

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

May 21, 2020
Via Teleconference, Grandview, WA

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order in regular form via teleconference at 7:01 PM by Commander Gates. The Invocation was offered by Chaplain John Myers. The POW / MIA Empty Chair was recognized in abstentia. The Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble was recited by all present.
2. **1900 Hour Toast:** The 1900 Hour Toast was offered by Mr. Davidson.
3. **Roll Call of Officers:**
 - Robert Gates, Commander
 - Dudley Brown, Vice Commander
 - Vicky Gates, Vice Commander
 - Jim Davidson, Adjutant / Finance
 - Vacant, Sgt-at-Arms
 - John Myers, Chaplain
 - Leonard McGrath, PEC-man
 - Richard Zook, PEC-man**Guests:**
 - Auxiliary:
 - Other Guests:
 - Members:** Curt NealenMr. Zook is excused due to a death in the family.
 Quorum No Quorum
4. **Approve Minutes of April 16, 2020 Meeting:**
Mr. Myers moved with second by Mr. Brown to approve the Minutes of the April 16, 2020 Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
Approve Minutes of May 11, 2020 Executive Board Meeting:
Mr. Myers moved with second by Ms. Gates to approve the Minutes of the May 11, 2020 Executive Board Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - David Van Dyke, USA, WWII Era. *Mr. Brown moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve Resolution 57-2020-003 transferring David Van Dyke to Post Everlasting (See Appendix "A", below). The Motion was approved unanimously.*
 - Ralph C. Leonard, USAF (USAAC), WWII Era. *Mr. Brown moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve Resolution 57-2020-004 transferring Ralph C. Leonard to Post Everlasting (See Appendix "B", below). The Motion was approved unanimously.*Memorial Prayer was offered by Chaplain Myers.
6. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson reported the following:
 - Lower Valley Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$784.45.
 - Lower Valley Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$10,365.88.
 - Lower Valley Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$26,021.89.
 - CD 0007 is set to mature on May 22, 2020. Rates are extremely low at this time and we have the option to place the mney in savings at 0.05% or roll the CD over at a not much higher rate. This would be for one year.
Mr. Brown moved with second by Ms. Gates roll over the matured CD 0007 to a one year certificate. The Motion was approved

unanimously.

- The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$3,906.27.
- An unsolicited donation of \$100.00 was received from Phyllis Ramsey and will be placed in the Programs (Savings) Account.
- The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures.

Mr. Brown moved with second by Mr. Myers to accept the Finance Report. The Motion was approved unanimously.

7. **Adjutant's Report:**

- **Membership:** The 2020 Goal is 90 members. Current paid membership is 87 (96.67% of Goal). Actual membership, including previously-paid transfers not counting for Goal is 87.
- **Communications:**
 - Various Department communications have been received and passed along to officers and/or membership.
 - Mailing from Zillah Post 130 with a piece of memorabilia from 1949.
 - The Department Executive Committee voted to roll-over Department Officers until the close of the 2021 Department Convention. Various District Officers may need to be elected.
- **Award Applications:** Applications for various Convention Awards will be submitted. It is not clear if they will be accepted or awarded.

Ms. Gates moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve the Adjutant's Report. The Motion was approved unanimously.

8. **Unfinished (Old) Business:**

- **Flag Disposal Box:** In the absence of Mr. Zook, Mr. Davidson reported the graphics company is closed due to COVID restrictions so no design work has been received.
- **Community Signs:** Mr. Davidson reported he has not yet ordered the community signs because he wants to speak to a live operator at Emblem Sales to make sure no errors are made in the signs. That can't be done until Indiana releases some of their businesses to open again.

9. **New Business:**

- **Nomination & Election of Officers:** Given the need to fill several specific positions in the rolls of Post Officers, the members decided to proceed with nominations and elections.
 - ***Mr. Davidson moved with second by Mr. Myers to elect Robert Gates as Commander, Dudley Brown as 1st Vice Commander, Richard Zook as 2nd Vice Commander, Vicky Gates as Sgt-at-Arms, John Myers as Chaplain and Curt Nealen as Post Executive Committeeman for 2022. The Motion was approved unanimously.***
 - ***Mr. Myers moved with second by Mr. Brown to elect Jim Davidson as Adjutant / Finance Officer for two years. The Motion was approved unanimously.***
 - Newly-elected officers will assume their positions on August 1, 2020.
- **Annual Donations:** Annual donations to Legion, regional and local programs were discussed. ***Mr. Brown moved with second by Mr. Myers to make the same donations as was done for the 2018 fiscal year with the exception to increase Operation Comfort Warriors to \$100.00 and Grandview Community Center to \$300.00. The Motion was approved unanimously.***

10. **Balloting on New Applications / Renewal of Expired Members:**

- There were no new members or renewal of expired members since the last

meeting.

