



MINUTES

8/9/2023
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	AL ROSEN MILLER	X			
	2 ND	LEO MCARDLE	X			
	3 RD	WILLIAM JACKSON, JR.	X			
	JUDGE ADVOCATE	TOM DAY		E		
	CHAPLAIN	COBBEY SOVA	X			
	ADJUTANT	JOHN ROBINSON	X			
	TREASURER	STAN MAUPIN	X			
	SGT at ARMS	TOM MULLINS	X			
	HISTORIAN	MICHAEL TOSCHAK	X			
	VSO	CHESTER PALESOO	X			
	JR. PAST COMMANDER					
	MEMBER@LRG	TOM DAY				
	MEMBER@LRG	MICHAEL TOSCHAK				
MEMBER@LRG	WILLIAM JACKSON, JR.					
MEMBER@LRG	STAN MAUPIN					
MEMBER@LRG	CHESTER PALESOO					
MEMBER@LRG	JOHN ROBINSON					

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	GUEST NAME:	
	Dolores Peters	

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES July 12, 2023 were distributed electronically	MOTION TO ACCEPT BY:	Chester Palesoo	SECOND BY:	Tom Giannini
	DISCUSSION/ CORRECTION			
	PASSED:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	

CORRESPONDENCE	FROM	None
	DISCUSSION/ ACTIONS	

REPORTS	REPORT BY:	<p>Commander, George Smith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For those members that didn't receive their membership years patches/pins, RED Friday pins, or gun locks please see our Sgt-at-Arms. • RED-Remember Everyone Deployed long-sleeve tee shirts are for sale for \$30. All proceeds go to support our veterans community. • Bingo: The city attorney asked that Vanguard's promise of a youth band in Redwood City be put into the contract. She will present everything to the city and it's looking like we will have bingo by Nov. • The first edition of the newsletter will be out in October. Leaders of the Post family organizations are contributing news of their activities.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forty and Eight train has to be moved from our property. Bob Resch of Post 474 in Half Moon Bay has shown an interest in it and we are working to make that happen. • A 2 ½ ton military vehicle has been donated to us. It needs some fixing up and we are getting help with that. We will use it for parades and it can even be used by emergency crews. • Post yard clean-up is August 19th starting at 8 a.m. Lunch will be served to the volunteers. • Club 105 LLC checking account has been opened for all “for profit” money, such as money from the bar. • Rental Committee. We have established a committee to handle all the rentals as per the new by-laws, and Leo McArdle is the head. • Miracle League: The Chamber of Commerce of San Carlos donated \$2000 to us and asked us to donate \$500 to the Miracle League toward building their snack shack. Post members will be able to volunteer at the snack shack at future games. Michael Toschak made a motion to donate \$500 to the Miracle League. Chester Palesoo seconded the motion. Motion passed. • Commander’s Coffee Aug 30. Elizabeth Murphy from CapTel will explain how to get a free phone that shows the text of phone conversations.
		DISCUSSION:
		REPORT BY: Adjutant, John Robinson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We were audited by Recology and now have a third recycle bin for yard waste and compostables. • Rentals: September and October weekends are rented. November has openings. December is full.
		DISCUSSION:
		REPORT BY: 1 st Vice, Alan Rosenmiller <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership: 106 members renewed their memberships or are PUFL’s. Membership cards were passed out to those present who have renewed. The remaining membership cards will be mailed out. • WWII veteran Clifford Vrooman won the year’s free membership and was present to claim it.
		DISCUSSION:
		REPORT BY: 2 nd Vice, Leo McArdle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ovens are repaired in the kitchen. • Leo is getting the rental committee set up. He has several people who have volunteered to be the duty officer during rentals.
		DISCUSSION:
		REPORT BY: 3 rd Vice, William Jackson, Jr. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William attended the recent Purple Heart ceremony at Golden Gate National Cemetery and took photos. He gave the photos to Michael Toschak for publication.
		DISCUSSION:

	<p>REPORT BY: Finance Officer, Stan Maupin We did not have to draw from the building fund to pay our bills today. \$15,306.24 is left in the building fund.</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>REPORT BY: Building Committee, Stan Maupin The application was submitted to the city and various city departments made comments on the plans. The architects are currently addressing comments and that is what is happening now.</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>REPORT BY: Chaplain, Cobbey Sova Please keep David Collins in your hearts and prayers. He is doing the best he can.</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>REPORT BY: VSO, Chester Palesoo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chester stressed how important it is that anyone who will be making a claim under the PACT Act do so quickly before September 30. • He gave an update regarding incidents that happened in a certain care facility in San Mateo County. • Chester asked that personal information about Post members be kept confidential, especially since I.D. theft so easily happens. Commander Smith said that it is the policy of Post 105 not to give out such information </p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p>
	<p>REPORT BY: PR Director and Webmaster, Michael Toschak <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 65 subscribers to the Post website blog. If you would like to subscribe, contact Michael. • The tour of the USS Hornet is in danger of being cancelled unless more people sign up within the next few days. • When a member reports to Post Everlasting, Michael writes about that person on the website and needs to know such things as the person's branch of service, length of time as a Post 105 member, etc. </p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>REPORT BY: ALA President, Carol Rael <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 26 is the Fisher House fundraiser at VMSC in Redwood City and we will have an information table there. • In October we will participate in two box-packing for troops events: one here with the Blue Star Moms, and one at the Elks Club. </p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>REPORT BY: SAL report by Andrew Trapani <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sons participated in two repatriation ceremonies last month. They were very moving. These two persons were identified and returned for burial. One was an Air Force Colonel returned after 54 years missing in Vietnam. The second person was a Marine Private from WWII. • Activities Post yard clean-up Traffic control at the 4th of July parade • The Sons had seven missions, 205 miles, and 31 volunteer hours last month. </p> <p>REPORT BY: ALR Director, Andrew Trapani</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ALR participated in the two repatriation ceremonies mentioned above. <p>Activities Traffic control at the San Francisco Marathon earned \$720 for the ALR, SAL, and the Post Post yard clean-up Traffic control at the 4th of July parade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ALR had 19 missions, 3,412 group miles, 314 volunteer hours last month.
	REPORT BY:	
OLD BUSINESS	501(c)(3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The paperwork has been submitted to the state.
	Presidential Primary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Post will be a voting place March 2-4, 2024 for the Presidential Primary Election. If you would like to volunteer to work at the election, it would be a money maker for us. Talk to Tom Day if interested. <p>The building could be under construction by the time of the November Presidential Election.</p>
	Veterans Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The plans for the program are on track. We also have a ‘plan B’ in case it’s needed, which is to use the Post instead of Courthouse Square.
NEW BUSINESS	Two By-law changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> George Smith read the new article in the by-laws regarding the 502(c)(3) status of Post 105. Small changes were made to Article 18 section 5 about Disclosure of Documents. <p>A motion to accept these changes was made by George Silva and seconded by Leo Burns. Motion passed.</p> <p>Copies of the by-laws will be sent out to everyone after the changes are validated by the state.</p>
OTHER ISSUES FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER	Fostering a dog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Doberman Pinscher Club of Northern California is interested in finding foster homes for dogs. Contact Cobbey Sova for more information. The MPVA is celebrating its 100th anniversary August 19, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be food, entertainment and a car show.
	Elks Club care packages for troops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 21 at the Elks Club in Redwood City is a packing day to fill care boxes to send to troops. Please see Tom Giannini about participating or ‘purchasing’ a care box. Tom Giannini is now officially retired after serving 30 years in the Army.
	Purple Heart Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clifford Vrooman expressed gratitude on behalf of the Military Order of Purple Heart, Chapter 15 of San Francisco for the members of the Post who helped celebrate Purple Heart Day.

	Post Family Plaques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These plaques are available for \$10. If you travel out-of-state, George will give you a plaque to trade at another post. We would like to display plaques from all 50 states at the Post.
	Shrine breakfast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 26 in San Mateo. Post members are invited. \$15.00 for breakfast.
	Sign broken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New ballasts and light tubes are ready for fixing the message sign outside the building.
	50-50 Drawing	Stan Maupin won the drawing and donated his winnings back to the Post.
	ADJOURNMENT	Next meeting is September 13, 2023.