



MINUTES

10/12//2022
7:00 pm

Type of meeting:		American Legion Post 105—GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Meeting				
Presiding Officer:		George Smith, Commander				
Note Taker		John Robinson, Adjutant				
ROLL CALL	OFFICER	NAME	P	E	A	NOTES
	COMMANDER	GEORGE SMITH	X			
	1 ST	TOM DAY	X			
	2 ND	LEO MCARDLE	X			
	3 RD	WILLIAM JACKSON, JR	X			
	JUDGE ADVOCATE	ROBERT CLAUNCH		E		
	CHAPLAIN	COBBEY SOVA		E		
	ADJUTANT	JOHN ROBINSON	X			
	FINANCE OFFICER	VERN MULL	X			
	SGT-at-ARMS	AL ROSENMILLER	X			
	HISTORIAN	MICHAEL TOSCHAK	X			
	VSO	CHESTER PALESOO	X			
	JR. PAST COMMANDER					
	MEMBER@LRG	STAN MAUPIN				
	MEMBER@LRG	WILLIAM JACKSON, JR.				
	MEMBER@LRG	JOHN ROBINSON				
	MEMBER@LRG	MICHAEL TOSCHAK				
MEMBER@LRG	AL ROSENMILLER					
MEMBER@LRG	CHESTER PALESOO					
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	GUEST NAME:					
	Frank Martinez's daughter, guest of Frank					
	Delores Peters, guest of Michael Toschak					
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES of Sept. 14, 2022 were electronically distributed	MOTION TO ACCEPT BY:	Chester	SECOND BY:	Ken		
	DISCUSSION/ CORRECTION	None				
	PASSED:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO			
CORRESPONDENCE	FROM	None				
	DISCUSSION/ ACTIONS					
REPORTS	REPORT BY:	<p>Commander George Smith</p> <p>George thanked those who renewed their membership early and thanked all who attended the dinner. He said anyone who hasn't renewed yet will be eligible for a drawing for a vacation IF they renew now.</p> <p>Oct 19- Paws for Purple Hearts demonstration at the Post, 3 pm. Come and see how dogs are trained to help veterans who need them. George will present the organization with a check from donations he gathered from the Post 105 Family, Blue Star Moms, Marine Corps League, AmVets, and USV. The donations so far amount to \$1000.</p> <p>Measure K grant: George applied to San Mateo County for a grant for technology. The grant was approved and so we can improve our ability</p>				

		<p>to include remote viewers at our meetings by getting the equipment we need.</p> <p>The grant will also provide a computer lab with six computers at the post for veterans and youth. George thanked the Charitable Foundation for its donation of \$1000 for the computer lab. A GoFundMe page raised \$850 for the computer lab.</p> <p>Bingo: nothing new to report except that we are still working with the city to bring bingo to the post.</p> <p>Raffle: George has tickets for \$20. Each ticket gives you five chances to win a quilt with your branch of service commemorated in the design.</p> <p>Oct 26- Commander's Coffee will host a representative from Building Together, who will explain what their organization does to improve safety in homes.</p>
	DISCUSSION:	
	REPORT BY:	Adjutant John Robinson Not many rentals coming up in October.
	DISCUSSION:	Commander George Smith noted that we are looking into changing our status from a 501(c)(19) to a 501(c)(3) in order to keep the non-profit and the taxable activities separate. The city discontinued our tax-exempt status during covid because they thought we were closed and we are working to reinstate the post as tax-exempt.
	REPORT BY:	1 st Vice Tom Day 132 memberships are renewed and 47 of those are PUFL's. Our most senior member is Frank Martinez.
	DISCUSSION:	Commander George Smith presented Frank Martinez with a 55-year pin. Frank is the longest active member of the post. Commander Smith also gave Frank a Korean Veteran belt buckle.
	REPORT BY:	2 nd Vice Leo McArdle November 9 th meeting, we are having a chicken dinner. January 21, 2023 is the next SOS breakfast. Bring your friends and family, and let us know how many will be there.
	DISCUSSION:	
	REPORT BY:	3 rd Vice William Jackson, Jr. The bylaws committee should be finished updating the bylaws in the near future.
	DISCUSSION:	In answer to a question, the members of the committee are William Jackson, Jr., Michael Toschak, and Leo McArdle. The bylaws will be presented to the board, and then to the membership. The membership will have the opportunity to discuss and decide whether to approve the bylaws.
	REPORT BY:	Board Member Stan Maupin Building Committee: The developers are negotiating with the city to see which of two options for the plans will work because the city wants some of our land. Once the plans are approved by the city they will be presented to the membership.
	DISCUSSION:	
	REPORT BY:	Chaplain's report by Stan Maupin. Cobbey Sova has pneumonia. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.
	DISCUSSION:	
	REPORT BY:	Service Officer Chester Palesoo Chester explained how important our website is as a resource for veterans and gave examples of how veterans have been able to find the

		help they need. He said the computer lab at the post will be an asset for those who don't have computers or phones.
	DISCUSSION:	
	REPORT BY:	PR Committee, Michael Toschak The committee is promoting the Veterans Day program at Courthouse Square in Redwood City. Our post is in charge of the program.
	DISCUSSION:	
	REPORT BY:	Auxiliary 2 nd VP, Peggy Toyce Peggy briefly mentioned ALA District 26 activities. Post Unit 105 is participating in upcoming events that have been mentioned previously, and Unit 105 is adding Gun High School and Menlo Atherton High School to the schools from which they recruit Girls State delegates.
	DISCUSSION:	
	REPORT BY:	SAL Commander Andrew Trapani We are looking for new members. Previous members should return their applications as soon as possible. In September we attended the presentation of a check to the Red Cross to go to Ukrainian relief. We participated in 12 missions, rode 427 miles, and donated 27 volunteer hours.
	DISCUSSION:	
	REPORT BY:	ALR Director Andrew Trapani In September we attended the presentation of a check to the Red Cross to go to Ukrainian relief. The ALR will be present at the Veterans Day event in Redwood City. We participated in 12 missions, rode 943 miles, and donated 184 volunteer hours. Group miles equalled 2,911. Andrew congratulated Commander Smith as the new Veteran of the Year.
	DISCUSSION:	Commander Smith recognized Andrew Trapani and Wendy Weller as San Mateo County Patriots of the Year.
	REPORT BY:	Finance Officer Vern Mull We didn't have to use building money to pay \$5,921 in bills this month.
	DISCUSSION:	
OLD BUSINESS	Bumper Stickers	Available at the back of the room. Help yourself.
	Vietnam Veteran pins	Available at the back of the room. Help yourself.
NEW BUSINESS	Call to volunteer	Stan Maupin On Veterans Day we need volunteers. If you can be there at 0800 or later that will be very helpful. If you can help after the event that will be helpful also.
	DISCUSSION:	
OTHER ISSUES FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER	Veteran Care Bags and Packages	Tom Giannini Because of generous group and individual donations, the Elks raised enough money to provide 130 Care Bags and 170 Care Packages. Saturday, Oct 22, 10:00 is packing day at Redwood City Elks Club.
	Printing winner names in the minutes	A motion was made by William Jackson, Jr. to add the name of the winner of a year's free membership. Winner must be present at the meeting to win. The motion was seconded by Chester Palesoo. The motion passed. Tonight's winner is Carl Porter.
ADJOURNMENT		