

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

May 16, 2024
Meeting held by teleconference

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order in regular form at 7:01 PM by Vice Commander Nik Schultz. The Invocation was offered by Adjutant Jim Davidson. 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: ☒ Members: Vicky Gates, Tim Bardell ☒ Excused: Dudley Brown, John Myers ☐ Attended by Teleconference: All ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
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4. **Approve Minutes of April 18, 2024 Meeting:**
Mr. Gates moved with second by Dr. Barmore to approve the Minutes of the April 18, 2024 Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - There were no recorded or reported deaths in the last month.
6. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson reported the following:
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$660.13.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$14,652.99.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$28,070.63.
 - Auxiliary Unit 57 Account Balance (in Savings): \$3,232.66.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$1,556.24.
 - Auxiliary Budget / Profit/Loss – Current year-to-date balance; +\$3,609.66.
 - Boy Scouts Checking Balance: \$968.03.
 - Boy Scouts Savings Balance: \$2,818.67.
 - Raffle Sales Balance: \$197.95
 - One CD was renewed for one year at 4.4% (4.498 APR). Another is set to renew later this month.
 - Liability Insurance has been paid for the coming year.
 - The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures.***Dr. Barmore 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 76 members. Current paid membership is 70 (92.11% of Goal). Actual membership is 71, including previously paid transfers.
 - **Communications:**
 - Weekly Operational Highlights from Department Headquarters
 - Thank you note from Rafael Munoz-Clinton for endorsement of his candidacy for Alternate National Executive Committeeman.
8. **Unfinished (Old) Business:**
- **Sea Cadets:** Deferred.
 - **Independence Day:** There is no chairman. Attempts will be made to identify a speaker and music.
9. **New Business:**
- **Election of Officers:**
Mr. Davidson moved with second by Mr. Gates to elect the following officers for the specified terms by unanimous consent:
 - **Commander (to 2025): Warren Barmore**
 - **Adjutant / Finance Officer (to 2026): James Davidson**
 - **Chaplain (to 2025): John Myers**
 - **Executive Committeeman (to 2026): Curt Nealen**
 - **Executive Committeeman (to 2025 filling the remainder of Dr. Barmore's term): Tim Bardell**
The Motion was approved unanimously.
 - Due to Post Commander Dudley Brown's illness and stepping down from all positions, Past Commander Robert Gates will continue in that position.
 - Efforts to identify a 1st Vice Commander (2026) and Sgt-at-Arms will continue.
 - **Request for Candidate Endorsement for Department Commander:** Members reviewed a request from Allen Jensen for endorsement of his candidacy for Department Commander. Concerns were voiced. **No action was taken.**
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.
 - Unknown if Health care requests are pending.
 - **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - Commander Brown; Vice Commander Zook; Member Domingo Ramirez.
 - **Employment:**
 - Cit of Grandview posting shared on Facebook.
12. **Committee Reports:**
- **Rehabilitation** (includes Veterans Affairs and Volunteer Services):
 - A private donation of food was made to the Post for the Yakima County Veterans Pantry.
 - Mr. Davidson has signed up to represent the Post for Operation Homefront's "Back to School Brigade" to pick up donated school supplies for military children at the Grandview and Sunnyside Dollar Tree stores between July 5th and August 16th. He will try to work out some sort of arrangement to deliver the supplies to the Grandview Armory since it is not manned daily.

- **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - **Blood Drive:** The June 12th Blood Drive has 42 slots and 24 are scheduled. Volunteer help is needed to staff the event since Mr. Brown is now unable to assist.
- **Americanism:**
 - The Roundabout Flag Dedication was conducted April 19th.
 - All seven flags have been replaced at Legion Park (five military flags, the US Flag and the POW/MIA flag).
- **Community Service and Post Activities** (includes Wreaths Across America):
 - A speaker will be sought for Independence Day.
 - Memorial Day plans:
 - “Flags in”, Saturday, May 25th at 8:00 AM;
 - Ceremony, Monday, May 27th at 11:00 AM
 - “Flags out”, Monday, May 27th at 6:00 PM
- **Membership and Publicity:**
 - Two recent Facebook posts have had over 2,000 hits each.
- **Boys State:** No delegates have been identified.
- **Children and Youth:**
 - **Boy Scouts:** National has changed their name to Scouting America and has announced a pilot program for “Joined (coed) Troops” Mr. Schultz and Mr. Davidson discussed the concept and how it could apply to the Post’s Scouting programs. Our Troop 6643 (boys) and 6644 (girls) have largely functioned as a joined Troop since the Girls Troop was formed. ***Mr. Davidson moved with second by Mr. Gates to approve the Joined Troop concept as the Chartered Organization as long as it does not mean the formation of another Troop and that the two existing Troops could be joined as long as the Scouts and leaders of the two Troops agree. Once that occurs, the Chief Seattle Council may be advised of this action and willingness to participate in the Joined Troop pilot program. The Motion was approved unanimously.*** This action will be presented to the Patrol Leader Councils of both Troops.
- **Education:** Nominations are arriving slowly for The American Legion School Award. It is unclear that all Grandview schools will respond.

13. **Good of the Legion:**
 - The next Chamber of Commerce meeting is Thursday, June 13th 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, June 20th 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 Vice Commander Schultz at 8:34 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Dudley B. Brown
Commander

Date