

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

March 21, 2024

Home of Commander Dudley Brown, 611 W 5th St, 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 Adjutant Davidson in the absence of 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: Hector Mejia, Grandview Public Works Director ☒ Members: Vicky Gates ☒ Excused: John Myers ☒ Attended by Teleconference: Robert Gates, Vicky Gates ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
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4. **Approve Minutes of February 15, 2024 Meeting:**
Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Gates to approve the Minutes of the February 15, 2024 Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - Resolution 57-2024-001: William T. Platt, US Army, Other conflicts involvimg the United States, transferring to Post Everlasting. (Appendix "A", below).
 - *Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Gates to approve Resolution 57-2024-001 transferring William T. Platt to Post Everlasting. The Motion was approved unanimously.*
 - Memorial Prayer was offered by Mr. Davidson.
6. *Mr. Davidson moved with second by Dr. Barmore to suspend the Orders of the Day to invite our guest, Hector Mejia, to address the Post. The Motion was approved unanimously.*

Mr. Mejia, Grandview's Public Works Director thanked to Post for helping sponsor the flag that will be placed in the new roundabout at the East end of town. He thanked to Post for everything our members do for the community and that he has a great deal of respect for our members. He informed the Post that the Marine Corps flag was stolen from Legion Park. It was not removed due to damage. He answered several questions ealing with projects underway in the community.
7. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson reported the following:
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$1,935.33.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is

\$14,354.125.

- Self Help Federal Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$25,868.99.
- Auxiliary Unit 57 Account Balance (in Savings): \$3,632.66.
- The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$2,188.10.
- Auxiliary Budget / Profit/Loss – Current year-to-date balance; +\$4,009.66.
- Raffle Ticket Balance: \$59.15.
- Penny-a-Day boxes are in the schools. The street campaign is scheduled for March 23rd, 0900 – 1300 in front of the Grandview Museum.
- The IRS “postcard” Form 990 has been filed online.
- The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures.

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

8. **Adjutant’s Report:**

- **Membership:** The 2024 Goal is 76 members. Current paid membership is 70 (92.11% of Goal). There are 71 actual members. Inexplicably, the Department reporting removed one member from the totals. It appears this was for the recent death of a member, but should not have happened since he was paid for 2024. The Adjutant is seeking clarification.
- **Communications:**
 - Public Works has requested the Post to conduct a dedication of the flag at the roundabout. A date needs to be set.
 - The Department Convention has been rescheduled for July 12-14.

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

- **Independence Day Chairman:** No one has been identified to serve as the Chairman for the Independence Day Ceremony.
- **Sea Cadets:** Deferred.

10. **New Business:**

- **Flag Dedication Ceremony:** A date will be scheduled for the dedication of the flag at the new roundabout. This should be a brief ceremony to avoid a long tie up of traffic.
- **Booth at No Rhyme or Reason Flea Market:** The Post will be teaming up with the Scout Troops to have a booth at the Flea Market at the Fairgrounds on April 26-27. The Scouts will sell meat sticks. The Post will sell raffle tickets.

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

- No new members or transfers.

12. **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.
 - One Health care request is pending.
- **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - Mr. Ramirez; Mr. Zook; Mr. Brown.
- **Employment:**
 - No actions.

13. **Committee Reports:**

- **Rehabilitation** (includes Veterans Affairs and Volunteer Services):
 - \$125.00 food donation from GHS for Veterans Pantry.
- **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**

- **Blood Drive:**
 - The April 10th drive is fully booked.
 - Drives for October and December have been scheduled.
 - **Americanism:**
 - A Flag Dedication ceremony for the new roundabout has been requested.
 - Legion Park replacement flags will be ordered in April.
 - **Community Service and Post Activities** (includes Wreaths Across America):
 - The annual Bunny Breakfast will be held March 30th with the Easter Egg Hunt.
 - **Boys State:**
 - No delegates for Boys State have been identified.
 - One girl has registered for the Idaho Girls State (has a conflict with the Washington dates).
 - **Children and Youth:**
 - **Scouts BSA:** The Troops have full schedules. Fundraising efforts are soon to be underway.
 - **Education:**
 - School Award nominations will soon be sought.
14. **Good of the Legion:**
- The "Feed the Pig" piggy bank was circulated for the Child Welfare Foundation.
 - The 6th District Conference will be April 6th at Yakima Post 36. Mr. Davidson plans to attend.
 - The next Chamber of Commerce meeting is Thursday, April 11th at Noon at Casa Tequila. Guest speakers will be from Work Source. Members are welcome to attend. Lunch is not required.
15. **Next Regular Meeting.** The next regular Post meeting will be Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM in-person and by phone.
16. **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 7:50 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Dudley B. Brown
Commander

Date

Appendix "A":

Resolution 57-2024-001

Post Everlasting for William T. Platt, US Army, Other Conflicts Era

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, The Great Commander, to summon to the immortal legions our beloved comrade, William T. Platt, US Army, serving in Other Conflicts involving the USA, 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 21, 2024, does mourn the passing of our comrade, William T. Platt, 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 William T. Platt to Post Everlasting, The American Legion, is presented to the next of kin.