

14 November 2020 Ralph Barsanti General Meeting

Prayer
Allegiance
POW ceremony
Preamble

Jim Cook
Wade Winkler
Erin Cooper
Paul Smith
Andy Knudson

Quilts of Valor

Barbra and Judy
261000 quilts awarded nationally
343 quilts awarded by AI

Made and quilted by Judy Whiteside for Arild Barrett (Airforce)
Made & quilted by Judy for Katheleen Bates (ICU nurse Army)
Made & quilted by Judy for James Ingram (Army)
Made by Barbra & quilted by her Daniel Leidheiser (Army)

Leadership Presentation

Subordinates ask:
Can I trust this person?
Will this person take care of me?
Leaders must:
Admit when they are wrong
Lead by example

Jim presents Doug Richardson with Certificate of Appreciation for Excellent Service and Leadership for being the 6th District Councilman of Pierce County for the last 8 years.
- a leader needs to walk in the shoes of the people he leads and experience what their people are doing.

Biography:
Raised in Massachusetts
Mayor of Lakewood for 7 years
Active duty Army – 2nd Ranger BN
Citadel graduate
Awarded Masters in Strategic Studies in US War college 2002
Retired from Army 32 years brigadier General active/ and reserves

Remarks by Doug:

Joined Post 265 because of the relationship with people on island.

On 10 November, 2020, the council passed the ordinance to repair E-J road.

“This is like getting an award for something you enjoy doing.”

Auxiliary Report

Wade- has wreaths across America forms or you can go online

Other News

- COVID-press conference: Anticipate announcement of additional restrictions – take out only in restaurants- run through Dec 14th.
- Jim is Vice commander for 4th district of Am Legion (in addition to being Commander of Post 265).
- AICAB- ferry committee meeting 13 Nov. Representation from Pierce county.
- Light posts are being installed for solar lights at white's corner and ferry terminal
- No updates for traffic circle in Steilacoom yet
- VA health care card- will get you the following:
- National parks free pass for life for Active Duty, Veterans, and Gold star families.
- VA Healthcare Card is a pass to JBLM for commissary
- Seniors over 60 can receive food baskets from Pierce County and they will deliver
 - give names to Jim

Financial status

15,288.55 in checking

47,047.26 in savings

Cannot utilize this money if it is earmarked for a specific purpose from donations

Application for CARES money-

Legion post requesting CARES \$ due to lost revenue from Bingo so we can continue to support

This applies to any non-profit 501c3 on island

Officers Report

1st Vice Paul Smith- Membership renewal phase for 2021. At 69% for renewals/ 50 total. Notify Barbra Lake of any shut ins for people that do not have a way to have Thanksgiving dinner. Have a safe holiday.

2nd Vice Andy Knudson– Memorial at cemetery is now complete. 24-hour light installed.

Adjutant Erin Cooper- Flu shots are available at American Lake VA

Bingo Manager- Darrell Beck -Not present. Bingo is postponed until governor allows reopening.

Finance Officer- Joe Martin. Not present

Service Officer Carl Todd- Not Present. Zoom courses are being conducted to get services officers upto speed on changes for benefits.

Sergeant of Arms Lee Schauf – Nothing to report

JAG Wade Winkler- Nothing to report

Historian Ray Mohr – Absent, but sends greetings and is working on virtual display

Chaplain Duane Anders- Nothing to report

Communications officer Rick MacPherson – Free National Parks Pass- Must have one of the following forms of ID: DoD, VA Health, Vet ID card, DD214, Vet designation on a state driver's license or state ID card

New Business

Star lighting ceremony- 5 December Saturday

Christmas Baskets given to kids via drive- through at community club

Upcoming events

Tuesdays at Café 265 social distancing is maintained

12 December 2020 next meeting

We are a team and only as strong as all of us working together- Jim Cook

