



***Renton-Pickering Post 79
The American Legion
38625 River Street
Snoqualmie, Washington 98065***

1. The monthly meeting of Renton-Pickering Post 79 was called to order at the American Legion Hall in Snoqualmie on **November 12, 2009** at 1800 hrs and was conducted in accordance with Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies. The meeting was declared open at 1809 hrs.
2. **Introduction of guests** were made with the following present;
Ken McCann from New Hampshire, 28 year veteran of the Army, participated in Veterans Day Assembly (friend of Wally Koering and possible candidate of membership)
SFC Schmidt from Issaquah Recruiting Office (new member)
SSG Crane from Issaquah Recruiting Office (new member)
Lena Morrill, 9 year veteran of the Air Force (prospective new member)
3. **Roll Call** was taken to determine if a quorum is present. The following Officers were present;
Steve Fenton (Commander),
Rick DeWitt (Adjutant & Finance Officer)
Steve Antoch (1st Vice Commander)
Mike Hodge (2nd Vice Commander)
Mike Johnston (Post Chaplain)
Art Farash (Sgt-at-Arms)
Robert Jones (Historian)

The following officers were absent: Hal Marshall and John Perkins

The following members were present;

Bob Hamerly
Bob Brunjes
Doc Bagby
Bill Walker
John Rambow
Wally Koering
Mike Bryant
Lonnie Pierce
Lee Scheeler
Bert Rainey
Rich Collingwood
Dave Lake
Larson Caldwell
Jim Posey
John Kummen
Alexander Mammac

Based on attendance of 23 members present, a quorum is established.

“For God and Country”

4. **The minutes** for the last meeting (October 8th) were passed out for review. They were also posted on the website October 10th, 2009 for review. A motion was entertained by the Adjutant (Rick DeWitt) to accept the minutes as posted. Rich Collingwood made a motion with accept the minutes as posted with a second from Mike Bryant. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- 4a. **Initiation of Candidates:** Alexander Mammac; presented Certificate and a blue post cap.
5. **Committee reports** were discussed as follows;
 - a. **Executive Committee;**
 - i. There was no Executive Committee meeting held this month
 - ii. The Constitution and By Laws were reviewed during the Committee meeting in October. Changes were made to bring officer titles in line with the current Officers Guide. Also added position and description for Judge Advocate. Commander will forward both documents to Sheryl (Webmaster) to post on website for 30 days before voting on changes.
 - b. **Membership:** as of this evening membership is currently @ 105.2% . This does not include 7 more applications to be sent in tomorrow.
 - c. **Fund Raising:** Dave Lake has secured Indian John Hill Rest Stop again as a fund raiser for next year.
 - d. **Activities:** There will be a meatloaf dinner held on the 21st of November at the Snoqualmie Eagles club. Post 79 participated in Veterans Day Activities @ 7 schools this month with 1 more next week. Operation Support our Troops will be conducting one of many "Packouts" the next two Saturdays. Information on the activity and location can be found on the post website calendar.
 - e. **Building Issues:** Eden Pest Control was called in to investigate the odor suspected to be domestic cat urine. We have not received a bill at this time.
 - f. **Auxiliary Update:** Rachel Johnston (Auxiliary President) shared that 15 women participated in the "ABC's of the Auxiliary" workshop recently held in Snoqualmie. Suzie ??? mentioned the Snoqualmie Valley Veterans Memorial Fund Raiser dinner at the Snoqualmie Eagles on the 21st.
 - g. Art Farash, with help from SFC Schmidt and SSG Crane presented new member John Kummen with the Army Freedom Team Salute award.
 - h. SSG Crane spoke briefly about the role of the recruiting office in Issaquah and answered questions from the audience about the differences in training now and 20 years ago. The recruiting office will also be conducting the Seattle Toy Drive this month.
6. **Balloting on new applications** this evening: none
7. **Sick call:** Bill Walker mentioned his wife fell and cracked her pelvis, Bob Hamerly shared that Ray Smith is now considered completely blind.
8. **Officers Reports:**
 - a. **Finance Officer:** Rick DeWitt, Post Finance Officer passed out the Profit & Loss Statement for October 2009 for review (a copy of the report is also available upon request). The review showed a net profit of \$281.95. This does not include the rent of utilities from the Preschool as they sent the check to the wrong address. A motion was made by Steve Antoch to accept the report as presented. It was seconded by Steve Fenton. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
 - b. **Service Officer:** Not available

9. **Unfinished business:**
 - a. Rick DeWitt asked for help with the Boys State Program this year. It would only take 3 or 4 hours throughout the next couple of months.
 - b. Anyone interested in attending the Department Service Officer Course should let Rick know so reservations can be made. He will be attending if anyone is interested in carpooling.
 - c. Mid Winter Convention will be held February 2010 in Pasco. Please contact Rick if interested in attending. Reservations must be made.
10. **Legion Riders:** Rich Collingwood gave update on Rider activities from last month (elections, planning meeting, etc...)
11. **For the Good of the Legion:** Steve mentioned that 2 post members participated in the Auburn Veterans Day parade last week. Encouraged more participation next year. Mike Hodge mentioned that we should consider collecting funds to replace our post flag. A collection was then taken and \$330.00 was raised for the newly established flag fund.
12. **Next meeting** is scheduled for December 10th at 6pm.
13. Meeting was adjourned IAW the conducted in accordance with Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies at 1950 hours.

Respectively submitted,

Rick DeWitt
Adjutant
RHD