



# MINUTES

11/09/2022  
7:00 pm

<b>Type of meeting:</b>		American Legion Post 105—GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Meeting				
<b>Presiding Officer:</b>		George Smith, Commander				
<b>Note Taker</b>		John Robinson, Adjutant				
<b>ROLL CALL</b>	<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
	COMMANDER	GEORGE SMITH	X			
	1 <sup>ST</sup>	TOM DAY	X			
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	LEO MCARDLE	X			
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	WILLIAM JACKSON, JR	X			
	JUDGE ADVOCATE	ROBERT CLAUNCH	X			
	CHAPLAIN	COBBEY SOVA	X			
	ADJUTANT	JOHN ROBINSON	X			
	FINANCE OFFICER	VERN MULL	X			
	SGT-at-ARMS	AL ROSENMILLER	X			
	HISTORIAN	MICHAEL TOSCHAK	X			
	VSO	CHESTER PALESOO		E		
	JR. PAST COMMANDER					
<b>INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS</b>	<b>GUEST NAME:</b>					
	No guests. Mary Newton, new member of Post 105, was introduced.					
<b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES of 10/12/2022 were electronically distributed.</b>	<b>MOTION TO ACCEPT BY:</b>	Mary Newton	<b>SECOND BY:</b>	Leo McArdle		
	<b>DISCUSSION/ CORRECTION</b>					
	<b>PASSED:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO			
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	<b>FROM</b>	None				
	<b>DISCUSSION/ ACTIONS</b>					
<b>REPORTS</b>	<b>REPORT BY:</b>	Commander George Smith				
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Membership card and pin: if you haven't received yours please see 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, Tom Day.</li> <li>•Paws for Purple Hearts: Oct. 19, 2022, they gave a demonstration at the post showing how they train service dogs. Prior to their visit, we collected donations amounting to \$1,100 and Post Finance Officer, Vern Mull, presented a check to the representatives of PPH.</li> <li>•Computer Lab and Audio/Visual: From donations and a grant, we have \$11,800 to set up a computer lab for our veterans to use. Members of the community who don't have computer access, are also welcome to use it. This money will also be used to improve our web access and conferencing ability.</li> <li>•Berkeley ½ Marathon: We need three more volunteers for traffic control. Each person receives \$90 for their duty. Date is November 13.</li> </ul>				

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Voting Center: the post was a voting center Nov 5-8. Andrew Trapani said that as a volunteer he learned a lot about voting and urged others to take the short training class and volunteer for the next election.</li> <li>•Bingo: the issue is that Redwood City has to change an ordinance don't allow an outside agency (Vanguard) to pay their bingo employees at our facility. This is what is causing delay.</li> <li>•No Commander's Coffee in November and December. Let George know if you would like certain speakers or organizations as presenters.</li> </ul>
	DISCUSSION:	
	REPORT BY:	Adjutant John Robinson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•We had the Ansul system checked in the kitchen (fire system connected to the stoves.)</li> <li>•All fire extinguishers in the buildings were serviced.</li> <li>•Numerous people who use the facility have expressed thanks for repairing the parking lot. It was money well-spent for safety.</li> <li>•We have six rentals for week-ends in November and December.</li> </ul>
	DISCUSSION:	
	REPORT BY:	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice, Tom Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•We have 133 members with Mary Newton being the newest member.</li> <li>•Dice roll for a year's free membership; winner not present to collect.</li> <li>•George and Tom painted the railing outside the bar.</li> <li>•Tom works for the county election division and thanked all the people who worked at the voting center at the post. He thanked Peggy Toye for the video about our activities with, and for, veterans. The video was shown in the lobby during the voting days. Being a voting center gave people a positive impression of the post and what we do here.</li> </ul>
	DISCUSSION:	Andrew Trapani said John Robinson gave people tours of the building.
	REPORT BY:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Leo McArdle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Leo and his wife reorganized the cabinets in the dining room and they made room for Nana's Kitchen (who will use the kitchen Tuesdays and Thursdays starting in January.)</li> <li>•The kitchen passed the county inspection.</li> <li>•Leo has the items needed to re-stripe the parking lot.</li> <li>•Leo needs help pulling cable and mounting cameras.</li> </ul>
	DISCUSSION:	
	REPORT BY:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice William Jackson, Jr. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•William took photos of the voting center &amp; sent them to the webmaster.</li> <li>•He took photos of the Paws for Purple Hearts event &amp; sent them to the webmaster.</li> <li>•Our Boys State representative will be at the Veterans Day ceremony.</li> </ul>
	DISCUSSION:	
	REPORT BY:	Board Member Stan Maupin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Building: We want to present the complete package for the development of our property to the city in February 2023. By September 2023, we hope for final approval.</li> <li>•Veterans Day: Please come to Courthouse Square at 0800 or later to help with set up and be a presence at the ceremony. Stan thanked all who have been working on the program for Veterans Day.</li> </ul>
	DISCUSSION:	George Smith thanked Peggy Toye for the wear RED buttons and encouraged members to wear them. (RED: Remember Everyone Deployed)
	REPORT BY:	Finance Officer Vern Mull <p>Today we paid \$8102.62 in bills and had to use \$1200 of the building fund to pay the shortfall.</p>
	DISCUSSION:	

