



# Post 716 Executive-Board Meeting

7/18/2024

7:00 PM

Post 716, Los Alamitos

3252 Florista St.

Los Alamitos, CA. 90720-2306

**Meeting called by:** Commander

**Type of meeting:** E-Board

**Attendees:** Commander- Bryan Bell (X), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice- Rick Molina (X), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice- George Szuh (A), E-Board- Bill Sestito (X) Barney Felix (X), Arnold San Miguel (A) Finance- Rick Hamlin (X), Adjutant- Roger Haag (X), Judge Advocate- Roger Haag (X), Jr Past Commander- Jim Eubanks (AE), Chaplin- Keith Elliot (X), Rider's Liaison – Art Odom (AE), Son's Liaison – Keith Elliot (X)

Quorum: YES

Time: 7:00 pm

Bar Manager: Mary Hernandez (AE)

Guests: Ming Chin, Guitars 4 Vets. Army Veteran. Neighbor of Rick Molina.

Approval of Minutes: Passed to file on unanimous consent.

## **COMMANDER'S REPORTS**

Commander identified the appointed officer positions that have been filled: Rick Hamlin, Finance Officer, Josh Hager PAO, Keith Elliot will remain Chaplin. Finance Committee are Rick Hamlin, Roger Haag, and Bill Sestito. Roger Haag is the Judge Advocate and Adjutant. Riders Liaison is Art Odom and the Son's Liaison is Keith Elliot.

Commander requests volunteers for the following vacancies: Service Officer, Historian, House Chair, Campus Outreach, Homeless Veteran Liaison, Americanism / Boys State.

Commander provided a summary of 2024-2025 budget.

## **OFFICERS REPORTS**

### **ADJUTANT'S REPORT**

No Report



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## FINANCE OFFICER

Balance as of 7/30. \$30,800 down 1.9%

Business license was expiring and it was renewed and posted. Good until August 1, 2025

## FIRST VICE-COMMANDER

Secured access to MyLegion.org site. Reaching out to 320 members of the Post. Completed 90 day membership plan. Beginning to execute the first phase of the plan by connecting with all members of our Post. Following up on the 39 people who did not pay their dues in 2023.

Planning 2 membership drives: HotAugustNights. Classic cars/motorcycles and band will play as well as a DJ. Auxiliary will provide food (Pulled Pork and Hot Chicken Sandwiches).

September 13, 2024 James Kelly Band will play at the Post. More information to follow.

## SECOND VICE-COMMANDER

Absent

## EXECUTIVE BOARD- BILL SESTITO

No report

## EXECUTIVER BOARD- BARNEY FELIX

No Report.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD – ARNOLD SAN MIGUEL

Absent



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JR. PAST COMMANDER – JIM EUBANKS

Absent Excused

SON'S LIASON – KEITH ELLIOT

Steak Night coming up. \$20. Great Deal. Encouraged Members to attend. Baked Potato Night coming up. Encouraged members to attend.

## OLD BUSINESS

Adjutant provided a status on the stove.

## NEW BUSINESS

Commander provided a summary of the budget.

**Motion to approve the proposed operating budget for the 2024-2025 year. Brought by Barney Felix SECONDED BY: Roger Haag. Motion Passed**

Post needs to correct the bank accounts. Woody is still listed on the checking account.

**Motion to remove VINCENT “Woody” COLLINS and all other individuals who are not current officers of the Post from all business accounts, including the SCCU Account and replace them with the Commander, Bryan Bell, Adjutant, Roger Haag, and Finance Officer, Rick Hamlin.**

**Rick Molina brings the motion/ SECONDED BY Roger Haag. Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Report on the Mural Project. It will be on the north side of the wall. It was approved by City of Los Al for \$8,500. Proposed that the mural have at least the two individuals that the Post is named after. The process is that we would pay the \$17,000 and the City of Los Al would reimburse us \$8,500.



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**Motion to appropriate \$1,000 for down payment of mural work. Roger Haag Brings Motion SECONDED BY Rick Molina. Motion passed Unanimously.**

Explanation of Janitorial Services: John Barriantos is paid \$500 a month for services but he does not qualify as an independent contractor under California law and his billing practices are questionable. In order to protect the future financial condition of this post, we must make John an employee or part ways with the relationship.

**Motion to put John Barriantos on payroll as a part time employee. Roger Haag brings motion. SECONDED BY Steve Kemp: Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Ice machine maintenance. Ernie has helped fixed the machine but it is a problematic piece of equipment and it needs regular maintenance schedule, Commander received a quote from a tech that every quarter maintenance can be performed for \$180.

**Motion to appropriate \$180 to pay for quarterly maintenance of Ice Machine. Roger Haag brings Motion. SECONDED BY Barney Felix. Motion passed.**

Adjutant provided status of walk-in cooler operation.

**Motion to appropriate \$100 to E. Rodriguez in order to perform maintenance on the walk-in cooler. Motion brought by Roger Haag. SECONDED By Rick Molina. Motion Passed.**

Commander/Adjutant to provide status on the items in the storage container.

**Motion to dispose of the 59 items in the storage container. Motion made by Fred Torres. SECONDED BY Barney Felix. Motion Passed.**

Adjutant/Commander provided update on revised rental agreement and charges.

**Motion to permit the Executive Committee to finalize the hall rental pricing and rental terms. Motion made by Rick Hamlin. SECONDED BY Roger Haag. Motion passed.**

Fred Torres stated that Post HVAC system needs to be inspected and maintained periodically.

**Motion to authorize appropriation of funds to provide annual inspection/maintenance of the Post HVAC System. Rick Hamlin, SECONDED BY Barney Felix. Motion Passed Unanimously.**



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Adjutant/Commander provided status of Microsoft Suite for the Post officers in order to provide continuity of operations for future officers and the Post.

**Motion to reimburse Bryan Bell for the purchase of Microsoft Suite to be supported by receipts but shall not exceed \$150.00 and to pay for Microsoft Suite monthly subscription fees. Roger Haag brings the motion. SECONDED BY Barney Felix. Motion Passed unanimously.**

Rick Ming discussed Guitars 4 Vets and played a video about the organization.

**Motion to provide space to Guitar 4 Vets at our Post, as our schedule permits. Ron Maag brings the Motion. SECONDED BY Barney Felix. Motion Passed unanimously.**

## NEW MEMBERS

Antonio Blakey- Army Veteran

Nathan Mederas – Army Veteran

**Motion to Admit Messrs. Blakely and Mederas as members of the American Legion/Post 716 and table the admission of Ralph Lopez to determine if California State Guard members are eligible Rick Molina brings motion; SECONDED BY Fred Torres.**

Ralph Lopez – California State Guard (Army National Guard)

## GOOD OF THE LEGION

Adjutant informed membership that we will not be printing out the general meeting minutes for review. Instead, it will be posted on the Legion Bulletin Board outside the restrooms. We will also post a draft of the minutes on the Post Website

Ron Maag states that the steam table needs some maintenance if we are going to provide it as a rental item.

We are postponing the drawing.

Next General Meeting will be: August 8, 2024

Adjourn: 8:39 pm