



THE  
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The monthly Post 16 meeting was held on March 12, 2016.

Prior to the beginning of the business meeting a ceremony honoring recognizing a 70-year member was conducted by Dirk Kruysman, Jim Barnett, and Bud Bessey. The honoree was Frank Moore accompanied by his wife Jeannie. He was recognized for 70 continuous years of membership. Frank recalled that he joined the Legion shortly after his discharge from the U.S. Army in 1946. Dirk personally thanked him for his participation in the freeing of Europe from the iron hand of the Nazis.

Upon conclusion of the ceremony Frank and Jeannie departed for another ceremony honoring him for his contributions to the ecology of the north Umpqua.

Commander Bergadine opened the meeting at 1225 hours.

Roll call of officers: Dale Nelson and Mike Hampton excused. All other officers present.

Reading of the minutes from February 2016: Doug Page moved that since the minutes are sent via e-mail and are posted online that the reading be forgone. There was a second 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: Presented a snapshot what occurred on March 12, 1946.

Acting Adjutant read the list of proposed Post 16 officers for the coming year. As follows:

Commander – Rick Sciapiti, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Steve Bergadine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Mike Harper, Adjutant – Larry Hill, Finance Officer – Dirk Kruysman, Chaplain – Ted Blann, Service Officer – Bud Bessey, Historian – Kirk Conner, Judge Advocate – Doug Page. There was no proposed Sgt. At Arms and members were encouraged to self-nominate.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Commander Bergadine listed some long time Legionnaires in Post 16 with years of membership from 43 to 70 years.

Commander Bergadine made note of upcoming meetings and events for the remainder of March:

3/15 DCVF

3/16 Career Expositions at the Fairgrounds 0930 – 1600

3/16 County Veterans Advisory Committee at the VSO Office at 1500.

3/18 and 3/19 Oregon Woman Vets Conference in Salem.

3/19 and 3/20 Annual Roundup in Prineville where announcements for candidacy for Department Offices will be made

3/22 Buddy Check

3/28 50<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the Viet Nam war will be held at the Roseburg VA National Cemetery Annex at 1300 by the flag pole.

Pins will be presented

Acting Adjutant Hill made note that there are 2 young men, 1 young woman from RHS who will be interviewed for attendance at Boys and/or Girls State. Additionally, a young man from Glide will also be interested. Hill also mentioned the Public Safety Camp to be held at the Law Enforcement Training Center in Salem. This a Legion sponsored activity. Cost is \$250.00 and is open to all from 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. See him for applications, etc.

The Charter was draped by Chaplain Ted to honor two members who have been transferred to Post Everlasting: Mark Eagleton and Donald Rust.

Commander Bergadine reported that Post 16 is at 94.82% of goal for the 2017 membership year. 14 more renewals or new members are all that are needed to be at the 100% mark.

Good of the Order:

Owen Dykema reported on the latest School Board meeting. All schools are now posting an American and Oregon flag. One time per month the Pledge of Allegiance is repeated. There was discussion about adding a tribal flag at RHS.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Jim Hart who donated his winnings to Post 16 good works for the veteran community.

Dirk Kruysman said that RHS will be hosting a visitors' day on 5 May. If any veteran is interesting in sharing their experiences in war or peace while on active duty are encouraged to contact him so that you may be placed on the waiting list.

Rick Sciapiti reported that the Post donated a new 11 x 7.5 foot banner with our Post information on it to the Doc Stewarts to replace the old tattered misspelled banner.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1330 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence D. (Larry) Hill  
Scribe