

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

December 19, 2024
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 Elect Warren Barmore. 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. Vining.
3. **Roll Call of Officers:**
 - ☒ Warren Barmore, Commander
 - ☒ Nikolaus Schultz, Vice Commander
 - ☐ Ricard Zook, Vice Commander
 - ☐ Vacant, Adjutant / Finance
 - ☒ George Montanaro, Sgt-at-Arms
 - ☒ John Myers, Chaplain
 - ☐ Curt Nealen, PEC-man
 - ☐ Vacant, PEC-man
 - ☒ Robert Gates. Past Commander**Guests:**
 - ☐ Auxiliary:
 - ☐ Other Guests:
 - ☒ **Members:** Ray Vining, Vicky Gates
 - ☒ **Excused:**
 - ☒ **Attended by Teleconference:** Bob Gates, Vicky Gates, George Montanaro
 - ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
4. **Minutes of the 20 June 2024 were not available.**
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - Adjutant James A Davidson death on 5 Dec 2024 was noted. A prayer was offered by Chaplain John Myers
6. **Finance Report: *No Finance Report***
7. **Adjutant's Report:**
 - Ray Vining was appointed to the post of Adjutant
8. **Unfinished (Old) Business:**
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9. **New Business:**
 - Nik Schultz was elected 1st Vice Commander
 - Nik Schultz moved Tim Bardell be removed from the executive committee for cause. Seconded by Ray Vining. Motion Passed.
 - By action of the executive committee a letter is to be sent to Tim Bardell offering the choice of resigning his membership in Post 57 or face a trail by Post members to be removed.
 - The Boy Scout checking and savings accounts are to be closed and the funds entered into the Post savings account. Assets of the troop are to be inventories and offered to local troops.

10. **Balloting on New Applications / Renewal of Expired Members:**
- None.
11. **Service Officer:** Chief Service Officer Davidson reported the following:
- **Claims:**
 - No claims are in progress and in the hands of the VA.
 - No claims pending completion of paperwork.
 - Unaware of any Health care requests pending.
 - **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - Members Brown, Zook and Ramirez.
 - **Employment:**
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12. **Committee Reports:**
- **Rehabilitation** (includes Veterans Affairs and Volunteer Services):
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 - **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - **Blood Drive:** The Dec 11th Blood Drive netted 26 units, 2 over our goal. The next Blood Drive is scheduled February 12.
 - **Americanism:**
 - **Wreaths Across America**
 - Sally VanHorn reported a wreath was placed at each of the 543 veterans buried at our cemetery.
 - **Membership and Publicity:** no report
 - **Boys State:**
 - **Children and Youth:**
 - **Boy Scouts:**
The unavailability of qualified adult leadership forced the return of our BSA Charter. Scout families were advised of neighboring programs.
 - **Education:**
13. **Good of the Legion:**
- The next Chamber of Commerce meeting is Thursday, February 13th, at AT 12:00 at Brewed Awakenings. Members are welcome to attend. Lunch is not required.
14. **Next Regular Meeting.** The next regular Post meeting will be Thursday, January 16 at 7:00 PM in-person and by phone. No regular meetings are scheduled in July and August due to Department and National Conventions.
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 Barmore.

Adjutant

Dr. Warren Barmore
Commander

Date

