



Membership Meeting Minutes
Manuel Schneidmiller Post 154 Inc.
American Legion Department of Idaho
Commander Deanna Sasse

February 22, 2017

Call to order: Membership meeting was called to order by Commander Deanna Sasse and convened at 6 pm.

Quorum: Sergeant at Arms certified that there were 16 members in attendance. A quorum was present

Roll Call of Officers:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Commander	Dee Sasse	Present
1 st Vice Commander	John Fevold	Present
2 nd Vice Commander	Len Crosby	Excused
Finance Officer	Len Crosby	Excused
Adjutant	Bryan Bledsoe	Present
Service Officer	Ruth Aresvik	Present
Historian	Lonnie Morse	Present
Chaplain	Paula Atwood	Present
Sergeant-at-Arms	Bill Kinder	Present
Judge Advocate	Jeff Broadhead	Present
3 Year Committeeperson	Todd Halvorson	Present
2 Year Committeeperson	Lew Allert	Present
1 Year Committeeperson	Helen Kinder	Excused

Guests: Sue Fevold & Bob Grainger

New Member: Gary Suko transferred from Moses Lake and said he is a retired dryland wheat farmer from the Ritzville area.

Minutes: Motion: Moved by Bill Kinder that the minutes from the January 25, 2017 General Membership meeting be approved as distributed – Seconded by Lew Allert - Motion Carried

Finance Report: None as Finance Officer is out of town

Committee Reports:

1. Membership & Americanism – Post 154 is currently at 62 paid & renewed members
2. Kootenai County Veterans Council – Charlie Till reported that they are working on how to handle the funds.
3. Graves and Registration, VAVS - Chaplain, Paula Atwood gave an interesting history of the Chaplains duties that went beyond services and counseling.
4. Children & Youth - Judge Advocate, Jeff Broadhead reported that he attended the Rathdrum Days initial meeting. They would like Post 154 to do the opening and have the Honor Guard march in the parade. The next meeting of this committee is on March 9th @

5:30 at the Rathdrum Chamber of Commerce. July 14th, 15th & 16th is when Rathdrum Days occurs this year.

5. Honor Guard – Todd Halvorson reported that the Honor Guard participated in 3 rifle salutes at veterans funerals this month.

Motion by Mike Warren to sponsor two soccer teams at a cost of \$160 – seconded by Jean Bledsoe. Motion Carried

6. Technology & PR - Jean Bledsoe requested newsletter articles by February 25th

Health & Welfare: Chaplain Paula Atwood reported that Harold Markiewicz is recovering from his broken knee and other medical complications. Helen Kinder is not feeling well.

Unfinished Business:

1. 98th birthday of the American Legion is March 15th and Post 143 has invited officers and members to attend their function on March 17th. The cost is \$20 per person. Please call Post 143 to make reservations at 208-773-9054.

New Business:

1. Nominating Committee for Post 154 election in April were appointed. Jean Bledsoe (Chair), Larry Carstensen, Lew Allert and Leroy Kronvall. Let Jean know if you would like to run for an office at jeanbledsoe@gmail.com or call (509) 981-3413
2. Everyone is invited to attend the brainstorming session on fund raising at John & Sue Fevolds home.
3. Bryan Bledsoe, Dee Sasse, Bill Kinder and Todd Halvorson all indicated that they will attend the District 1 Spring meeting March 18th @ Clark Fork Post #146. Anyone else that would like to attend please contact Bryan Bledsoe.
4. Raffle tickets available to support North IDAHO American Legion Baseball. Cash prizes 1st \$150, 2nd \$100 and 3rd \$50 cost is \$1 per ticket or 7 for \$5. Drawing at the District Meeting. Many were sold at the meeting and there are 50 remaining but more are available.
5. Thanks to Leroy Kronvall and Ken Benson for donating dog tags for the new Veterans Memorial display.
6. Easter Egg Hunt will occur on April 15th @ Majestic Park. The event starts at 11am but volunteers will be needed at 9 am to distribute up to 10,000 eggs.
7. Sue Fevold is looking into an active shooter seminar to be sponsored by the Post and put on by the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department.
8. Legion needs our help in cataloging veteran memorials throughout the country for the 100th anniversary of the American Legion, which will occur in two years. You can take a look at what they are doing at <https://www.legion.org/memorials>
9. A flag retirement ceremony is being worked on and will be reported at the next meeting.
10. Larry Carstensen brought up the following:
 - A. On March 11th at Chipolte 50% of the proceeds will go to Newby-ginnings if you tell the cashier
 - B. Stand Down will occur on May 13
 - C. Honor Flight is in October and they are looking for applicants. The Honor Flight in April is full.

