

**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
ROY REED POST #252  
WINSIDE, NE  
MAY 5, 2020**

Vice Commander Dan Jaeger called the meeting to order with 8 members present (Dan Jaeger, Bud Neel, Dean Mann, Butch Edwards, Jim Rempfer, Dave Bloomfield, Stan Stenwall and Mark Bloomfield)(Guests: Winside SAL Commander Darin Greunke, Department Sgt at Arms Doug Frahm-Shooting Sports, Emily Eilers and her father).

Sergeant at Arms Doug Frahm and Sons Commander Darin Greunke presented a trophy, shooting sport patches and a pin to Emily Eilers for Champion in Precision shooting sports. Pictures were taken and sent to Doug Frahm. Congratulations were given from the Legion members in attendance.

Bud Neel read meeting minutes from the February 3, 2020 meeting. Minutes approved as read.

Dean Mann offered three treasurer's reports for February, March and April checking accounts: **Dave Bloomfield moved to approve the reports, Butch Edwards second, motion passed.**

Guest Sgt. at Arms Doug Frahm gave report on Shooting Sports cancellation being the first to get hit by National. Congrats to Post #252 on doing so well. Doug Frahm is a candidate for Sr. Vice Commander next year and Department office closed down due to someone being in the office that tested positive for Covid-19. Office should open about May 19.

**Committee reports:**

--Display boxes discussed. Need list updated

--Dennis Otte transferred into Winside Post #252 from Wakefield Post #81.

----Information from Department DEC zoom meeting

--Nebraska Firefighter of the Year, Ryan N. Berney from Bellevue was selected as National Firefighter of the Year.

--Shooting Sports was discussed. Program has been cancelled for this year.

--Nebraska Eagle Scout of the Year from Wayne, sponsored by Winside Post, James Simpson was also put in for the National Eagle Scout. Mr. Simpson was runner up, tying for first with 3 other applicants.

- Jr. Law program for 2020 is cancelled. Grand Island is a hot spot for Covid-19.
- Nebraska VA Director John Hilgert will be hosting a Memorial Day Observance 2020 at the State Capital. Looking for volunteers to stand a 30 minute Sentinel Watch of the Candle to be lit at 8 AM and extinguished at 8 PM. Need two volunteers from each Veterans Post or Organization.
- Nebraska Children and Youth Chairman gave a report on Temporary Financial Assistance on the DEC zoom meeting in which Bud participated. Applications are down and we know there are Veterans with children in need of help.
- Department office is closed until May 19
- The insurance for Legion programs will be increased. Jr. Law will increase 257% and Boy's State will increase 700%. Due to kids being attacked or molested during programs like these. Might expect increase in sponsorship of attendees.

### **Sick Call:**

- Gordon Bethune, Carroll, SONS is doing well
- Dennis Otte in hospital in Norfolk

### **Old business:**

- Memorial Day—No program at auditorium. On Thursday, May 21, at 6 PM we will put up flag poles and flags for avenue and grave marker flags may be done by the Boy Scouts on Wednesday night. Need to put poppy wreaths on the markers. On Memorial Day, at 10:45 AM, we will meet at the Winside cemetery and have a prayer, Color Guard, Firing Squad and taps. Need to order a gross of 12" X 18" and dozen 3' X 5' flags. Dan will get info to the city for marquee. Flyers (3) to put in Winside. Need the wreath for Main Flag pole, also.

### **New business:**

- Dan advised Winside nominated the Teacher of the Year, Andrea Hendricks. Dan talked to Andrea about scholarships.
- Boy's State getting scholarships from last year are Alex Carlson and Edward Olander.
- Scholarships essays due by May 10 to Post on "Feelings on Shutting down of the Country due to Covid-19, is it good?"
- Stan Stenwall moved to raise scholarships to \$500.00, Butch Edwards second, discussion was held. Motion passed. (Boy's State and Legion).**
- Beemer Post #159, Unit, Squadron, and Riders will be dedicating a 70' flag pole on Memorial Day at 1 PM. Pole will be in front of the Legion building on Main Street. Please stay in your cars if you attend.

**--Mark Bloomfield moved to keep Senior Taps player/s the same as scholarship funds (\$500.00) for Boy's State and Legion, Dave Bloomfield second, motion passed.**

--No one is sure about Old Settlers celebration

--Cmdr. Greunke advised SONS will have rifle raffle tickets to sell. Tickets are ordered.

Dave Bloomfield offered benediction

Next meeting will be June 2 at 7 PM

Vice Commander Jaeger closed the meeting.