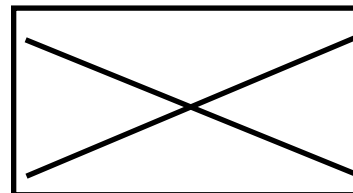


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Sons of the American Legion Post #53

Regular meeting of the Sons of the American Legion was held October 2, 2024 at 6:30 pm. 19 members were present.

Minutes and Treasurer's reports were presented and approved.

Sons dues for 7-1-2024 through 6-30-2025 are now due.

Veteran's Breakfast is November 11, 2024. 6:00 am to 10:30 am.

Discussed.

Gun raffle has begun. See Son's members. Drawing will be November 11, 2024. 10:00 am.

Ron Hitch informed the Sons that the Vets Hospital in Grand Island is in need of vehicle drivers and volunteers on Fourth floor. Contact Ron or hospital.

March 1, 2025 is the 30th year for the Son's Mountain Oyster Feed.

Approved buying 10 wreaths for Wreaths Across America.

Approved buying 10 flags for the Park.

Polo Shirts available \$20. T-Shirts \$15. See Paul.

December Meeting will be our annual potluck meal with American Legion Auxiliary. Christmas Tree lighting will be at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Next meeting November 6, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
 Paul Barker, Adjutant*

VFW Auxiliary Post #1347

October Meeting

Eleven members were present when the October meeting of the Hall County VFW Auxiliary 1347 was held at the Vet's Club.

The meeting was opened by Ritual with Chaplain Lyanne Kelly giving the Opening Prayer followed by President Lori Skala leading the Pledge of Allegiance and calling the meeting to order.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as presented and the Treasurer's report was filed to audit.

An explanation of the Volunteer Hours record sheet was presented.

Jean Seely, Chair of the Americanism Committee, reported about the Flag Presentation that was given to students at the Doniphan-Trumbull School. Two Honor Guard members showed how to fold the flag. Another presentation will be held at the Woodland Park Center on November 8th and the NWHCS-Grand Island on November 9th, Snacks and Fellowship will follow.

Hospital Committee Chair Billie Herron says National Hero Day is October 8th. Cards were signed to be distributed to the Heros at NWI-HCS-Grand Island. A program of Ukelele music will be presented on October 19th with light snacks being served.

Buddy Poppy Chair Lyanne Kelly reported that she has sent a report to the State office. A tree-topper and skirt have been made to use with the Christmas tree that will be decorated at Stuhr Museum for the Festival of Trees this holiday season.

Youth Co-chair Sue Hailicka reported that a planning meeting is being held (date to be announced) with the American Legion Auxiliary to host a Christmas Party at the Vet's Club for military family members.

There are two new members, Corinne Ellerson and Terry Mrkvicka. The cost of dues will increase at the first of the year. Why not get your membership started or renewed before the price goes up?

Media/Historian Chair Billie Herron reported that posters are being distributed and plans for the Wreaths Across America Fund Raiser Car Show are being finalized. The Car Show will be in the West parking lot

of the Vet's Club on Saturday, October 12th beginning with registration at 8:30 am. The Car Show will take place from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm with winners announced at the close of the day.

Community Outreach Chair Kath Leschinsky has e-mailed reports for July and August. The group has been busy with lots of activities being reported.

A motion was made to purchase a tablecloth with the VFW Auxiliary emblem that can be used whenever the unit will be presenting information or a program in the community.

VFW post member Ed Klimek will be presenting the Voice of Democracy and the Patriots Pen programs to the schools with assistance from previous persons.

Treasurer LaVonne Catron suggested that we should be looking into doing some Fund Raisers for the Auxiliary. With the rising cost of everything, the funds don't go as far as they used to. Everyone is to think about what fund raisers we would like to hold.

The Charter was Draped for 3 members who have passed. They are JoAnn Vodehnal, Gloria Lewis and Sharon Harper. Our thoughts are with their families.

The quarterly audit was held with Chair Liz Gerberding making the motion to accept the audit report. It was approved.

The Closing Prayer was given.

November finds the VFW Auxiliary meeting at the Vet's Club on Election Day, November 5. Anyone wishing to join the social time will meet for lunch at Noon and the Meeting will be at 1:00 PM.

*Secretary
 Cathy McKown*

American Legion Post #53

September 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Commander Rapp at 1930 hours. Opening ceremonies were conducted.

Roll Call: 10 members present, Fifteen officers present, One absent, Zero excused.

Meeting Minutes: August Meeting Minutes stand as read.

Finance Report: Richard Catron moved to accept the August Finance Report & Mike Ponte seconded the motion; passed.

Committee Reports:

Children & Youth: None

Membership: 2024 membership is currently at 93%.

Americanism: None

Activities: None

POW/MIA: None

Athletic: None

UVC Board Report: It is available at the UVC office.

Service Officer: None

Sick Call: None

Comrades in Distress: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Spoke about information from the Department newsletter.

Good of the Post: None.

There being no further business, closing ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 1955 hours. The next meeting will be on October 8, 2024, at 1930 hours.

