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Sons of the American Legion Post #53

Regular meeting of the Sons of the American Legion was held on April 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Fifteen members were present.

Minutes and Treasurer's report were presented and approved.

Discussed SAL scholarships. The scholarship committee selected four candidates to receive \$500.00 scholarships.

Discussed 100 Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. A memorial will be placed in the front garden at the UVC. Motion passed to make donation to memorial.

Memorial Day Service will be held 11:00 a.m. on May 31, 2021 in Hall County Veterans Memorial Park.

New concrete pad completed for new outside portable structure. Waiting for structure to arrive.

Motion passed to make \$300.00 donation to A Soldiers Child Horse Camp.

Motion passed to sponsor the SAL representative Elizabeth Alberts for Girls State with a scholarship.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next meeting will be May 5, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Barker, Adjutant

VFW Post #1347

The meeting of VFW Post 1347 was conducted April 6th, 2021. There were 9 officers present with 2 absent. The minutes and the financial reports were given for March and both approved.

The Service officer reported that they are busy serving veterans and small update was given in reference to Jack Wilson's extension of his eviction. John Hilgert, who is the new Nebraska State VA Director, will be available at the rotary club meeting on 5/4/21.

The Board report was given the flag pole account balance \$26519.09 which has left it short \$5,274.57. The UVC by-laws have been change to allow the commander of the 2 organizations can now hold an office on the board.

There is new concrete on the west side awaiting the delivery of the carport. The shelter is being funded by a donation of \$36,000 that must be used for building of a shelter.

A motion to donate up to \$100 to the VFW Aux. for a memorial for the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. A motion for a \$1000 donation to the Flag Fund was made and carried. A \$100 donation to the

National Home was made and carried. 2nd call for officers where conducted with no additions. With there being no further business, closing ceremonies were conducted and the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be May 4th at 7:30 p.m. all VFW members are encouraged to attend.

Respectably submitted,
Scott Schleicher, Quartermaster

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #53

April 5, 2021, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #53 meeting opened with ten members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Charlie and was approved.

Old Business: It was reported that the Easter Egg Hunt went well and we had a good attendance of young egg hunters.

Girl State winners that were picked last year 2020 were Grace Herbek by the ALA, Maria Albers by the Young Caring Women, Carly Gartner by the Lions Club and Elizabeth Alberts by SAL. They will be given a scholarship.

New Business: The 100th Anniversary Dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier will be marked by planting a rose bush and placing a marker that replicates the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The rose bush and marker will be placed in the flower bed in front of the Club. Motion was made by Sara Martin and 2nd by Barb to help with the 100th Anniversary Dedication.

Sons of the American Legion will be having their Annual Nut Fry on 4-17-21. Workers needed to be there at 4:30.

Charlie made a motion to help with the purchasing of a big American Flag for the Legion Park. Loretta 2nd the motion.

The Tom Wilcox scholarship papers are to be turned in by June 15, 2021 to Charlie Becker.

May 5, 2021 Next Meeting. ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD.

Loretta made a motion to adjourn the meeting and 2nd by Liz.

Submitted by
Sandra Towne, Recording Secretary

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VFW Auxiliary Post #1347

April 6, 2021 Meeting

President Karen Linden called the April 6 meeting of the Hall County VFW 1347 Auxiliary to order with 15 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Chaplain Lyanne Kelly gave the Opening Prayer.

The March meeting minutes were approved and the Treasurer's report was presented and placed on file for audit.

A Thank You was read from the Nebraska Western Iowa Veterans Health Care Services for treats in March.

Committee activities include:

Veterans Medical Center - make and deliver to the Center, May Day Baskets for the residents and staff.

Legislative - read the Action Corp and Nebraska Legislative Report

Youth - discussed the Youth Coloring Contest for 2022

Membership - no changes but one prospect at this time. We would like for you to join us too!

Mentoring - Promote Americanism, discuss Committee duties, information given about Military family Star Flags

National Guard Breakfast May 2 - Andrea Lee is our contact and she will have information for us at a time closer to the event

We will be distributing Buddy Poppies and small flags along with selling bottled water at the Memorial Day activities at the Vet's Club Memorial Park. Set up time is 9:30. There will be Patriotic music beginning at 10:00 with the program at 11:00. Lunch will be available at the Vet's Club following the service. Help will be appreciated putting up the Flags on Friday evening, May 28 and taking down the Flags on Monday, May 31, both days at 5:00 PM.

All reports are to be sent to the Nebraska State Officers by April 15th.

The 2021 Nebraska VFW and Auxiliary meetings will be held in Norfolk on June 7th.

A committee involving several Military organizations has recommended placing a replica of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and a white rose in the flowerbed at the Vet's Club for the 100 Anniversary of the original Tomb in Arlington Cemetery. The Unit approved covering our share of the cost.

Lori Skala, Kim Cronin and LaVonne Catron attended a Quilts of Valor presentation. Three members of the National Guard Unit were among the recipients.

Election and appointment of officers for 2021/2022 were held. Installation and announcement of officers will be held in May.

Audit of books was held and approved.

The May meeting will be at the Vet's Club beginning with lunch at Noon for those that wish to attend. The business meeting will be at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, May 4th.

Secretary,
Cathy McKown

American Legion Post #53

Meeting called to order by Commander Brettmann at 1930 hours.

Opening ceremonies were conducted by Commander Brettmann

Roll Call: 10 Members and 1 guest present; 7 Officers present and 4 Officers absent

Meeting Minutes: Approved as read.

Financial Report: Motion by Rich Catron and seconded by Ron Callihan to accept deposit change of Casey's check from \$450 to \$150. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Sick Call: None

Comrades in Distress: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Commander Brettmann gave an update on American Legion baseball. He also advised that Boys State and Jr. Law have both been cancelled due to the continued complications of COVID.

A motion was made by Ron Hitch and seconded by Rich Catron to give \$1000 to the flagpole account for the Hall County Veterans Memorial Park - motion passed.

A motion was made by Rich Catron and seconded by Glenn Palensky to contribute up to \$60 for the large flag being purchased for the park - motion passed.

Commander Brettmann advised of correspondence from the Dept. of Nebraska Adjutant inquiring about Post 53 hosting a dinner for the National Commander on October 16 during his tour through the area. Nothing is definite as of yet, but we will be advised as schedules are set.

A Tomb of the Unknown Soldier marker and white rose bush are being added to the Memorial Garden. A motion was made by Ron Hitch to contribute up to \$50 toward the cost of the marker, and was seconded by Ron Callihan - motion passed.

Nomination of Post Officers: No new nominations were made.

Good of the Post: None.

Closing ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was then adjourned at 2006 hours.

Next meeting will be on May 11 at 1930 hours.

Respectfully submitted
Brian Rapp, Adjutant

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