

# American Legion

## Neal E. Fonger Post 179



April 2021

From the Commander

Some light news coming your way this month, Spring is upon us, the birds are chirping, the clouds are fading and there is a sense of energy at the post I haven't experienced in a year, it's almost electric, I encourage you to stop by and see what's new and add your thoughts to our future.

Per the By Laws of the Neal E. Fonger Post 179, April means nominations for post positions these will take place on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the regular Legion meeting.

Available positions are:

**Commander** - The Commander is the Chief Executive Officer of the Post and shall supervise, lead and manage the Post and its Officers.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander** - First Vice-Commander is the Chair of the Membership Committee, and shall assume and discharge the duties of the office of Commander in the absence or disability of the Commander.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander** - Second Vice-Commander is the Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, assist with Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, public affairs and community outreach as directed by the Commander and shall assume and discharge the duties of the office of First Vice-Commander or Commander in the absence of disability of such officers.

**Finance Officer** - The Finance Officer shall be the Chair of the Finance Committee, and responsible for overseeing the financial records of the Post.

**Chaplin** - The Chaplain shall be charged with the spiritual welfare of Post members and will offer divine but non-sectarian service in the event of dedications, funerals, public functions, etc., and adhere to such ceremonial rituals as are recommended by the National or Department Headquarters.

**Historian** - The Post Historian shall compile and preserve a pictorial Post history for print and electronic distribution.

**Sargent at Arms** - The Sergeant-at-Arms shall preserve order at all meetings and shall perform such others duties as may be from time to time assigned to him by the Commander.

**Adjutant** - The Adjutant is the Secretary of the Board. Under the direction of the Commander, the Adjutant shall receive and answer all correspondence of the Post; have charge of an keep a complete

and correct record of the proceedings of all Official Meetings; and prepare summarized meeting minutes and reports for publication.

**Judge Advocate** - The Judge Advocate's duties shall be to advise the Post Commander of the interpretation or modification of the Post's Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations, and be responsible for an annual financial audit and the Post Responsibility Audit as described in the American Legion Officer's Guide.

**Service Officer** - The Service Officer duties shall be generally that of: coordination all Post 179 veterans assistance programs; assist in processing veterans claims; and protecting the rights and privileges of all veterans, their dependents and survivors.

I encourage you to come to meetings held by your respective groups to find out more about what is going on at the post and submit your name for consideration to fill the many positions each entity requires.

The post can only get better with your involvement.

As always you can contact me at

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Have a safe and peaceful spring

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