

Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 716  
Los Alamitos, CA 90720  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
12 July 2023

Called to Order: 1911            P= Present                            PL= Present, Late  
   AE= Absent, Excused            AU= Absent, Unexcused  
   V= Vacant                            V&A= Voted & Approved

Roll Call: Commander (Working)- P; 1st Vice Commander (Landis)- P; 2nd Vice Commander- V; E-Board (Grose)- P; E-Board (Odom)- AE; E-Board (Piper)- AE; Adjutant (Hamlin)- P; Finance Officer (Elliott)- P; VA&R- (Brown)- P; Chaplin (Elliot)- P; Sgt.-At-Arms- (Odom)- AE; Jr. Past Commander (Stevens)- AE; Historian- V.

Quorum:                            Yes.

Read Past Minutes:            The Minutes from the General Membership Meeting held of 14 June 2023 were read, Voted & Approved.

Guests:                            Olivia Thuney- President, Junior Auxiliary stated that the Junior Auxiliary is willing to make dessert for sale on Steak Night as a separate purchase, in a manner similar to what they do on Taco Tuesdays.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Report: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Landis stated that we have 207 members for a current level of 100+%, with 15-20 new members in the pipeline. The follow new member was presented and Voted & Approved for membership: Tom Petrillo. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Landis also stated that Membership cards for 2023-2024 are in his possession.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Report: V. Commander Working stated that we sold 77 steak dinners in June and \$110 in Opportunity Drawing tickets. Commander Working also led a discussion concerning the need to raise our price for Steak Night dinners. A motion to raise the price to \$20 beginning in August 2023 was Voted & Approved.

Finance Officer Report:            Finance Officer Elliott stated that we had a Southland Credit Union balance of \$6331.11 on 30 June, which does not include proceeds from Steak Night on 30 June.

E-Board Comments:            Dean Grose stated that Art Garcia at Madera's got up in the middle of the night to brew coffee for the soldiers deploying overseas and should be given a certificate of appreciation, in addition to Dean the donut shop owner.

Adjutant:                            Adjutant Hamlin reminded all attendees to sign the attendance sheet and update their contact information, as appropriate.

VA&R: Nothing to report.

Chaplin: Nothing to report.

Sgt-at-Arms: AE.

Old / Unfinished Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Commander Working stated that other organizations promised reimbursement for some of the funds expended in support of the 40<sup>th</sup>'s Overseas Deployment, as follows: AL 716- \$250; AUX- \$250; Riders- \$150.

Good of the Sons: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Landis briefed attendees on his experience at the Department of California Convention, including approval of updated Bylaws and the existence of funds at the Department of California intended for improvements to aging American Legions. He indicated that he would make quarterly reports to officials at the state level to "keep AL 716 on their radar" in an effort to position us to receive some of those funds for improvements to our Legion. VA&R Brown read upcoming events from the AL 716 Calendar for July. Dean Grose suggested that we obtain a banner or something similar to display when we support events such as the 40<sup>th</sup>'s Overseas Deployment.

Commander's Comments: Nothing to report.

Meeting Adjourned: 2012.

Notes Taken by: Rick Hamlin, Adjutant

In addition to the officers and guests in attendance (see Roll Call and Guests, both above), the following individuals attended: Mark Salvaggi, Ron Campbell, Tom Rogers, Tom Petrillo and Joe Thuney.

Ron Campbell provided his email address and phone number:  
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Mark Salvaggi provided his email address and phone number:  
[mjsalvaggi@aol.com](mailto:mjsalvaggi@aol.com) 562-619-1244

Tom Petrillo provided his email address:  
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