



## Post 716 Membership Meeting

July 13, 2023 7:02 PM  
 Post 716, Los Alamitos  
 3252 Florista St.  
 Los Alamitos, CA. 90720-2306

Meeting called by: Commander

Type of meeting:  
 Membership

Time: 7:02

## Minutes

### ROLL CALL

### ADJUTANT

### Quorum-yes X / no

COMMANDER – JAMES EUBANKS (X)

E-BOARD MEMBER – ART ODOM (E)

1<sup>ST</sup> VICE COMMANDER – CHERYL EUBANKS (X)

RICK MOLINA (X) BARNEY FELIX (X)

2<sup>ND</sup> VICE COMMANDER- FRED TORRES (X)

J.A.G.– VACANT ( )

ADJUTANT – ROGER HAAG (X)

SERVICE OFFICER – ROGER HAAG (X)

FINANCE OFFICER – RICK HAMLIN (X)

VETERANS OUTREACH-DEAN GNESS (X)

CHAPLIN – KEITH ELLIOTT (X)

CAMPUS OUTREACH-RICK MOLINA (X)

SARGENT AT ARMS – VACANT ( )

AMERICANISM – CHERYL EUBANKS (X)

ASST. SARGENT AT ARMS – VACANT ( )

HOUSE CHAIRMAN – BARNEY FELIX (X)

HISTORIAN – JOSHUA HAGER (A)

SONS LIAISON – RICK HAMLIN (X)

JR PAST COMMANDER- ERNIE RODRIGUEZ (X)

RIDERS LIASON- ART ODOM (E)

TECHNOLOGY CHAIRMAN – BRYAN BELL (X)

LEISURE WORLD LIAISON – MIKE DEPEW (A)

The motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by unanimous consent.

**GUESTS:** Tom Brown - Sons

Commander called for Reports:

### 1st Vice- Cheryl Eubanks

Our membership is at 90%. Issues with membership information being communicated to the Post and therefore, Post membership may be higher than 90%. Commander is closely consulting with District to resolve this issue. New members to Propose. None

If new members pay online and they want their membership card faster, please print out the receipt and have it placed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander's Box in the office. The Post will provide the member with their membership card, shortly thereafter.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Fred Torres

Hall Rentals:



July 16, 2023: Installation Ceremony for District, Post, and Sons. Dress code will be blue slacks and blue polo with American Legion cover. We will be taking pictures for the website.

District Installation will start at 1:00 p.m. Please RSVP so there is an accurate count for the lunch which will begin at 2:00 pm. The District Department Commander will install officer for the District and Post. Post Installation Ceremony will begin at 3pm.

July 22, 2023: House Committee

July 23, 2023: Auxiliary Installation from 2-5pm

July 28, 2023: Steak Night

### **Finance-Rick Hamlin**

Current Bank balance: \$72,978.00. Our High Yield Interest Account earned \$81.75 in June 2023.

The Post paid the annual Liquor and Catering license invoices. We received some relief due to the COVID Pandemic. However, the State of California has rescinded this relief item and these bills will now have to be paid moving forward.

Garden Waste Containers arrived today. Please do not throw regular trash or recyclables in this container.

First membership check came in the mail today. Mr. Hamlin prepared a Letter of Appreciation to G. Lucas. He will send the letter to the Commander to review and send out on behalf of the Post.

### **Chaplain-Keith Elliott**

Barney Felix's significant other is undergoing surgery on July 21, 2023. Please keep her in your prayers.

### **E-Board/House Chairman- Barney Felix**

E-Board and House Committee discussed ideas for projects to benefit the Post. A Kitchen Sub-Committee was established.

Mr. Felix, Mr. Molina, and Mr. Gness met with representatives from Los Alamitos to discuss plans to improve the Post's appearance, including building an outdoor dining area. The entire project would be funded by a Revitalization Grant. Mr. Felix brought multiple illustrations of improvements to the Post that the grant could fund.

### **Sgt at Arms- VACANT**

No Report

### **JAG- VACANT**

No Report.