		REPORT BY:	Chaplain Cobbey Sova Linda Gibson had shoulder surgery and is in pain and would appreciate prayers.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	Website and PR Committee, Michael Toschak Our website had 2000 visits last month. We publish information you can use and photos of our events. Please visit the website and if you would like automatic updates, sign up by contacting me.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	Auxiliary President Carol Rael <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•We were happy to contribute \$100 to Paws for Purple Hearts.</li> <li>•Auxiliary member Wendy Weller is being honored as Patriot of the Year along with Andrew Trapani; George Smith is the county Veteran of the Year. The Veterans Commission Lunch for these honors is tomorrow.</li> <li>•Dec. 3 at MacDonald Hall, District 26 will collect gifts for MP-VA residents.</li> <li>•Dec. 19 is set-up day for Toys for Vets at MP-VA gym.</li> <li>•Dec. 20 is Toys for Vets shopping and wrapping day. Volunteers are needed both days.</li> <li>•Dec. 23 we will have an informational table promoting the Auxiliary at the San Mateo Elks Lodge during a veterans lunch.</li> </ul>
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	Sons Commander, Andrew Trapani <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•October: We donated 25 volunteer hours, 197 group miles, and went on 12 missions.</li> <li>•We donated \$100 to Paws for Purple Hearts.</li> </ul>
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	Riders Director, Andrew Trapani <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•October: We donated 181 volunteer hours, rode 1,158 miles, with a total of 2,907 group miles, and went on 13 missions.</li> <li>•We rode to MP-VA and donated \$6,627 to their Suicide Prevention Unit.</li> <li>•We donated \$100 to Paws for Purple Hearts.</li> <li>•We will be at Courthouse Square on Veterans Day. One of our tasks is directing traffic for the car show entrants.</li> </ul>
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	ALA District 16 President Peggy Toye She said the district is encouraging the units to have their audits and tax filings current.
		DISCUSSION:	
			Wreaths Across America To purchase a wreath, go to the Blue Star Moms website. Dec. 17 is the day for laying wreaths on the graves at Golden Gate National Cemetery. Your participation is welcome and needed. The Riders will escort the wreaths to the cemetery.
	<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	Tax-exempt status	All paperwork has been turned in and our tax-exempt will be restored.
	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	Car Show	We've been approached about a car show to be held in our parking lot on April 1, 2023 and the organizer said all proceeds will go to the post.
	<b>OTHER ISSUES FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER</b>	Cobbey Sova	Cobbey had pamphlets to give out about military working dogs and the proposed monument to their contributions to the military.

	Tom Giannini	The packing day for troops resulted in 200 boxes to be sent to deployed troops. He thanked the Post 105 Family for their generosity and time to the project.
	Leo McArdle	January 21, 2023 SOS breakfast.
	Robert Meade	A woman from the San Mateo Auxiliary Unit would offer her expertise in bar management if we decide to open the bar.
	Drawing 1. 50-50	Angel won and donated his winnings.
	Drawing 2. Tee Shirt	Ken Pearson present and won.
	Drawing 3. Tee Shirt	Allan Hirsch present and won.
	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	