



Post 716 General Membership Meeting

04/10/2025

7:05 PM

Post 716, Los Alamitos

3252 Florista St.

Los Alamitos, CA. 90720-2306

Meeting called by: Commander

Type of meeting: Regular

Attendees: Commander- Bryan Bell (X), 1st Vice- Rick Molina (X), 2nd Vice- Vacant, E-Board- Bill Sestito (X) Barney Felix (AE), Art Odom (AE), Finance- Rick Hamlin (AE), Adjutant- Roger Haag (X), Judge Advocate- Roger Haag (X), Jr Past Commander- Ernie Rodriguez (X), Chaplin- Keith Elliott (X), Rider's Liaison – Art Odom (AE), Son's Liaison – Art Odom (AE) Sergeant-at-Arms Tony Martin (X)

Quorum: YES

Time: 7:05 pm

Bar Manager: Mary Hernandez (X)

Guests: Joe Castillo, Current Vice Commander District 29

Approval of Minutes: No minutes to approve at this time.

OFFICERS REPORTS

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Status of Mural: Mario S. is the muralist and has started work on the mural. Completion expected by Memorial Day. Will work with City of Los Al to do a ceremony.

Medal of Honor Display completed. It is incomplete. We are looking for displays of shadow boxes and military memorabilia.

New TV's installed.

FIRST VICE-COMMANDER

We are at 90% at membership.

Our parking lot is completed, special thanks to Steve Working and Matt Seib.



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SECOND VICE-COMMANDER (VACANT)

VACANT

EXECUTIVE BOARD- BILL SESTITO

No Report.

EXECUTIVE BOARD- BARNEY FELIX

No Report.

EXECUTIVE BOARD – ART ODOM

No Report

ADJUTANT’S REPORT

Wall of Heroes - we are requesting donations and loans. If you have memorabilia to display please frame it and we will hang it to the wall.

FINANCE OFFICER

We have about \$34,000 in all accounts. It is low due to the season. Historically, December to February are slow months. We also have post improvement construction projects.

CHAPLIN’S REPORT – KEITH ELLIOTT

Mike Jimenez, Son’s Member had a stroke. He is recovering.

Tom Roger’s brother’s passed away

Mr. Besenski is undergoing medical procedure. Please pray for him and his wife Lee.



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JR. PAST COMMANDER (“JPC”)– ERNIE RODRIGUEZ

No Report.

SON’S COMMANDER – STEVE WORKING

Thanks to everyone for attending the food events. The funds directly support Son’s programs.

Has installed the TVs and AV system to operate them.

Commander thanks Steve for all his efforts to update the TV system.

RIDERS’S LIAISON – ART ODOM

No Report

HALL/BAR MANAGERS REPORT

3 hall rentals last month.

We will have live music scheduled at the post in the upcoming months.

Commander thanks Mary for preparing the St. Patricks Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. It was excellent.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

Preparing flyers for Italian Night and new flyers for hall rental that are focused on the upcoming high school graduations.



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PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

Bryan Heieck, former USMC from 1995-2003. Wife is a member of the Auxiliary.

Vote of membership taken: Passed

Mr. Heieck was sworn in as a member.

AUXILIARY REPORT

Father's Day breakfast.

Auxiliary will assist the Legion in putting on the Mother's Day breakfast.

Jr Auxiliary President is raising funds for service project.

NEW BUSINESS

We are looking to refurbish the bar ceiling. We are proposing to install black ceiling tiles. Lighting will be changed. Estimated cost is approximately \$3,000. Material is \$2,000 and labor is \$1,000. Electrical work will be donated.

Tony Lewis makes a motion to appropriate \$3,000 to refurbish the tiles in the bar. Nathan Medeiros seconded the motion. The motion was presented to the membership and passed.

Nathan Medeiros makes a motion to give a discount to the Los Alamitos High Football Booster club for their Casino Night event. Roger Haag second the motion. The motion was presented to the membership and passed.



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ELECTION OF 2025-2026 POST OFFICERS - NOMINATIONS

COMMANDER:

Roger Haag nominates Rick Molina as Commander

Rick Molina accepts the nomination

Larry Peralta nominates Ernie Rodriguez

Ernie Rodriguez **declines** the nomination

FIRST-VICE COMMANDER:

Keith Elliot nominates Bill Sestito

Bill Sestito accepts the nomination

Larry Peralta nominates Tony Lewis

Mr. Lewis accepts the nomination

Rick Molina nominates Mike Valdez

Mr. Valdez accepts the nomination

SECOND VICE-COMMANDER:

Tony Martin nominates Larry Peralta

Larry Peralta **declines** the nomination for 2nd Vice Commander

Rick Molina Nathan Medeiros as 2nd Vice Commander

Mr. Medeiros accepts the nomination

Ernie Rodriguez nominates Bill Sestito

Mr. Sestito accepts the nomination

Mike Valdez nominates Mike Valdez

Mr. Valdez accepts the nomination



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THIRD VICE COMMANDER:

Rick Molina nominates Dean Geness

Dean Geness accepts the nomination

E-BOARD:

Rick Molina nominates Fred Torres

Mr. Torres accepts the nomination

Tony Martin nominates Larry Peralta

Larry Peralta **declines** the nomination

Rick Molina nominates Reese Bolin

Mr. Bolin accepts the nomination

Ernie Rodriguez nominates Nathan Mediros

Mr. Medeiros accepts the nomination

Ernie Rodriguez nominates Mike Valdez

Mike Valdez accepts the nomination

Ernie Rodriguez nominates Tony Lewis

Tony Lewis **declines** the nomination

Nathan Medeiros nominates Keith Elliot

Mr. Elliot **declines** the nomination

OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business



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GOOD OF THE LEGION

Joe Castillo: American Legion and Charities is one of our new pillars.
All posts will have access to 501(c)(3)

Drawing: \$470 Member Number: John Hatfield (not present)
Next Month the Drawing Prize increases to \$490

Next General Meeting will be: May 8, 2025

Adjourn: 8:18 pm