### **Service Officer-Roger Haag**

Nothing to Report.



### **Sons Liaison-Rick Hamlin**

Steak Night is on July 28, 2023. Please RSVP to ensure there are enough steaks for all attendees.

### **Riders Liaison- Art Odom**

(As reported by Rick Hamlin) The Riders coordinated with the Auxiliary and Sons to raise \$250.00 to pay for donuts and coffee for the 40<sup>th</sup> Infantry who were leaving for deployment.

The Riders are going to host the Halloween Party this year.

### **Technology Chairman-Bryan Bell**

Requests email addresses for the new officers/directors of the Sons, Riders, and Auxiliary to post on the website. Commander will forward the information he has to the Technology Chair.

Commander provided his email for the website.

Rick Molina suggested that the Post issue permanent emails based on the Post's web domain to the officers/directors on the Post webpage. Currently, officers/directors use their personal email. Establishing a permanent email for officers/directors on the website's contacts page will promote consistent, reliable communication between the officers/directors and membership.

Technology Chair added it would look professional to have permanent emails based on the title of the officer/director.

Commander requested the Technology Chair research the cost of creating permanent email addresses for the officers/directors on the contact page of the Post website. The E-Board will revisit this issue at the next E-Board meeting.

Commander also requests that we all send emails to him at this email address:

[PDC.eubanks@yahoo.com](mailto:PDC.eubanks@yahoo.com)

### **Historian-Joshua Hager**

No Report

### **Americanism Chairman-Cheryl Eubanks**

Americanism Chairman and Commander volunteered as chaperons for this year's Boys State. Boy's State was a success. The attendees were very impressive. 1/3 of the attendees at Boy's State were girls. American Legion Boys State – California is coed.

Please consider volunteering as a chaperon next year. It is a rewarding experience.

### **Campus Outreach-Rick Molina**

Nothing to Report.

### **Veterans Outreach-Dean Gness**



Thanked membership for donations of socks and other items. Special thanks to the member who donated model airplane kits. The model kits are beneficial to the veterans because it helps them focus and concentrate.

**Leisure World Liaison-Mike Depew:**

No Report

**Past Commander- Ernie Rodriguez**

Introduced John Barrientos and recognized him for his significant work in keeping the Post clean and assisting in the repair/revitalization of the floor in the bathroom and kitchen areas.

Introduced Mary Rodriguez, immediate past President of the Auxiliary. She will forward to the Technology Chair the email for the current President of the Auxiliary.

Recognized the efforts of Bryan Bell, Scott Flanagan, and Matt Johnson in helping the Post to remove the bushes in front of the Post and hauling to the dump for disposal. Mr. Johnson rented the trailer so the bushes could be transported to the dump. Commander directed Bryan Bell to provide an itemized list of costs that he and his friends incurred, so that they could be reimbursed.

**Old Business**

No Old Business

**New Business**

Rick Hamlin made a motion to reimburse the Sons in the amount of \$250.00 for the donation that was made to purchase refreshments to the service members of the 40<sup>th</sup> Infantry as they prepared to deploy. The Motion carried by unanimous consent.

**Commanders Comments**

Tonight's meeting is dedicated to our immediate Past Commander, Ernie Rodriguez.

Commander is excited to work with the new officers/directors of the Post to implement and complete new projects during his term.

**Good of the Legion**

Tom Brown spoke passionately about French Dip Sandwich Night is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month. All proceeds from this event go to the Post. Philly Cheesesteaks and Boars Head deli-meat-to-go sold by the pound are also offered at this event. There is a \$300 minimum order for deli meat which is high-quality Boars Head deli meat.

Mr. Brown encouraged the membership to come out and support this event. Commander would like more information about the Post's food permits and directed that this issue be discussed at the next E-Board Meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Monthly Drawing # 251 Name: "Tony Martin"

Present

**Congratulations to Mr. Martin for winning \$420.00! Mr. Martin humbly donated \$400 to the drawing fund.**

The amount of the pot in next month's drawing will be: \$400.00

Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.