



Post 716 General Membership Meeting

06/12/2025

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 (X), Finance- Rick Hamlin (X), Adjutant- Roger Haag (X), Judge Advocate- Roger Haag (X), Jr Past Commander- Ernie Rodriguez (X), Chaplin- Keith Elliott (X), Rider's Liaison – Art Odom (X), Son's Liaison – Keith Elliot (X) Sergeant-at-Arms Tony Martin (X)

Quorum: YES

Time: 7:05 pm

Bar Manager: Mary Hernandez (X)

Guests:

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Commander notes accomplishments over the past year.

Mural will be complete by August 15th

Another meeting is scheduled to get the architect plans finalized.

City will send us a check to refurbish the building. We have a contractor who will start work shortly.



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FIRST VICE-COMMANDER

Kudos to the outgoing Commander.

We are at 93% at membership. 21 members short.

Only 1 post in the District was able to get to 100%

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

Officer's picture board. Eagle Scout project.

New Community Service Eagle Scout project - a project that directly support veterans. Details TBD

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FINANCE OFFICER

Balance \$37,559 end of May.

Down slightly from April

Halls Rentals are picking up. Thanks to Mary Rodriguez.

CHAPLIN'S REPORT – KEITH ELLIOTT

Gary Byznieski passed away and buried at the Riverside Military Cemetery.

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

Attended the District meeting was held on June 1, 2025 at our Post. The District is failing at attendance and participation.

There are scammers that are approaching AL posts looking for donations. Be careful.

Elections were held and Joe Castillo was elected Commander.

Changes in how election for Department Commander at the Convention will change.

District gave the Post a certificate for permitting them to use the Post for their June 2025 meeting.

Thanks from Camp Hamilton for the support that the Post has provided to Camp Hamilton.



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SON'S LIAISON

June 27 is Steak Night

Fish fry was very successful

Son's made a donation to Camp Hamilton

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RIDERS'S LIAISON – ART ODOM

Raffle tickets will be sold in the bar for scratchers.

AUXILIARY REPORT

Father's Day Breakfast is being hosted by the ALA. Members are free, all others pay \$8.

HALL / BAR MANAGER REPORT

Bar sales last month were approximately \$34,000.

Hall rentals were \$6,690

A new bartender was hired. Angie.

We lost two bartenders: MaryAnn and Jessica left last month.

Upcoming events: We have Italian dinner coming up. Next week is french dip sandwiches.

4th of July BBQ is being planned.

NEW BUSINESS



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James Kelly Band - Nathan Miederos makes a motion to renew the James Kelly Band payment of \$1,200 per month for 3 months. Rick Molina seconded the motion. Motion carried.

David's Cousin's Band - Bryan Heieck makes a motion to pay \$400 to the band. Nathan Miedros seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Convention cost reimbursement. Roger Haag makes a motion to reimburse members up to \$2,500 for costs. Dean Gness seconds the motion. Motion carried.

July 4, 2025 celebration. Hosted by Legion. Roger Haag makes a motion to allocate up to \$400 to reimburse Son's for July 4th food. Nathan Miedros seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Art Odom makes a makes a motion to purchase new flags, eagle mount on flagpole, and service flags. Roger Haag seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Installment of new officers will be on July 12, 2025. A BBQ will follow afterwards. Encourages all family and friends to attend.

July 4, 2025 BBQ, needs volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS

None

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Boys State June 20-27th, I will be flying to Sacramento to view the closing ceremonies and chaperone on the ride back.

Drawing: \$510

Member Number: 148: Larry Iles (not present)

Next Month the Drawing Prize increases to \$530



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Next General Meeting will be: June 12, 2025

Adjourn: 7:53 pm