

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

March 16, 2023
Stevens-Young Room, Grandview Community Center, Grandview, WA

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order in regular form at 7:05 PM by Executive Committeeman Barmore. The Invocation was offered by Dr. Barmore. 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 ☐ 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: Mr. Myers, Mr. Schultz ☒ Attended by Teleconference: Mr. Nealen, Mr. Gates, Ms. Gates. ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
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4. **Approve Minutes of February 16, 2023 Meeting:**
Mr. Gates moved with second by Ms. Gates to approve the Minutes of the February 16, 2023 Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - Resolution 57-2023-002, Post Everlasting for Donald E. Porter, USMC, WWII Era (Appendix "A");
 - Resolution 57-2023-003 Post Everlasting for Roger E. Grove, US Army, Vietnam Era "Appendix "B".
 - ***Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Nealen to approve Resolutions 57-2023-002 and 57-2023-003 transferring Donald Porter and Roger Grove to Post Everlasting. The Motion was approved unanimously.***
 - A Memorial Prayer was offered by Dr. Barmore.
6. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson reported the following:
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$711.78.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$20,234.42.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$27,091.34.
 - Auxiliary Unit 57 Account Balance (in Savings): \$5,580.66.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$5,343.87.
 - Auxiliary Budget / Profit/Loss – Current year-to-date balance; +\$5,580.66.
 - Boy Scouts Checking Balance: \$3,449.68.
 - Boy Scouts Savings Balance: \$1,362.53.
 - A second check from Wreaths Across America has been received. Chairwoman

Sally Van Horn indicates this is likely the last check that will be received for the 2022 year.

- The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures.

Mr. Nealen moved with second by Dr. Barmore to approve the Finance Report. The Motion was approved unanimously.

7. **Adjutant's Report:**

- **Membership:** The 2023 Goal is 69 members. Current paid membership is 69 (100% of Goal).
- Remaining current Korean War Era members have been advised of their Honorary Life Membership status (reference October 2022 action).
- **Chamber of Commerce Awards:** Mr. Davidson reported that at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet held March 10th, all of the Post's recommended nominees received awards (several retroactive due to the pandemic). Ray Vining received the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2020; Tim Bardell received the Orin Dybdahl Youth Service Award for 2021; John Myers received the Person of the Year Award for 2022. The Post also received the Community Development Award for 2020.
- **Communications:**
 - The Department Executive Assistant has resigned for another better paying job.
 - Other Department communications were discussed.

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

- **Penny-a-Day Street Campaign:** The Street Campaign will be conducted Saturday, March 18th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in front of the Grandview Museum. Workers are needed.
- **Department Resolutions:** Mr. Davidson reported he has held off on submitting previously-discussed Department Resolutions due to the current turmoil in the Department and questions as to whether a Department Convention will be held.
- **Bunny Breakfast:** The annual Bunny Breakfast, held in conjunction with the Grandview Easter Egg Hunt, will be Saturday, April 8th at 9:00 AM in the Community Center Dining Room. This is served Continental style, so a food permit is not required (no cooking). Supplies will be purchased the day before the event.

9. **New Business:**

- **US Flag for Legion Park:** The City-provided Flag for Legion Park was shredded in the recent winds. The City was asked to replace it since we had received several comments about its status. The Post provides all other flags for the Park, so should consider providing a Legion-supplied polyester all-weather flag to the City. ***Mr. Davidson moved with second by Mr. Gates to include a Legion-supplied all-weather US Flag for Legion Park when other flags are replaced in May. The Motion was approved unanimously.***

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

- There were no new or expired members requiring action.

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

- **Claims:**
 - One claim is in progress and in the hands of the VA. A previous claim has been closed.
 - One claim is pending completion of paperwork.
 - One Health care request is pending. Members were encouraged to apply for VA Health Care using a 10-10EZ form.

- **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - Mr. Zook
- **Employment:**
 - No actions.

12. **Committee Reports:**

- **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - **Blood Drive:** The April 12th Blood Drive has 28 of 37 slots scheduled.
- **Americanism:** School Award program is due to seek nominations.
- **Membership and Publicity:** The Post 110 list is being worked but without much success.
- **Boys State:** No delegates identified yet. Another reminder will be sent out. Two GHS Girls have expressed interest in Girls State and there may be up to five SHS girls.
- **Children and Youth:**
 - **Boy Scouts:** Three new Scouts have joined the Boys Troop.
- **Constitutional Speech:** The Department contest was held last week in Moses Lake.

13. **Good of the Legion:**

- The "Feed the Pig" piggy bank was circulated for the Child Welfare Foundation.
- The District 6 Spring Conference is Saturday, March 25th at 10 AM at Yakima Post 36.
- The next Chamber of Commerce meeting is Thursday, April 13th at 5:30 PM at the YVC Wine Tasting Room. Members are welcome to attend. Lunch is not required.

14. **Next Regular Meeting.** The next regular Post meeting will be Thursday, 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 Dr. Barmore at 7:55 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Dudley B. Brown
Commander

Date

Appendix "A"

Resolution 57-2023-002

Post Everlasting for Donald E. Porter, US Marine Corps, WWII Era

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, The Great Commander, to summon to the immortal legions our beloved comrade, Donald E. Porter, US Marine Corps, WWII 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 for 45 years; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Fred E. Hayes Post 57, The American Legion, Grandview, Washington, meeting on March 16, 2023, does mourn the passing of our comrade, Donald E. Porter, 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 Donald E. Porter to Post Everlasting, The American Legion, is presented to the next of kin.

Appendix “B”

Resolution 57-2023-003

Post Everlasting for Roger E. Grove, US Army, Vietnam War Era

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, The Great Commander, to summon to the immortal legions our beloved comrade, Roger E. Grove, US Army, Vietnam 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 March 16, 2023, does mourn the passing of our comrade, Roger E. Grove, 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 Roger E. Grove to Post Everlasting, The American Legion, is presented to the next of kin.