

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

October 19, 2023

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 Brown. 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:**

☒ Dudley Brown, Commander ☒ Nikolaus Schultz, Vice Commander ☐ Ricard Zook, Vice Commander ☒ Jim Davidson, Adjutant / Finance ☐ Keith Jenks, Sgt-at-Arms ☒ John Myers, Chaplain ☒ Warren Barmore, PEC-man ☐ Curt Nealen, PEC-man ☒ Robert Gates. Past Commander	<u>Guests:</u> ☐ Auxiliary: ☐ Other Guests: ☒ Members: Vicky Gates ☐ Excused: ☒ Attended by Teleconference: Robert Gates, Vicky Gates ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
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4. **Approve Minutes of September 21, 2023 Meeting:**
Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve the Minutes of the September 21, 2023 Meeting as corrected. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - There were no reported / recorded deaths since the last meeting.
6. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson reported the following:
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$345.88.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$14,657.90.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$27,408.17.
 - Auxiliary Unit 57 Account Balance (in Savings): \$4,003.66.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$904.04.
 - Auxiliary Budget / Profit/Loss – Current year-to-date balance; +\$4,003.66.
 - Boy Scouts Checking Balance: \$2,312.15.
 - Boy Scouts Savings Balance: \$2,498.17.
 - Two 12 month CD's will mature next week.
 - The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures.*Mr. Myers moved with second by Mr. Schultz to approve the Finance Report. The Motion was approved unanimously.*
7. **Adjutant's Report:**
 - **Membership:** The 2024 Goal is unknown at this time. Current paid membership is 52 (69.33% of the expected Goal). The 2024 Goal will likely be set at the 6th District meeting in Yakima.

- **Communications:**
 - As previously communicated to the officers and members.
8. **Unfinished (Old) Business:**
- **Sea Cadets:** Mr. Davidson reported he did not hear back from the Sea Cadets about attending this meeting. He will attempt this again for November.
 - **Raffle:** Raffle tickets have been printed and sales have begun.
 - **Roundabout Flag:** Mr. Davidson reported the City plans to go ahead with the flag recommendations made by the Post.
 - **SOS Brunch:** Mr. Davidson reported that reservations must be made to attend the brunch so enough food can be obtained and prepared. Help with room set up and cooking is needed. Awards have been ordered though some will not arrive in time for the brunch.
9. **New Business:**
- **Holiday Toy Drive:** Mr. Davidson reported he has signed up with Operation Home Front to pick up toys from the Grandview and Sunnyside Dollar Tree stores for the 792 Chemical Company at the Grandview Armory. There is only one full time employee at the Armory and it is not clear when we can deliver collected toys. We may need to make arrangements to deliver to another military group.
 - **Veterans Reading at Grandview Museum:** Readings of veteran biographies will be held at the Grandview Museum the afternoon of Veterans Day. Readers are sought.
10. **Balloting on New Applications / Renewal of Expired Members:**
- No new members were recorded.
11. **Service Officer:** Chief Service Officer Davidson reported the following:
- **Claims:**
 - One claim is in progress and in the hands of the VA.
 - No claims pending completion of paperwork.
 - No Health care requests are pending.
 - **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - Other than Adjutant Davidson, no others are known at this time.
 - **Employment:**
 - Notices have been sent to members or posted on Facebook.
12. **Committee Reports:**
- **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - **Blood Drive:** The October 11th drive netted 26 units. The next drive is December 13th. 2024 dates have been scheduled for February 14th, April 10th, June 12th and August 7th. All have been confirmed with the Community Center
 - **Community Service and Post Activities (includes Wreaths Across America):**
 - Sally Van Horn has mailed Wreaths Across America solicitations to donors. The ceremony is scheduled for December 16th.
 - **Boys State:** Enrollment is open for Boys State.
 - **Children and Youth:**
 - **Boy Scouts:** Mr. Schultz reported on Scout activities. The Troop for boys now has three patrols.
 - **Law and Order:** Excellent nominees have been identified for Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and Dispatcher of the Year from the Yakima County Sheriff's Office. No nominations were received from any other agency.
 - **Constitutional Speech:** Attempts continue to identify contestants for the contest
 - **Education:** First trimester nominations for vocational scholars and Fall sports

scholars will be sought.

13. **Good of the Legion:**
 - The "Feed the Pig" piggy bank was circulated for the Child Welfare Foundation.
 - The Yakima Stand Down is October 21st at the Yakima Sun Dome.
 - The 6th District Meeting is November 4th at the Yakima Posit.
 - The next Chamber of Commerce meeting is Thursday, November 9th at Noon at Casa Tequila. Members are welcome to attend. Lunch is not required.
 - SOS Brunch and Public Safety Awards, November 11th, Grandview Community Center.
14. **Next Regular Meeting.** The next regular Post meeting will be Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM in-person and by phone.
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 Brown at 8:12 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Dudley B. Brown
Commander

Date