11. **Service Officer:** Chief Service Officer Davidson reported the following:
 - **Claims:**
 - Two claims are in progress and in the hands of the VA.
 - One claim is pending completion of paperwork.
 - No Health care requests are pending.
 - **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - Antonio Sanchez (pending surgery); Richard Zook (post hospitalization recovery).
 - **Employment:**
 - No activity.

12. **Committee Reports:**
 - **Rehabilitation** (includes Veterans Affairs and Volunteer Services):
 - **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - **Blood Drive:** The May 13th Blood Drive yielded 31 units. The next blood drive is August 12th and 17 of 28 slots have been filled.
 - **Americanism:**
 - The large donated flag has been given to the Grandview Armory.
 - The new military flags have been raised at Legion Park.
 - **Community Service and Post Activities** (includes Wreaths Across America):
 - Operation Homefront: The Post has again claimed the Sunnyside and Grandview Dollar Tree Stores for Operation Homefront's back to School Brigade, which will run from July 5 to August 4.
 - Graves Registration: Maps have been updated to include Mayor Mike Bren. One or two others need to be located but apparently have not been buried or inurned.
 - **Economic:**
 - **Membership and Publicity:**
 - The Publicity Notebook will be submitted to Department next week.
 - **Boys State:**
 - **Children and Youth:**
 - Scouts: Scouts are still operating virtually and there are no camp-outs.
 - Scoutmaster Tim Bardell has been nominated for the Orrin Dybdahl Youth Service Award for the Chamber of Commerce Community Awards which will be held virtually (live streaming) on June 12th.
 - **Law and Order:**
 - **Constitutional Speech:**
 - **Education:**
 - Two Grandview Students have been identified for The American Legion School Award: Alexander Hultberg and Alexandria Bruinekool. Scholar medalists have not been identified.
 - Educator of the Year. Mr. Davidson reported no headway has been made on naming an Educator of the Year.

13. **Good of the Legion:**
 - Memorial Day activities were reviewed.
 - Chamber of Commerce Meeting will be June 11th pending release of COVID restrictions.

14. **Next Regular Meeting.** The next regular Post meeting will be Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

15. **Adjournment:** With no other business before the Post, the POW / MIA Flag was retired,

benediction was offered and the meeting was adjourned in regular form by Commander Gates at 8:20 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Robert G. Gates
Commander

Date

APPENDIX "A"

Resolution 57-2020-003

POST EVERLASTING FOR DAVID VAN DYKE, US ARMY, WWII

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, The Great Commander, to summon to the immortal legions our beloved comrade, David Van Dyke, US Army, WWII Era, and

Whereas, We humbly bow to the will of Divine Providence, while ever cherishing in our hearts the memory of distinguished service to our country and outstanding contributions to American Legion comradeship; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Fred E. Hayes Post No. 57, The American Legion, Grandview, Washington, does mourn the passing of our comrade, David Van Dyke, that we commend to all the works and to God the spirit; and be it further

Resolved, That in token of our common grief, a copy of this resolution transferring David Van Dyke to Post Everlasting, The American Legion, is presented to the next of kin.

APPENDIX "B"

Resolution 57-2020-004

**POST EVERLASTING FOR RALPH C. LEONARD, US AIR FORCE
(US ARMY AIR CORPS), WWII**

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, The Great Commander, to summon to the immortal legions our beloved comrade, Ralph C. Leonard, US Air Force (US Army Air Corps), WWII Era, and

Whereas, We humbly bow to the will of Divine Providence, while ever cherishing in our hearts the memory of distinguished service to our country and outstanding contributions to American Legion comradeship; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Fred E. Hayes Post No. 57, The American Legion, Grandview, Washington, does mourn the passing of our comrade, Ralph C. Leonard, that we commend to all the works and to God the spirit; and be it further

Resolved, That in token of our common grief and in absence of identifiable next of kin, a copy of this resolution transferring Ralph C. Leonard to Post Everlasting, The American Legion, is retained as a memorial.