

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

April 20, 2023

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

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order in regular form at 7:01 PM by Past 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:**

☐ 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: Dudley Brown, Nik Schultz, Richard Zook ☒ Attended by Teleconference: Bob Gates, Vicky Gates, Curt Nealen. ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
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4. **Approve Minutes of March 16, 2023 Meeting:**
Mr. Myers moved with second by Dr. Barmore to approve the Minutes of the March 16, 2023 Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - Resolution 57-2023-004, Claude C. Fredricks, US Air Force, Korean War Era. *Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve Resolution 57-2023-004 transferring Claude C. Fredricks to Post Everlasting. The Motion was approved unanimously.*
 - A Memorial Prayer was offered by Chaplain Myers.
6. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson reported the following:
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$331.64.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$27,262.82.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$27,113.96.
 - Auxiliary Unit 57 Account Balance (in Savings): \$5,580.66.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$11,787.06.
 - Auxiliary Budget / Profit/Loss – Current year-to-date balance; +\$5,580.66.
 - Boy Scouts Checking Balance: \$1,519.09.
 - Boy Scouts Savings Balance: \$1,362.88.
 - Penny-a-Day Campaign Income: \$2,233.67
 - The final Wreaths Across America check for the 2022 campaign year has been received.
 - The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures.

- ***Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Nealen to revise the Girls State line item to \$800.00 due to higher tuition announced for that program. The Motion was approved unanimously.***
 - The reminder the ARPA funds for the Scouting programs has been received from the City of Grandview. These will be transferred to the Scouting accounts in the next several weeks.
 - Two CD's will mature in April and May. They will be renewed for one year at a new, higher interest rate.
- Mr. Myers moved with second by Ms. Gates 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 71 (102.9% of Goal).
- Annual Post Data Report has been submitted to the Department.
- **Communications:**
 - Multiple communications from Department, both to the Post and to members.
 - Thank you note from Gretchen Chronis of Parks and Recreation to the Post and to the Scout Troops for a successful Easter Egg Hunt event.
- **Banners:** Two banners for the Post were received and can be used for various events.
- **Subscription:** ***Mr. Myers moved with second by Mr. Nealen to approve a subscription to "Stars and Stripes" digital access for use on the Post's social media accounts. The Motion was approved unanimously.***

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

- Mr. Davidson reported that he will soon order the previously approved Community signs as he works through multiple orders from Emblem Sales and other vendors.

9. **New Business:**

- **Balloting on Department Charter:** The Department sought member voting on a prior action by the Department Executive Committee to surrender the charter after charges were made by National. The Department to either support that decision or reject it in favor of probation. ***Action: By roll call vote of members present and through received comments of other members, 12 members voted for PROBATION and one abstained. The Adjutant will submit the Post's ballot to Department Headquarters.***
- **Memorial Day:** Plans for Memorial Day were reviewed.
- **Graveside Services for Melvin Krous:** I natal plans for the graveside Navy service for Melvin Krous on June 28th was discussed.
- **Independence Day:** The planned Independence Day activities were discussed.
- **First Call for Nominations for Officers** (Election in May): Nominations are sought for Commander, 2nd Vice Commander (2025), Sgt-at-Arms, Chaplain and Executive Committeeman (2025).
- **Convention Awards:** Mr. Davidson reported he will begin work on the nominations for Convention Awards,

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

- **RENEWAL OF EXPIRED MEMBER:** Clyde Wraspier, US Navy, Vietnam Era (last membership year was 2021). ***Ms. Gates moved with second by Mr. Myers to restore membership for Clyde Wraspier. The Motion was approved unanimously.***

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

- **Claims:**
 - Two claims are in progress and in the hands of the VA.
 - No claims pending completion of paperwork.
 - Health care requests are unknown. One was denied.
- **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - Mr. Nealen and Ms. Gates
- **Employment:**
 - No action

12. **Committee Reports:**

- **Rehabilitation** (includes Veterans Affairs and Volunteer Services): No report.
- **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - **Blood Drive:** 27 units collected at the April 12th drive. Scheduling underway for the June 14th drive.
- **Americanism:**
 - Replacement flags will be ordered for Legion Park.
- **Community Service and Post Activities** (includes Wreaths Across America):
 - Bunny Breakfast: The event was well-attended and all food was consumed. \$103.00 in donations was received.
 - Graves Registration: Cemetery maps need to be updated.
- **Economic:** No report.
- **Membership and Publicity:**
 - Membership Achievement Award: A 50 year Continuous Membership Achievement Award from National was presented to Dr. Barmore by Chaplain Myers.
 - Publicity Notebook: The Publicity Notebook is being assembled and will be submitted for a Convention Award.
- **Boys State:** No delegates have been identified for Boys State. Several are pending for Girls State. Jim and Nancy Davidson are scheduled to make a presentation at Bickleton High School next week.
- **Children and Youth:**
 - **Boy Scouts:** The Scouts are embarking on a fundraising effort through the sales of meat sticks. Summer Cap will be at Camp Meriwether on the Oregon Coast in August. Two Scouts will be attending National Youth Leader Training at Camp Fife in June. ***Mr. Myers moved with second by Ms. Gates to present a plaque to Tim Bardell in recognition of his service as Scoutmaster of Troop 643 (boys). The Motion was approved unanimously and the Adjutant requested to order a plaque as soon as possible.***
- **Law and Order:** No report.
- **Constitutional Speech:** Contest information for next year should be available in the next several months.
- **Education:** School Award nominations are being sought.

13. **Good of the Legion:**

- The "Feed the Pig" piggy bank was circulated for the Child Welfare Foundation.
- The next Chamber of Commerce social meeting is Thursday, April 27th at 5:30 PM at the YVC tasting room. The next regular membership meeting is Thursday May 11th at Casa Tequila. Members are welcome to attend. Lunch is not required.
- Community day of Service is Saturday, May 6th, 8 AM to Noon.

14. **Next Regular Meeting.** The next regular Post meeting will be Thursday, May 18, 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 Mr. Gates at 8:31 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Dudley B. Brown
Commander

Date

Appendix "A"

Resolution 57-2023-004

Post Everlasting for Claude C. Fredricks, US Air Force, Korean War Era

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, The Great Commander, to summon to the immortal legions our beloved comrade, Claude C. Fredricks, US Air Force, Korean War 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 20, 2023, does mourn the passing of our comrade, Claude C. Fredricks, 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 Claude C. Fredricks to Post Everlasting, The American Legion, is presented to the next of kin.