



MINUTES

05/10/2023
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	X			
	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					
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	GUEST NAME:					
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES of April 12, 2023 were electronically transmitted	MOTION TO ACCEPT BY:	Alan Hirsch	SECOND BY:	Leo McArdle		
	DISCUSSION/ CORRECTION	A hard copy of the minutes is available at the post if you would like to see them.				
	PASSED:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO			
CORRESPONDENCE	FROM	None				
	DISCUSSION/ ACTIONS					
REPORTS	REPORT BY:	Commander George Smith				
	Year Pins, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members who haven't received membership pins/patches, a R.E.D. pin, or gun locks, please see 1st Vice Tom Day. 				
REPORTS	Insurance reimbursement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traveler's Insurance reimbursed the post for losses from the break-in in February. Traveler's sent a check for \$3,000.00. Included in the losses were a blower and weed eater belonging to John Kumar. John replaced these items and paid \$527.38 for them. George Silva made a motion to reimburse John Kumar \$527.38. William Jackson, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed. A motion to reimburse the Blue Star Moms \$1000 for the losses they sustained in the same break-in in February was made by William Jackson, Jr. and seconded by Leo Burns. Motion passed. John Robinson had a ladder stolen and since it is less than \$200, Commander Smith can authorize replacing it. The remainder of the insurance payment will go to losses the Post sustained in the break-in. 				

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R.E.D. Remember Everyone Deployed. Long sleeve tee shirts are for sale for \$30. All proceeds go to support our veterans community. We received \$1,367.50 for the short sleeve R.E.D. shirts we sold. We reinvested \$647.00 for the long sleeve shirts. This is an AL/ALA venture with a 50/50 split. Thanks go to the Redwood City Elks Club for their support of the post's tee-shirt fund-raiser, with special thanks going to Tom Giannini and Carol Bagley.
		Bingo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingo. It's difficult to know what the hold-up is regarding getting approval for bingo. We are working to get bingo on the city council agenda. DISCUSSION: Bingo: members suggested using the newspapers and the Next Door app to appeal to the city council. Commander Smith said that could be done if all other efforts fail.
		Red Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We gave a representative from the Red Cross a check for \$1950 for earthquake relief in Turkey. Along with our Post Family, eight other veterans organizations and six individuals donated to the fund.
		Belmont Rotary Club donations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex Cook of the Belmont Rotary Club asked if the post would get involved with Babe Ruth youth baseball and Commander Smith agreed. Alex gave the post \$1000 from an anonymous donor and asked the post for a \$500 donation to the Babe Ruth program which the post gave. The remaining \$500 from that donation went into the post's restricted funds. A week later Alex gave the post another \$1000 donation from an anonymous donor. This money also went into the post's restricted funds.
		Restricted fund spending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Menlo Park VA has lifted visitor restrictions so we can resume having barbeques at the long-term care unit, and giving Thanksgiving turkeys and hams to homeless veterans housed at MP-VA. Money from restricted funds go to events like this.
		Parade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourth of July Parade. If you would like to ride on the float, let us know. DISCUSSION: 4th of July: Alex Cook asked if a 92 yr. old veteran he knows could ride on the float or in a car at the parade. Absolutely!
		Sequoia High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sequoia High School football golf tournament fundraiser. We donated \$300 for a tee sign with our name on it. We are hoping to get new members from among the high school's friends and parents at this fundraiser and more community awareness of the post. DISCUSSION: Sequoia football: Jim Stubblefield said he could get a man with a stump removal business to help us with a problem tree stump, and the football players could help with the clean-up. Commander Smith promised food for the players.
		Commander's Coffee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commander's Coffee: we don't have a speaker yet.
		CPR training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Cross: Hands-only CPR training perhaps next month.
		REPORT BY:	<p>John Robinson, Adjutant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer months are filling up with rentals.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roof: repairs were made just before last week's rains came. There was a large section without shingles or tar paper that was repaired.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	<p>Tom Day, 1st Vice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No news about membership. • The roll of the dice for a year's free membership was not claimed because the winner, Andrew Jue, was not present.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	<p>Leo McArdle, 2nd Vice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hobart came out to check the ovens and replaced two thermostats. • All security cameras are installed. There are a few fixes needed to finish getting the cameras in working order. • All remaining items in the kitchen at McDonald Hall are for people who rent that kitchen. Everything else has been moved over to the main hall kitchen.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	<p>William Jackson, Jr., 3rd Vice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last week was a virtual orientation for the participants going to Boys and Girls State.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	<p>Stan Maupin, Board Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Committee: the architect came and talked to the committee. The new package of plans will be submitted to the city by the end of May or soon thereafter. Permitting should happen in 2024. <p>There are renderings of the new building on the back wall. We have exactly the same amount of square footage as the original plans had.</p>
		DISCUSSION:	<p>A member asked if construction would be by union workers. Commander Smith that's something we can ask the builders.</p> <p>Ground-breaking could happen in late 2024, and there will be at least 1 ½ years of construction.</p>
		REPORT BY:	<p>Vern Mull, Finance Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We covered our bills with savings that we transferred to checking. We didn't use building fund money to pay bills.
		DISCUSSION:	<p>Cobbey Sova, Chaplain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When Cobbey went to pick up David Collins for this meeting, she found that he had changed his mind. His wife Marion asked for prayers for David because he isn't doing well.
		REPORT BY:	<p>Chester Palesoo, Service Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service report is coming along well. • Fentanyl can be ordered online, so be aware and protect your children. • Scam calls to seniors are on the rise. Be aware and hang up the phone if you are suspicious about a call.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	<p>Michael Toschak, PR and Web</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portrait Day June 10 at 10 a.m. here at the post.
		DISCUSSION:	

