



THE  
AMERICAN LEGION  
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The monthly Post 16 meeting was held on June 11, 2016.

Commander Sciapiti opened the meeting at 1200 hours.

Roll call of officers: Dale Nelson, Ted Blann, Bud Bessy and Robert Smith excused. All other officers present.

Reading of the minutes from May 2016: Doug Page moved that since the minutes are sent via e-mail and are posted online that the reading be forgone. The motion was seconded by Larry B. and the motion passed.

Finance Report: Doug Page moved that the report be accepted as true and accurate. The motion was seconded and it passed.

Service Officer report: Nothing to report

Historian: Spoke about an American Legion that predated the founding of the Legion in in 1919.

First Vice Commander Bergadine reported that we achieved 100% of goal.

Commander Sciapiti and Adjutant Hill reported on the number of Boys and Girls State selectees that Post 16 will be sending to Salem next week. 7 young men and 3 young women. Additionally, another young man was referred to Post 123 in Tri Cities for them to sponsor. Both the Commander and Adjutant amplified on those 2 programs.

Judge Advocate Page had nothing to report.

Commander Sciapiti presented a recapitulation of activities that were held and activities forthcoming activities:

VVA will be holding their annual "Welcome Home" dinner tonight at the Elks Club.

VA will be holding a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 1700 hours in the auditorium. He urged that if you can make it please attend.

The Department convention will be held in Florence from June 22 to June 25.

7 Feathers will be hosting a 4<sup>th</sup> of July dinner for all veterans. If you are interested, please attend. Discussed invitation list, etc.

Post 16 participated in the Memorial Day observance held at the VA Cemetery annex. Colors were posted and a wreath was laid.

He then read a letter of thanks from DCVF President and Vice President for the assistance rendered in support of the picnic for veterans that followed the observation at the National Cemetery.

The County Commissioners have approved funding the part time employee in the Veterans Service Office at full time in the coming fiscal year.

Jim Little attended the quarterly meeting of the ODVA Advisory Board which was held in Klamath Falls. Attendees were urged to support the ballot measure that would allocate 1% of the monies derived from the sale of Marijuana products for ODVA to be used to provide additional funding for the County Service Offices. He further asked that you vote early and often.

The Charter was draped in the memory of Past Post Commander Jack Skold.

Sick Call and Relief: Donna Brewer is unwell, Floyd Martin was injured in a fall and Art Perry has recovered from a heart attack and subsequent stent implantation.

Good of the Order: Bill Congleton updated attendees on his program Scouts of Service members. The program is growing and is proving to be quite successful. He outlined activities and weekend camping that dads and scouts have participated in. They are undertaking stocking a loan closet with camping supplies and equipment for members who are unable to afford to purchase the equipment. He said that the SoS received a community impact grant for two years in the amount of \$16k. There is a

summer and 5-day camp at Camp Baker for a \$2.5k cost. Next year there will be a Camporee at Omaha Beach which would be an honor to attend.

Congleton presented Post 16 with a Certificate of Appreciation for our \$400 donation.

At the conclusion of his presentation Dan Sherman made a motion that we fund their program with \$500 annually. The motion was seconded by Jim Little. Discussion followed by Dirk who wholeheartedly supported the donation because it is a worthy and important program and is part of the Legion's 4 Pillars (education of our youth). The motion passed unanimously.

Commander Sciapiti informed attendees about the yearbook offer sent to all members on a yellow card. He noted that in the past he had received the solicitation from the Eagle Scout Association, VVA, Purple Hearts. Basically, it is a glossy book that lists all Department Legionnaires in it along with a short biography. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Bergadine said he called the number out of curiosity and found that the offer included 2 reduced air fare tickets, a tee shirt, and the book for the mere cost of \$368.00.

A member was curious about protocol at ceremonies such as the memorial service at the VA, saluting the colors, etc.

Nelson Cauble spoke of his displeasure over the flying of 2 American flags upside down in a pasture as one heads south from Sutherlin.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Larry Hill who donated his winnings for youth programs at the Post.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1345 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence D. (Larry) Hill, Adjutant