

# American Legion

## Post 143

### Post Falls, ID

General Membership Meeting Minutes:

February 17, 2025

Minutes taken by Tim Shaw, Adjutant

Members Present: 35

Guests Present: 3

Meeting called to order @ 6:32pm by Commander Jim Culpepper. A quorum was present.

Officers present: Commander- Jim Culpepper 1st Vice – Bob Shay, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice- Stephen Godfrey Adjutant – Tim Shaw, Judge Advocate- absent, Service Officer- Merle Black, Master @ Arms- Shawn Hagen, Historian- John Grout, Chaplain- absent, Finance Officer -absent

Prayer, Pledge and Preamble conducted.

A Draping the Charter ceremony was conducted for those members of Post 143 who have passed recently.

Honored were: Christopher Hicks ( 9 ) years, Evert Headrick ( 11 ) years

New Members: Todd Tucker, USN and Ryan ( didn't get his last name)

Minutes for January meeting was read. Motion to approve by: Gary Dagastine 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Bob Shaw approved by membership.

Finance report for January was given. The report shows a +\$10,621.for the month. a

Motion to approve by: Bob Shaw 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Bob Shay, financial report approved by membership.

#### Commanders Comments:

Jim mentioned Chris Hicks again, many of us knew Christopher and he will be missed

Isiah Harrison won the Oratorical Post, District and area competition and will go next to state.

Congrats to Isiah.

State Convention to be held here in Post Falls on July 11,12 and 13 of 2025. The post EC has given a budget of \$3000. For costs relating to this event. This must be approved by membership.

Motion was made by Bob Shay, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Shaw, vote taken and approved.

The Post Van is in very poor shape. This van is used to transport our Legion Baseball team to games and tournaments. We have started the process of looking at replacement vans. The EC approved an amount of \$15,000. Post funds for this purpose. Motion made by Bob Shaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich DePalma. Vote taken and approved by membership.

Gun Raffle sign up form is online in the office. Contact Tim or Vic for open dates.

Our community awards banquet will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Election of new officers to be held in April. Positions open for two -year terms are:

Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, Chaplin, Service officer

Positions open for 1 year term: Sgt-at-Arms and Historian.

New Business: No new business

Officers Reports:

Stephen reported on maintenance issues. Handicap doors are completed.

Bob Shay reported that we are at 99% of membership goal of 701. Currently at 695

Tim reported that The Christopher Hicks funeral will be held on Tuesday 2/18 at Saint Thomas the Apostle in CDA.

There will be a Red Cross Blood drive here at the post on June 25 to coincide with Coffee and Donuts.

Future Heroes Fellowship Luncheon will be on Sat April 12<sup>th</sup> in the Banquet room. 11am- 1pm. This luncheon will be paid for by Post 143. We will do this once per quarter and serve to outgoing recruits headed to bootcamp and their families.

American Legion Baseball Area A and B held their pre-season meeting at our post. New rules and scheduling of games were handled.

The Sons of the American Legion has a new Commander and will start meeting again starting on Monday, 2/24/25 at 6:30 pm. Welcome Wayne Inzerello our new SAL commander.

We have hired a new kitchen manager to replace Corky who will be leaving in April. Welcome Merissa Silvestrich. Steak nights will be coming back this spring.

Dates are: June 21, July 5, August 9 and September 13.

We have partnered with “ Time of your Life Media “ A video production company to offer low cost Legacy Videos for our members. This will be featured on our new website scheduled to launch in late March.

Gary Dagastine is working with KCSO on getting our Post certified as a “ Cert “ location. In times of Crisis, our building can be used to house people, school evacuation, etc.

And finally, the Golf Tournament sponsorships are slowly coming. More to report once the FRC meets this Weds.

As no further business was brought forward the meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm

Commander

Adjutant

Jim Culpepper

Tim Shaw