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# MINUTES

## General Membership Meeting

January 8, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

<b>Type of meeting:</b>		American Legion Post 105—General Membership Meeting				
<b>Commander</b>		George Smith				
<b>Adjutant</b>		John Robinson				
<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>	STAN MAUPIN	X			
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	LEO MCARDLE	X			
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	WILLIAM JACKSON, JR	X			
	JUDGE ADVOCATE	TOM DAY		E		
	CHAPLAIN	TOM GIANNINI	X			
	ADJUTANT	JOHN ROBINSON	X			
	FINANCE OFFICER	TOM MULLINS	X			
	SGT-at-ARMS	JOE KIRBY		E		
	HISTORIAN	MICHAEL TOSCHAK	X			
	VSO	CHESTER PALESOO		E		
	JR. PAST COMMANDER					
	MEMBER@LRG	CHESTER PALESOO		E		
	MEMBER@LRG	JOHN ROBINSON	X			
	MEMBER@LRG	TOM DAY		E		
	MEMBER@LRG	MICHAEL TOSCHAK	X			
	MEMBER@LRG	WILLIAM JACKSON, JR.	X			
	MEMBER@LRG	STAN MAUPIN	X			
<b>INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS</b>	<b>GUEST NAME:</b>					
	A new Sons guest was in attendance.					
<b>E-BOARD MINUTES of November 13, 2024 were transmitted electronically</b>	<b>MOTION TO ACCEPT BY:</b>	George Silva	<b>SECOND BY:</b>	Alan Hirsch		
	<b>DISCUSSION/ CORRECTION</b>	If anyone wants to read a hard copy of the minutes see the Adjutant before the meeting so you can read them before the meeting.				



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		PASSED:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	
	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	FROM	None				
		DISCUSSION/ ACTIONS					

<b>REPORTS</b>	REPORT BY: Thanksgiving	George Smith, Commander November: John Kumar donated ten turkeys and six hams to the Post to give to the Transitional Home at MPVA.
	Stuffed toys	December: The Post Family donated stuffed toys to the Redwood City Police and Fire Departments and the San Mateo County Sheriff's office to help comfort children they encounter in emergency situations.
	Toys for Vets	December: Donated \$500 to Toys for Veterans. Veterans who are Long Term residents at Menlo Park Veterans Hospital give these toys to their children and grandchildren.
	Roof	A roof leak in the board room was fixed.
	Building update	Building update. The 8 <sup>th</sup> amendment to the contract was signed. Republic will pay the Post \$56,000. \$41,000 of that is a loan to pay our legal fees. That money will be deducted from the final payment to us. \$15,000 is money Republic owes us for legal fees we paid. In addition, we can send Republic receipts from our legal bills, up to \$50,000, to get reimbursement.  The Post will get ninety parking spaces for the building.  We have a meeting with the city next Monday. You will be kept informed.
	Event rentals	We updated the rental agreement for events to reflect a truer cost for janitorial costs. This update was approved by the Executive Committee in our last meeting.
	Rodents	Rodent problem. Our pest control company doesn't do physical repairs that would prevent rodents from entering the building, but they will step up rodent control on their monthly visits. We got three estimates for simple repairs or measures that will close up entry points. The Executive Committee chose a handyman who will seal areas of concern & repair wall holes.
	Wreaths Across America	Saturday, January 11 at 8:00 at Golden Gate National Cemetery is when wreaths will be removed from headstones. Your help is needed.



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		Commander's Coffee	Commander's Coffee 11:00, January 29. Commander Smith will have updates from meetings scheduled in January about the building project.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	John Robinson, Adjutant No new information, but rentals are being booked.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY: Membership	Stan Maupin, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Stan reminded people to be sure their membership renewals are sent in.
		Drawing	William Kirchner was not present to win a year's free membership.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY: Rentals	Leo McArdle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Rentals are going well. Deposits for the rental dates are being made.
		Kitchen sink	A plumber cleaned out the kitchen sink drains.
		Menus	Leo would like suggestions for meals for the General Meetings.
		DISCUSSION:	Leo invited people to his birthday celebration April 5 at the Post, starting around 2 p.m.
		REPORT BY: Photos	William Jackson, Jr. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander William attended meetings and events and took photos for publication. *Presentation of turkeys and hams to MPVA *Presentation of stuffed toys to Sheriff's office, Redwood City Fire and Police departments *Veteran's Lunch at Harry's Hoffbrau *MNF at the Post's Club 105 William thanked the organizers of MNF at Club 105.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	Tom Mullins, Finance Officer Checking account: \$6000 Building saving \$16,000 Savings account \$25,000 There have been good rentals, income from Club 105, bingo, and donations that give us a good financial position.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY: A Veterans Christmas	Stan Maupin, San Mateo County Veterans Commission The Commission supported a Veterans Christmas Luncheon hosted by John Helin, at the San Mateo Elks Lodge.
		Provider's Luncheon	Plans for 2025 include a Providers Luncheon. This is a time for groups that provide services to veterans to meet each other with a goal being aware of what services are available to veterans and who provides them.