*Respectfully submitted
 David Morrison, Adjutant*

VFW Post #1347

The meeting of VFW Post 1347 was conducted October 1st, 2024.

With 12 members present. Opening ceremonies were conducted by Commander Larson and Chaplain PeBeck.

Roll Call: 6 Officers present and 1 absent.

Last meeting minutes were approved as read.

Financial Report was read.

Motion was made by Comrade Catron and seconded by Comrade Halverson to accept the September financial report. Motion carried.

1. Membership Report - Membership stands at 341 with a goal of 366 for 93.16%

2. Service Officer Report - Comrade McAhren was absent. Don Shuda working very hard on the visitors for the cemetery. Don Shuda was meeting with people in the morning in reference to the fence being installed. Comrade Pointe and Comrade Bartz have a meeting with Don Shuda in the morning at 9:30. We are unsure what that's all about.

3. Youth Report - VFW Auxiliary went to Doniphan-Trumbull High School for Constitution Day. Comrade Hill and Comrade Hitch went along to show them how to fold a flag. Paperwork was passed on to Comrade Klimek for the VFW foundation scholarships.

4. Board Report - The UVC board had 4 meetings. Mike Pointe was appointed Chairman. Dave Morrison was appointed Vice Chairman. Glen Palensky was appointed Secretary/Treasurer.

After the open board meeting adjourned, the board had a meeting with several HCWM board members. William Luft, Tim Bartz, and Scott Schleicher. Brian Rapp and Comrade Callihan made a motion to form a Hall County Memorial Park Board. Consisting of Brian Rapp, John Larson, Mike Pointe, Glen Palensky, William Luft, Tim Bartz, Scott Scheicher, Ron Callihan, and Gary Quandt as our County Representative. Motion carried. Park by laws is being taken to a lawyer for clarification and will be rewritten correctly.

5. VOD/Patriot Pen - Comrade Klimek contacted all the local high schools and middle schools. Passed out posters and turned over paperwork to the counselors. Comrade Klimek requested 3-5 people for a panel of judges to read the essays. Commander Larson, Comrade Catron, Comrade Klimek, Comrade Callihan, And Chaplin PeBeck volunteered for this. Motion made by comrade Hitch and seconded by comrade Pointe for a \$1000.00 scholarship motion carried.

We Recognized the National Home.

6. Unfinished Business. Comrade Luft has Paperwork for Comrade Hill for the honor guard rifles. Comrade Luft really wants a Submarine.... discussion on building one out of a propane bottle. No decision was made at this time.

7. New Business. Chaplin PeBeck contacted Earl Sauters with a passionate message of support from all of us. Commander Larson attended District Meeting. Larry Gerlt has recruited and or re-upped about 5 members for our post. We had 2 new members sign up for membership.

Closing Ceremony was conducted.

*Respectably submitted,
 Quartermaster, Tim Bartz*

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #53

October 2, 2024

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit #53 meeting was called to order by President Carmen Larson at 6:30 p.m., October 2, 2024. POW/MIA Chair placement was conducted. Co-Chaplain Liz Cline offered the opening prayer. Eleven members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the ALA Constitution.

The September minutes were approved as read.

Terri motioned that the Treasurer's Report be approved, and Avis seconded the motion. Motion carried. No new bills were presented.

Membership Report: Barb sent out 20 membership cards today and collected dues from several members present at the meeting.

Historian/Webmaster Report: Amber has kept the Facebook page current. Members may submit new photos to her.

Communications: District 6 Fall Roundup will be held on October 13th at the St. Paul Legion Post. The morning session begins at 10:00 a.m. and the afternoon session begins at 1:30 p.m.

WOMEN OF SERVICE

The October recipient of a \$50 gift certificate is Nancy Klimek. Congratulations!

OLD BUSINESS:

Members volunteered to help with Bingo in October.

Flyers for the 21st Annual Veterans' Day Appreciation Breakfast were handed out so they could be displayed at businesses around town. The breakfast will be held from 6:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. on Monday, November 11th, at the UVC. ALA members should arrive no later than 5:30 a.m. to help. Members of the Northwest High School FBLA will also help. Food has been ordered. Set-up will be after Bingo around 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 10th. Kayleen was added to the list of those bringing banana bread. They should bring their bread sliced and on a tray, to be refrigerated, on the 10th.

NEW BUSINESS:

The hall has been booked for the Children's Christmas Party to be held on December 7th. There are funds still available from last year. More members are needed for the committee to plan the party that is held jointly with the VFW Auxiliary. Discussion of volunteers was tabled until the next meeting.

A Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held on October 12th after the car show on ball field #3. Over 300 flags are scheduled to be retired. The event is hosted by Boy Scout Troop 119 and Betsey Hager Chapter of the NSDDAR.

Avis motioned and Liz seconded that the ALA donate \$170 to Wreaths Across America. Motion carried.

The joint Christmas Party Potluck with the SONS will be held at 6:00 p.m. on December 4th at the UVC.

POW/MIA Closing was conducted.

Being no further business, Charlie motioned and Terri seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on November 6, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall at the United Veterans Club.

*Submitted by
 Lisa Hunnicutt, Recording Secretary*

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