

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

September 21, 2023
Stevens-Young Room, Grandview Community Center, Grandview, WA

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order in regular form at 7:00 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 Dr. Barmore.
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, Ray Vining ☐ Excused: ☒ Attended by Teleconference: Curt Nealen, Robert Gates, Vicky Gates, Jim Davidson ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
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4. **Approve Minutes of June 15, 2023 Meeting:**
Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve the Minutes of the June 15, 2023 Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - Resolution 57-2023-007, Post Everlasting for Jack E. Williams, US Army, World War II Era, (Appendix "A", below). *Mr. Gates moved with second by Mr. Schultz to approve Resolution 57-2023-007 transferring Jack Williams to Post Everlasting. The Motion was approved unanimously.*
 - A Memorial Prayer was offered by Chaplain Myers.
6. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson noted he is having difficulty reconciling several of the accounts but the following balances are what the bank is reporting:
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$327.93.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$14,939.07.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$27,352.77.
 - Auxiliary Unit 57 Account Balance (in Savings): \$3,591.66.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$1,141.65.
 - Auxiliary Budget / Profit/Loss – Current year-to-date balance; +\$3,591.66.
 - Boy Scouts Checking Balance: \$2,359.71.
 - Boy Scouts Savings Balance: \$2,497.55.
 - The proposed Budget for FY 2023 as prepared by the Finance Committee was presented. *Mr. Gates moved with second by Mr. Myers to accept the proposed FY 2023 Budget. The Motion was approved unanimously.*
 - The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures.

Mr. Schutz moved with second by Ms. Gates to approve the Finance Report. The Motion was approved unanimously.

7. **Adjutant's Report:**

- **Membership:** The 2024 Goal is not yet set for the number of members. Current paid membership is 47 (62.67% of an anticipated Goal of 75 members). Members were reminded that as of today, the Post has transferred seven members to Post Everlasting in the last year, so that number must be made up to come anywhere close to Goal.
- **Communications:**
 - Various Department communications which have been forwarded to officers.

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

- **Raffle:** Mr. Davidson reported that due to his recent hospitalization, he could not purchase the blanket for the raffle previously discussed. He asked if the Post still wanted to conduct a raffle, emphasizing that it needs to be limited to a maximum of \$4,000.00 in income. He suggested that 400 tickets be sold at \$10.00 each and that a drawing be conducted when 400 tickets are sold or by Veterans Day 2024. **Mr. Schlitz moved with second by Dr. Barmore to conduct a raffle, limited to 400 tickets at \$10.00 each with a drawing to be conducted when 400 tickets are sold or not later than Veterans Day 2024 and that a temporary display blanket will be loaned by Mr. Davidson until one can be purchased as Post property. The Motion was approved unanimously.** Mr. Vining will arrange a display spot at the upcoming Grandview Days on October 14th so tickets may be sold.

9. **New Business:**

- **Veterans Day "SOS" Brunch and Public Safety Awards:** **Mr. Schultz moved with second by Mr. Myers to host the annual "SOS" Brunch and Public Safety Awards on November 11, 2023. The Motion was approved unanimously.** Nominations for awards will be sought from various agencies.
- **Roundabout Flag:** The City plans to install a 100 foot flagpole at the new roundabout off Exit 75 and asked whether the Post could provide or sponsor the flag. Mr. Davidson has already advised the City such a pole requires at 30' x 50' flag and that a polyester flag should be purchased. Such flags cost \$3,200.00. **Mr. Vining moved with second by Dr. Barmore that the City be advised the Post will fund 1/3rd of the cost of a flag (about \$1,000.00) as a one-time donation as part of a community effort to purchase the flag. The Motion was approved unanimously and Mr. Davidson was instructed to notify the City of the decision.**
- **Navy Sea Cadets Sponsorship:** The Columbia Basin Sea Cadets has asked the Post if they can sponsor a unit in Grandview. Discussion favored such a program but doubted the Post could handle it on their own.. Mr. Davidson was asked to invite the organizer to the October meeting for more information and to see if the school would be able to participate.

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

- PUFL member Bib Massie has requested to transfer to Pasco Post 34. The Adjutant will send him the paperwork that must be initiated by Post 34. **Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Schultz to approve the transfer of Mr. Massie to Pasco Post 34 when initiated by Post 34. 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.
 - No claims pending completion of paperwork.
 - The number of Health care requests is unknown, but one in which the service officer assisted was approved.
- **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - Jim Davidson, Richard Zook.
- **Employment:**
 - Various postings have been forwarded to members. The City of Grandview has had several positions advertised.
- **Service Officer Status:** Due to his recent hospitalization and anticipated prolonged recovery, Mr. Davidson reported he will not be assisting with new claims due to the workload associated with the process. He will be referring clients to the Department Service Officer in Yakima (Chuck Austin Place) or the Veterans Office at the County.
- **Operation Homefront:** Mr. Davidson reported he has not heard from Operation Homefront about the Back to School Brigade and did not hear from them about the Holiday Toy Drive. He will attempt to determine what is happening with those programs.

12. **Committee Reports:**

- **Rehabilitation** (includes Veterans Affairs and Volunteer Services):
- **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - **Blood Drive:** The August blood drive netted 28 units. The next drive is October 11th.
- **Community Service and Post Activities** (includes Wreaths Across America):
 - The Wreaths Across America solicitations are underway. The ceremony is scheduled for December 16th.
 - Independence Day. The ceremony was discussed. A chairman for next year must be identified.
- **Membership and Publicity:** member Tim Bardell has been a member for 25 years. A certificate will be prepared.
- **Boys State:** Recruiting for Boys State is underway.
- **Children and Youth:**
 - **Boy Scouts:** Mr. Schultz reported on Scout activity, including summer camp, the parade and recruiting.
- **Law and Order:** Public Safety award nominations will be sought.
- **Constitutional Speech:** The Department contest will be in March. Attempts will be made to recruit contestants. Bickleton High School may be responsive.
- **Education:** The scholar program will be resumed.

13. **Good of the Legion:**

- The "Feed the Pig" piggy bank was circulated for the Child Welfare Foundation.
- The next Chamber of Commerce meeting is Thursday, October 12, 2023 at Noon at Casa Tequila. Members are welcome to attend. Lunch is not required.

14. **Next Regular Meeting.** The next regular Post meeting will be Thursday, October 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 Commander Brown at 8:31 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Dudley B. Brown
Commander

Date

Appendix "A"

Resolution 57-2023-007

Post Everlasting for Jack E. Williams, US Army, World War II Era

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, The Great Commander, to summon to the immortal legions our beloved comrade, Jack E. Williams, World War II 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 September 21, 2023, does mourn the passing of our comrade, Jack E. Williams, 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 Jack E. Williams to Post Everlasting, The American Legion, is presented to the next of kin.