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Meeting opened by Commander Ponton at 7:30.

Charter draped in memory of Vernon Hugo, Marine Corps, Korea.

Sergeant-at-Arms Joe Carey introduced visitors. Terry and Dick Kissler, Post 3. Terry is also the 4th District Auxiliary President.

Commander Ponton welcomed everyone. He asked everyone to introduce themselves with their branch and years of service.

Roll Call of Officers:

Commander Terry Ponton

1st Vice Commander Sharonda Amamilo

2nd Vice Commander Paul Dennis, excused

Adjutant Larry Granish

Chaplain Les Christiansen, excused

Finance Officer Gary Walker, excused

Service Officer Rose Hodgeboom

Sergeant-at-Arms Joe Carey

Judge Advocate Dave Hodgeboom, excused

Historian Brenda Carey

Minutes of March 14, 2025 meeting approved as posted and corrected.

Committee Reports

* Adjutant Granish reported that membership is now 171 of a goal of 200, 85.5%. Annual Post Data Report has been submitted to Department.
* Finance Officer Gary Walker is excused and will give the March and April reports at the May meeting.
* Commander read Gary Walker’s report on the property sales.
* Sickness and distress: Dave Horwitz is in Lacey Post Acute and Rehab Center room 312. Dave Hodgeboom has started radiation and chemo treatment courses. Corey Goen reported that Teresa is recovering from bypass surgery. Gary Seat is waiting for a new pacemaker scheduled for next week. Cheryl Seat is scheduled for cataract surgery next week. Brenda Carey is scheduled for surgery on Tuesday.
* Service Officer Rose Hodgeboom: Gave an update on the Lacey Veterans Hub. Volume is increasing after change in management.
* Larry Granish and Rose Hodgeboom announced the second reading of nominations for 2025-2026. Third reading of nominations will be in May. Nominations from the floor will be allowed prior to the election of officers in May. If anyone would like to recommend someone for a position, please contact Larry or Rose. First reading of nominations are:
  + Commander Terry Ponton
  + 1st Vice Commander Sharonda Amamilo
  + 2nd Vice Commander Paul Dennis
  + Adjutant Larry Granish
  + Chaplain Joe Carey
  + Finance Officer Gary Walker
  + Service Officer Rose Hodgeboom
  + Sergeant-at-Arms Les Christiansen
  + Judge Advocate Dave Hodgeboom
  + Historian Brenda Carey

New Business/Correspondence/Presentations:

* Rose reported on preparations for Memorial Day and Special Olympics (June 21, 22).
* Email from Lorraine Ralston, WA State Historical Society, and America 250 Coordinator celebrating to 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. read asking the post to participate in 250 Birthday events.

Joe Carey gave a short presentation on the meaning of the parts of the American Legion Emblem.

Brenda Carey gave presentation on the women pilots of WWII the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP).

Good of the Legion:

* Our next meeting will be May 9, 2025. This will be our annual election of officers.
* Flags will be placed in Woodlawn and Forest Cemeteries on Saturday, May 24 starting at 9:00 am.
* Memorial Day Ceremony at the Capital will be Monday, May 26 at 11:00 am.
* Post Memorial Day Ceremony will be May 26, here at 4:00 pm.
* New officers will be installed on June 13. Barbara Lombrano will be the installing officer.
* Scouts will have a breakfast fundraiser at Applebees on June.
* Cassie Brimlee, a member of Trop 9207G, came in second at the Department Oratorical Contest and won a $1500 scholarship.
* Members present drawing for Legion polo shirt won by Bob Nakamura.

There being no further business, Commander Ponton closed the meeting at 8:25.

Terry Ponton Larry Granish

Commander Adjutant