	REPORT BY:	<p>Carol Rael, ALA President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elections were today for officers. I am President, Pauline Robinson is 1st Vice, Wendy Weller is 2nd Vice, Cindy McReynolds is Secretary, and Brenda Ternullo is Treasurer. May 20 is Girl State Tea at Post 585 at 1 p.m. Unit 105 Girls State Brunch is August 13 at Hobee's.
	DISCUSSION:	
	REPORT BY:	<p>Andrew Trapani, Sons Commander</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In April the Sons participated in the Post 105 Car Show, the Turkey earthquake relief fund presentation, and the 81st Anniversary of the Bataan Death March. The Sons did 8 missions, served 79 volunteer hours, and had 495 group miles. We have a new member who is the leader of the Young Marines.
	DISCUSSION:	
	REPORT BY:	<p>Andrew Trapani, ALR Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In April the ALR participated in the Post 105 Car Show, the Turkey earthquake relief fund presentation, and did an honor detail at the 81st Anniversary of the Bataan Death March. The ALR did 9 honor details, 10 missions, gave 199 volunteer hours and rode 1214 DOC miles with 3725 group miles. We went to the 16th annual ALR convention in Tulare, CA. We also have a new member.
OLD BUSINESS		
NEW BUSINESS	Newark Symphonic Winds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concert at 7 p.m. May 20 at Newark Memorial High School Theater and the concert is free.
	New Officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The slate of officers and the slate of eCommittee members were unopposed in the Post 105 elections of 2023. A motion to accept the officers and eCommittee members running on a white slate was made by William Jackson, Jr. and seconded by another member, and passed unanimously. <p>Officers: Commander, George Smith 1st Vice, Al Rosenmiller 2nd Vice, Leo McArdle 3rd Vice, William Jackson, Jr. Finance Officer, Stan Maupin Sgt.-at-Arms, Tom Mullins</p> <p>eCommittee 3-year members: Michael Toschak Tom Day</p>
OTHER ISSUES FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER	Al Rosenmiller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you would like to volunteer to help block off streets for the 4th of July Parade, please contact Al Rosenmiller. June 10 at Veterans Benefits meeting highlighting VA loans will be at the post at 11 a.m.
	Memorial Day	Celebration at the Golden Gate National Cemetery

	District 26	District 26 has an opening for Adjutant, and for Area 2 Vice Commander. Contact District 26 Commander Patty Coons.
	Gary Shweid, 100 Club	He thanked those who attended the Fallen Peace Officers ceremony. It was very appreciated. He also thanked Leo McArdle for being the chaplain at the ceremony. Video of the ceremony can be seen at 100clubsmc.org
	Leo McArdle	He gave more details about District 26 officer openings and encouraged members to consider working with District 26.
	Michael Toschak	Michael Toschak would like a group picture of new officers after the meeting
	50-50	Tom Day won and donated his winnings back to the post
	ADJOURNMENT	