11. The Lions School Back Pack program received a donation of over 2,000 lbs of almonds packaged in 25 lb bags. They are selling them for \$3 a lb at \$75 per bag. Contact Lonnie Morse if you would like to buy a few bags.
12. Lew Allert reported the following:
 - A. The Veterans Emergency Relief Fund through WITH Foundation has helped veterans with more than \$5,000 over the past two months. They have helped with rent, utilities, car payments, etc.
 - B. The office of Senator Crapo contacted Lew regarding an Iraq war veteran who is suffering from Multiple Systems Atrophy and asked if he could help. The Senators office helped him receive a 100% disability as this is a terminal disease. The VA doesn't believe that this is a result of his service in Iraq and yet Lew has found another Iraq veteran with this same disease. They are working on documentation to give to Senator Crapo so that they can pursue this further. This vet is a college graduate but has difficulty speaking and being understood because of the disease. Contact Lew if you would like to help.

Lewiston Veterans Home Food Convoy: Suggested donation of \$1 to benefit the Lewiston Veterans Home Food Drive which takes place in October. Total collected \$18

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm

Deanna Sasse, Commander

Bryan Bledsoe, Adjutant



Membership Meeting Agenda
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Opening

1. *1 rap of the gavel and the doors shall be closed by the Sergeant at Arms*
2. *3 raps of the gavel and all members present shall stand*

Colors

Prayer – Uncover through the Pledge of Allegiance

POW/MIA Empty Chair

Pledge of Allegiance

Recite Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion

Sergeant at Arms certifies number of members and a quorum present

Roll Call Officers & Executive Committee Members

Guests & Introductions

Minutes

Financial Report

Committee Reports

7. Membership & Americanism – 1st Vice Commander John Fevold
8. Ceremonials, Economic, Finance & Legislative – 2nd Vice Commander Len Crosby
9. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation - Service Officer Ruth Aresvik & Charlie Till
10. Kootenai Veterans Council – Charlie Till
11. Graves and Registration, VAVS - Chaplain, Paula Atwood
12. Children & Youth - Judge Advocate, Jeffrey Broadhead
13. Honor Guard – Todd Halvorson
14. Technology & PR - Jean Bledsoe

Health & Welfare Report – Chaplain

Unfinished Business

2. February Executive Committee meeting was cancelled due to icy roads
3. 98th birthday of the American Legion is March 15th

New Business

13. Nominating Committee for Post 154 election in April. The Bylaws state: Executive Committee shall appoint a nominating committee of three members at large and one Executive Committeeperson sixty (60) days prior to election.
14. Rathdrum Chamber dues renewed for 2017. Post 154 members may participate and attend their events and their monthly business lunch meeting. Find out more on their website at www.rathdrumchamberofcommerce.com/
15. Fundraising brainstorming meeting – everyone welcome - Saturday March 11, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. at Sue & John Fevold's home at 26993 N. Harrier Ln, Athol, Idaho 83801
16. District 1 Spring meeting March 18th @ Clark Fork Post #146 – Meeting at 10th & Cedar at the north end of town – registration \$15 to include lunch by the Clark Fork Senior Center – would like one check for all attendees

17. Raffle - North IDAHO American Legion Baseball – Cash prizes 1st \$150, 2nd \$100 and 3rd \$150 \$1 per ticket or 7 for \$5. Drawing at the District Meeting – If you would like some we have 120 tickets (put your name and phone number on the back of each one)
18. Thanks to Ken Benson for donating dog tags for the new Veterans Memorial display
19. Easter Egg Hunt April 15th @ Majestic Park - update – Sue Fevold
20. Active Shooter response seminar – Sue Fevold
21. Legion is cataloging veteran memorials <https://www.legion.org/memorials>

Scheduled Post 154 Meetings

1. Membership meetings are on the 4th Wednesday of each month @ 6pm at Rathdrum Lions Club on the NE Corner of Highway 53 and Meyer Road
2. Executive Committee Meeting @ 6pm on the 2nd Wednesday at the Rathdrum Lions Club

Post & Legion Calendar 2017 – Combined

Feb 24 Start of Operation Desert Storm (1991)

Feb 28 End of Operation Desert Storm (1991)

Mar 5 Seabees Birthday (formed 1942)

Mar 8 Post 154 Executive Committee Meeting

Mar 11 Brainstorm Fund Raising Ideas @ John & Sue Fevold home

Mar 12 Daylight savings time

Mar 15 American Legion Birthday

Mar 17 St Patrick's Day

Mar 18 District Meeting in Clark Fork

Mar 19 Start of Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003)

Mar 22 Post 154 Membership Meeting

Lewiston Veterans Home Food Convoy – To date \$? - Suggested \$1 donation is collected from those that would like to donate at each membership meeting

50-50 Raffle Drawing

Chaplain Prayer – Stand & Uncover

Flag Salute

Adjournment