously-paid membership occurred. The on-line Consolidated Post Report mechanism has disappeared, along with previously submitted material. Some of the discrepancies have been slowly repaired.
- **Communications:**
 - The Port District Executive Director responded to the Travel Plaza resolution. It was not encouraging.
 - The Vice Commander for Area IV reported the 6th District Conference is scheduled for May 2nd at Goldendale Post 116.
 - Thank you letter from Gretchen Chronis for participation in the Easter Egg Hop (Bunny Breakfast provider).
 - Material on Department Convention was received today.

Mr. Brown moved with second by Ms. Gates to approve the Adjutant's Report. The Motion was approved unanimously.

8. **Unfinished (Old) Business:**

- **Museum Request for Miniature Historic Flag Set.** The Adjutant and others have not been able to locate anything resembling the antique set on display at the Museum. Mr. Vining at the Museum has been advised of this finding. ***The request is considered closed.***

9. **New Business:**

- **Declaration and Nominations for Post Officers:** Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting on May 20, 2021 at which time officers for the coming year will be elected (assuming positions after the Department Convention and not later than August 1, 2021. Nominations are sought for Commander, Vice Commanders for 2022 and 2023, Sgt-at-Arms, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, and Post Executive Committeeman for 2023
- **Memorial Day Activities:** Members agreed to host a standard Memorial Day service for 2021.

10. **Balloting on New Applications / Renewal of Expired Members:**

- DELINQUENT RENEWAL: Dean S. Perry, USA, PG/WOT Era (4/8/21).
- NEW: Frederic R (Fred)) Ramsey, USA, Vietnam Era (4/12/21).

Mr. Brown moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve the memberships of Dean Perry and Fred Ramsey. The Motion was approved unanimously.

11. **Service Officer:** Chief Service Officer Davidson reported the following:

- **Claims:**
 - One claim is in progress and in the hands of the VA.
 - Two claims pending completion of paperwork.
 - No Health care requests are pending.
- **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - No reports
- **Employment:**
 - No actions.

12. **Committee Reports:**

- **Rehabilitation** (includes Veterans Affairs and Volunteer Services):
 - **Graves Registration:** Two graves have been located. One other grave

does not appear to be located where the City has indicated. Four other graves remain to be located (may not have been buried yet).

- **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - **Blood Drive:** The next Blood Drive is May 12th. The schedule is largely filled.
- **Americanism:**
 - The Flag Disposal Box has been moved to City Hall. Placement has been advertised in the paper and via multiple Facebook pages.
- **Community Service and Post Activities** (includes Wreaths Across America):
 - A Congressional Luncheon with Representative Newhouse was held March 31st. Commemorative Vietnam War pins were presented.
 - The Bunny Breakfast held with the Easter Egg Hop on April 3rd was conducted with the help of numerous members and several Scouts.
- **Economic:**
 - Travel Plaza. The Port District has responded. There has been no word from the City or Chamber.
- **Membership and Publicity:**
 - The Post is unable to get news published in the *Sunnyside Sun* newspaper.
- **Boys State:**
 - The Post has received one application for Boys State from Anthony Campuzano. We are awaiting his registration paperwork so his fee may be paid.
- **Children and Youth:**
 - Four Scouts have indicated they will attend National Youth Leader Training (NYLT). We are awaiting registrations to disburse funds of \$212.50 per Scout).
- **Law and Order:** No report.
- **Constitutional Speech:** No report.
- **Education:**
 - School Award Nominations sought from Grandview schools, Prosser High School, Bickleton Schools and Mabton High School. Due date is May 10th.
 - Educator of the Year Nomination sought.

13. **Good of the Legion:**

- The "Feed the Pig" piggy bank was circulated for the Child Welfare Foundation.
- Chamber of Commerce Meeting, May 13th, time and location TBA.
- 6th District Conference, Goldendale Post 116, May 2nd, 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Lunch \$10. Reservations required.

14. **Next Regular Meeting.** The next regular Post meeting will be Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM, in-person and via teleconference.

15. **Adjournment:** With no other business before the Post, the Veterans Creed was recited, the POW / MIA Flag was retired, benediction was offered and the meeting was adjourned in regular form by Commander Gates at 8:04 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Robert G. Gates
Commander

Date

APPENDIX "A"

Post Everlasting for Albert W. Barker, US Army, Korea Era

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, The Great Commander, to summon to the immortal legions our beloved comrade, Albert W. Barker, US Army, Korea Era, and

Whereas, We humbly bow to the will of Divine Providence, while ever cherishing in our hearts the memory of distinguished service to our country and outstanding contributions to American Legion comradeship; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Fred E. Hayes Post 57, The American Legion, Grandview, Washington, meeting on April 15, 2021, does mourn the passing of our comrade, Albert W. Barker, that we commend to all the works and to God the spirit; and be it further

Resolved, That in token of our common grief, a copy of this resolution transferring Albert W. Barker to Post Everlasting, The American Legion, is presented to the next of kin.