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		Stand Down	<p>In June there will be a stand down at the Elks Lodge in San Mateo and service providers will be there to assist veterans.</p> <p>Stan will keep the Post updated on the Commission's events.</p>
		DISCUSSION:	<p>Warren Slocum, San Mateo County Supervisor retired recently. He is a member of Post 105. Commander Smith hopes Warren will chair a Post committee that looks for grants and other funding opportunities to help the Post serve veterans.</p>
		REPORT BY:	<p>Tom Giannini, Chaplain</p> <p>Tom asked the members to always let him know when members are ill or in need.</p> <p>Tom recognized George Silva at the meeting, and said it was good to see that he had recovered.</p> <p>Past ALA President Carol Rael is recovering. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.</p> <p>TAL member Cobbey Sova is still facing challenges and needs your thoughts and prayers.</p> <p>Lastly, Tom paid tribute to former U.S. President Carter who passed away and was a Navy veteran.</p>
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	<p>Michael Toschak, PR Chair and Webmaster</p> <p>Michael had no new report, but Commander Smith expressed his thanks for all Michael does behind the scenes to present the Post and its mission to the public. George said Michael spends untold hours for all he does for the Post.</p>
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	<p>Peggy Toye, ALA President and ALA District 26 President</p>
		<p>Activities</p> <p>Membership</p>	<p>Post Unit 105</p> <p>Unit 105 participated in Wreaths Across America and will help with the cleanup.</p> <p>They participated in John Helin's A Veterans Christmas luncheon and gave out 100 holiday cards made by Girl Scouts.</p> <p>Feb. 2 members are going to San Mateo High School's presentation of the play <i>Noises Off!</i></p> <p>Twenty-six members have renewed membership.</p> <p>District 26</p> <p>There are two units on probation.</p> <p>Peggy has District goal of promoting collegiality among the units and on Feb. 2 there are two activities for units to socialize. First,</p>



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		CA Dept. visit	there is a breakfast at Unit 585 and afterward many are going to a play at San Mateo Performing Arts Center.  April 6 the ALA Department President will visit at a luncheon held at Post 105.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY: Statistics	Patrick Lucy, SAL Commander In 2024 the Sons gave 1021 volunteer hours and donated \$590.
		Project and fund raiser	Next week plans are to add more lights to the Post parking lot. We are raising funds to donate to the Legacy Run and will be cutting Andrew Trapani's hair in April. Donations are welcome.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY: Activities  Lighted Boat Festival	Andrew Trapani, ALR Director The Riders do many activities with the Sons. They participated in Wreaths Across America. Andrew highlighted the Lighted Boat Festival at Pilar Point in which \$2250 was raised for the Post. More money could have been raised if we had more volunteers. The Harbor Master was impressed with our group of volunteers and will keep us on his list of organizations to call. The Festival was fun and worthwhile . We need your support at these fundraiser activities.
		DISCUSSION:	
	OLD BUSINESS	R.E.D. tee shirts	See Wendy Weller if you would like a Remember Everyone Deployed tee shirt.
		6X	A team from Boardwalk will take the 6x to their facility to work on it there.
	NEW BUSINESS	None	
	OTHER ISSUES FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER	Gary Higgins	March 29, 2025 VVA Car Show held at Post to commemorate Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.
		New Commander	George Smith isn't running for Commander during the next election. Post 105 will need a new Commander. Please step forward.
		Andrew Trapani	Andrew thanked all who participated in and worked at the MNF evenings. Commander Smith gave his thanks to them as well.
		Football	Club 105 will be open for football playoffs and the Super Bowl.
		Joe Kirby	Winner was Gary Higgins and he donated \$36 back to the Post.
	ADJOURNMENT		