



Meridian Post 4000

Meridian Senior Center - 1920 N Records Ave.
Meets 2nd Tuesday of Month at Kleiner Park

April Letter & March Meeting Minutes

Post Officers for 2018-2019

Commander: Troy Junier
Senior Vice Commander/Adj: Tammy Clement
Jr. Vice Commander: Brian Puckett
Quartermaster: Wes Worcester

Post Auxiliary

President: June Pack
Secretary: Melissa Suekel

Dates and Events Coming Up:

VA CLC Bingo - April 8th, 2019 @ 7 p.m. – CLC @ Veterans Hospital, Boise, ID
Post Meeting - April 9th, 2019 @ 7 p.m. – 1920 N. Records Ave, Meridian Sr. Center, Kleiner Park
District Meeting - April 13th, 2019 @ Noon, Eagles Lodge, 118 11th Ave N, Nampa, Idaho.
ID State Home Bingo - April 18th, 2019 @ 7 p.m. – Across from VA Hospital, Boise, ID
VA CLC Bingo - May 13th, 2019 @ 7 p.m. – CLC @ Veterans Hospital, Boise, ID
Post Meeting - May 14th, 2019 @ 7 p.m. 1920 Records Ave, Meridian Sr Center, Kleiner Park

Meeting Minutes for March 9th, 2019

7:00 p.m. **Open of Meeting** - by Post Commander Troy H. Junier
7:05 p.m. **Roll Call of Officers** – 6 Officers and 10 Members present.
7:05 p.m. **Membership Applications**- None to report.
7:05 p.m. **Reading of the Minutes for February 12th, 2019:** Motion made to accept minutes as written by Brian P., 2nd by Chuck Crooks, Motion passed.
7:06 p.m. **Quarter Master Report –February 2019: Receipts - \$1,363.95 Expenses – \$2,484.28**
End of February totals are: **Cash on Hand \$0.00, checking \$5,349.59, savings \$2,346.42.**
Totals Funds for February: \$7,696.01. Motion made to accept as read by Mike C., 2nd by Brian P. motion passed.
7:08 p.m. **Service Officer Report** – June Pack was injured at VA Bingo and is home.
-Helped three veterans in need for medical and financial issues.
-Medical Foster Home flyer passed out, Guest Speaker in May to come speak.
7:13 p.m. **Community Reports: Honor Guard:** Honor Guard practice on March 23rd and 30th. Honor Guard meeting on the March 28th at 22 West Broadway.
7:17 p.m. **-CAR Report:** Members 55 Hours 208 Miles 1,414 Money \$2,146.83.
-Don't forget to send your Community Activity Reports to Tammy by the 24th. If you miss the deadline send them anyway so they can get added to next months report.
7:18 p.m. **-Membership** – National Commander sent out a new contest for March. Flyer passed out. Post is at a 113.54% - 2nd in the District and 12th in National Division 5.

National Home Prayer by Chaplain

7:37 p.m. **Unfinished Business** – Commander said District meeting went great and thanked those who attended.
-Commander went over flyer for Purple Heart Run, August 17th, 2019.
-Congrats to ID Voice of Democracy winner Reagan Yamauchi who received \$2,000 scholarship.
ID Patriot's Pen winner Louise Garcia Grimaldo took 8th and received \$1,500 scholarship.
-Jeep from Hubert Larue Bevington is still a go. Post had to vote on accepting the Jeep and for the wishes of the Estate for using the Jeep and to sign acceptance letter. Motion made to accept by Ray and Seconded by Bob S, motion passed.
-Commander discussed Scout of the Entry and Patriot Art entries from Michael George. Entries close March 1st and 31st.
7:41 p.m. **New Business** – Commander brought up at district about Boise Rescue Mission having financial short falls at District meeting. Post Auxiliary is donating \$250 to help. Discussion was made on Post donation.

Motion made to donate \$500 by Michael Clement., 2nd by Bob Wheeler, motion passed. Bill Roscoe could not make the meeting for receiving the checks. Will meet later to present them.

-Commander discussed flyer for VA Job fair on April 25th.

