



Post 716 General Membership Meeting

05/08/2025

7:00 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 (AE), 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, Current District Commander Jim Eubanks.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were posted on the website. The minutes were approved and filed.

OFFICERS REPORTS

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Mural will be done next Friday. Dedication will be on Memorial Day 2025. Executive Officer of NWSB will speak at the dedication ceremony. Marin's family will speak. Davis' family is hard to find. Information will be forthcoming. Auxiliary will host the BBQ after the dedication of the mural.

FIRST VICE-COMMANDER

We are at 92% at membership.

We have signed up 37 new members this year.

SECOND VICE-COMMANDER (VACANT)

VACANT



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EXECUTIVE BOARD- BILL SESTITO

No Report.

EXECUTIVE BOARD- BARNEY FELIX

No Report.

EXECUTIVE BOARD – ART ODOM

No Report

ADJUTANT’S REPORT

No Report

FINANCE OFFICER

No Report

CHAPLIN’S REPORT – KEITH ELLIOTT

Mike Whitehorse, long time member. He has been in and out of the hospital due to health issues. Ask for prayers.

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

Requests the Auxiliary to be recognized.

SON’S COMMANDER – STEVE WORKING

Fish Fry is 5/23/25. Great deal and good food. Please come.
Last friday of the month is steak night.



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RIDERS'S LIAISON – ART ODOM

No Report

AUXILIARY REPORT

Kristin Landis provided the report. Asks that everyone join them at LAX terminal 1 next Sunday 5/11/25, to honor the participants of Honor Flight, landing at 12:30 from Washington D.C.

The Auxiliary will also wait for information on the Memorial Day dedication.

Auxiliary will be sponsor Father's Day

On Memorial Day there will be a speaker from Paws for Purple Hearts. They will also receive a check from the Jr. Auxiliary.

ELECTION OF 2025-2026 POST OFFICERS - SECOND NOMINATIONS

COMMANDER:

No further nominations for this position.

Position is not contested, Rick Molina is Commander of Post 716 by acclamation.

FIRST-VICE COMMANDER:

No further nominations for this position.

Mike Valdez is not present. Therefore, Bill Sestito is First Vice Commander by acclamation.

SECOND VICE-COMMANDER:

No further nominations for this position.

Mike Valdez is not present. Nathan M is Second Vice-Commander by acclamation.



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THIRD VICE COMMANDER:

Rick Molina nominates Brian Heieck as Third Vice Commander.

Brian Heieck **accepts** the nomination.

Dean Geness is not present. Therefore, Brian Heieck is Third Vice Commander by acclamation.

E-BOARD:

Nathan M is the Second Vice-Commander. Mike Valdez is not present. They're names will be withdrawn from the ballot.

Steve Kemp nominated himself for E-Board

Rick Molina nominated Roger Haag for E-Board

Roger Haag **accepts** the nomination.

Ballots were passed out for secret balloting. Joe Castillo and Jim Eubanks counted the ballots with Rick Molina monitoring. The results are as follows:

Executive Board members: Fred Torres, Reese Bolin, Roger Haag

NEW BUSINESS

Fred Torres would like recognition for outstanding

Ernie Rodriguez speaks on the topic a raffle to support Camp Hamilton. Raffle tickets were customary purchased by the Post. Mr. Rodriguez makes a motion to appropriate \$800 to purchase all raffle tickets for the Post. Ernie Rodriguez withdraws the motion

Roger Haag makes a motion to permit the Executive Board to review the Camp Hamilton raffle purchase and permit the decision of the Executive Board to be the final decision of Membership. Steve Kemp seconds the motion. Motion voted, motion passed.



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OLD BUSINESS

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GOOD OF THE LEGION

None

Drawing: \$490

Member Number: 145: Donald Hutcherson (not present)

Next Month the Drawing Prize increases to \$510

Next General Meeting will be: June 12, 2025

Adjourn: 8:01 pm