

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

January 16, 2025

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
 - ☐ Ray Vining, 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:** Vicky Gates
 - ☒ **Excused:**
 - ☒ **Attended by Teleconference:** Bob Gates, Vicky Gates, George Montanaro
 - ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
4. **Minutes of the 19 December were read and approved**
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - No Report
6. **Finance Report:**
 - SHFCU Checking (General) Account Balance: \$1157.29
 - SHFCU Savings (Programs) Account Balance: \$16255.00
 - SHFCU CD - 9 : \$12,017.83 matures 10/26/2025
 - SHFCU CD - 10 : \$5,753.07 matures 10/26/2025
 - SHFCU CD - 13 : \$5,533.08 matures 4/26/2025
 - SHFCU CD - 14 : \$5,595.81 matures 5/22/2025
 - Total \$42,430.74
 - Auxiliary Budget / Profit/Loss – Current year-to-date balance; +\$2,656.66, as of Jan 2025.
7. **Adjutant's Report:**
 - Present focus of Adjutant is on mechanics of membership.
 - The Department Winter Meeting is 21 Feb 2025 in Lacy. Adjutant should attend to network and learn
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8. **Unfinished (Old) Business:**
 - Tim Bardell letter was sent regular mail 10 Jan 2025

- Scout Troops 6643 and 6644 were not rechartered
- Status of ALA payment. Upon request a check for \$2,556.66 will be written to Grandview Parks and Recreation. Nancy Davidson has requested that she be allowed to deliver this check. As noted previously the Grandview Post 57 of the ALA's charter has been returned to the Department. The balance of \$100 will be retained for use in Girls state funding.

9. **New Business:**

- 2024 IRS for 990 to be submitted electronically
- A motion to create the post of Financial Officer moved by R Vining, Second by J Myers passed.
- John Myers was appointed to the post of Financial Officer
- The post will take control of Scout Troop assets and dispose of first to other troops in council, then out of council, then by yard sale.
- Sale of meat sticks will be held 21 January at the Senior Center to dispose of 250 meat sticks.
- J Myers moved to return 1903 Springfield rifles to DoD, seconded by R Vining. Motion Passed
- It was agreed to surplus 2 propane grills.
- R Gates reported that Area 4 Christmas Funds will be given to the Veterans Administration in Walla Walla for the benefit of in-patients at Christmas time.

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 Van Horn 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.

Ray Vining
Adjutant

Dr. Warren Barmore
Commander

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Date