-Idaho Backcountry Veteran hunting group is having their Banquet dinner and fundraiser. Kevin McFarland is a member of our post. It's a great non-profit for helping veterans. March 23rd is the event. Motion was made to donate for \$250 for supplies to them by Don S., 2nd by Don. S., motion passed. Don is going and will present the check for the post.

-Veterans Therapeutic Gardens at the Light House rescue mission Chili cook off on March 30th, in Nampa. Commander passed out flyer.

-Commander discussed Meridian Dairy Days in June (22). Mentioned possibly putting Jeep in parade if we have it by then.

7:52 p.m. Good of The Order- Commander brought up **District Meeting notes:**

Commander discussed giving out checks from Freddy's Frozen Custards to Nampa and Caldwell post. Commander has received another check for Caldwell for \$277.87. He will present at their Post Meeting on Thursday.

-State Convention is June 16-19 in Lewiston, Idaho. Convention add prices are out for submitting. Commander discussed taking group picture again and submitting it. Prices discussed for convention book. Ray D. motioned doing a ½ page add for post costing \$50., 2nd by Brian P., motion passed. Commander asked that members be present for group picture at the end of the meeting.

- Tammy is going to convention for the post.

-National Convention is in Orlando, Florida, July 20-24th.

-District Quartermaster Tom Volz made a motion to request a change in District By-laws. Motion to change the per capita to be due by the end of November instead of December to cover cost for VOD, PP, and TOY awards. Motion to be voted on in April District Meeting.

-Vietnam Veterans Ceremony at the Capital on March 29th, at noon, please go to support the event. Commander Jim White from Idaho City Post is going and shared information.

-**General Orders Notes:** Elections to be held in April for Post and Districts. 17 posts in the state are at or above 100% in membership. Department All American requirements is having one new post in the state. Idaho Department is working on two possibilities for Commander Davis to get All American Dept. Commander. All state matrix is out. Meridian needs VMS donation to qualify with District Commanders recommendation.

-**Nominations for Elected Officers for 2019-2020 are:** Commander – Troy H. Junier
Sr Vice Commander – Tammy Clement, Jr Vice Commander – Brian Puckett, Quartermaster – Wes Worcester, Chaplain – Robert Gray (email acceptance presented by Post Commander), Trustee 3 Year - Hugh Fryling.

Appointed positions: Adjutant Tammy Clement, Judge Advocate – Chuck Drennan, Surgeon – Open, Officer of the Day – Open, Service Officer – Don Sechler, Guard – Open.

Final nominations and election will be done in April's Meeting.

8:17 p.m. Closing Ceremonies - by Commander, the next Meeting is on April 9th, 2019.

Notes and Information from the VFW Department of Idaho:

- **Post members are to be in current good standing with membership in the VFW to be an officer in the post and should have on file DD-214's on file for verification of qualification for VFW Membership.**

-The 2019 State Convention will be held at the Red Lion Hotel in Lewiston, June 16-19, 2019.

-National Convention is in Orlando Florida, July 20-24, 2019

-District Meeting: request was made to change the By-Laws for per capita payments be changed from December 31st to 30 November in order to permit more timely payment of awards and funding for Teacher of the Year, Patriots Pen, and Voice of Democracy winners. The change will be brought up at the April District meeting for discussion.

Dates of Interest and Remembrance:

April 2019

1st April fool's Day

6th U.S. Enters WWI (1917)

12th First U.S. Space Shuttle Launch (1981)

13th President Thomas Jefferson's Birthday (1743)

14th Palm Sunday

19th Revolutionary War Begins (1775)

19th Good Friday

21st Easter

22nd Earth Day

23rd President James Buchanan's Birthday (1791)

25th Administrative Professional's Day

26th Arbor Day

27th President Ulysses S. Grant's Birthday (1822)

28th President James Monroe's Birthday (1758)

30th Vietnam War Ends (1975)

May 2019

4th Battle of the Coral See Begins (1942)

8th President Harry S. Truman's Birthday (1884)

8th Victory in Europe Day (1945)

12th Mother's Day

13th President James K. Polk's Birthday (1795)

18th Armed Forces Day

22nd National Maritime Day

27th Memorial Day Observed

29th President John F. Kennedy's Birthday (1917)