



# MINUTES

May 8, 2024

7:00 pm

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| <b>Type of meeting:</b>  |                                 | American Legion Post 105—GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING   |                             |              |          |        |
| <b>Presiding Officer:</b>  |                                 | George Smith, Commander   |                             |              |          |        |
| <b>Note Taker</b>  |                                 | John Robinson, Adjutant   |                             |              |          |        |
| <b>ROLL CALL</b>   | <b>OFFICER</b>                  | <b>NAME</b>   | <b>P</b>                    | <b>E</b>     | <b>A</b> | NOTES: |
|  | COMMANDER                       | GEORGE SMITH  | X                           |              |          |        |
|  | 1 <sup>ST</sup>                 | AL ROSEN MILLER   | X                           |              |          |        |
|  | 2 <sup>ND</sup>                 | LEO MCARDLE   | X                           |              |          |        |
|  | 3 <sup>RD</sup>                 | WILLIAM JACKSON, JR.  | X                           |              |          |        |
|  | JUDGE ADVOCATE                  | TOM DAY   | X                           |              |          |        |
|  | 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              |   |                             |              |          |        |
| <b>INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS</b>  | <b>GUEST NAME:</b>              |   |                             |              |          |        |
|  | Dolores Peters                  |   | Raul Cruz                   |              |          |        |
|  | Ron Gurski's wife, Patti Gursky |   |                             |              |          |        |
|  | Frank Martinez' grandson, Jacob |   |                             |              |          |        |
| <b>GENERAL MEETING MINUTES of April 10, 2024 were transmitted electronically</b> | <b>MOTION TO ACCEPT BY:</b>     | Chester Palesoo   | <b>SECOND BY:</b>           | Tom Giannini |          |        |
|  | <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.   |                             |              |          |        |
|  | <b>PASSED:</b>                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES   | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |              |          |        |
| <b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>  | <b>FROM</b>                     | None  |                             |              |          |        |
|  | <b>DISCUSSION/ ACTIONS</b>      |   |                             |              |          |        |
| <b>REPORTS</b>   | <b>REPORT BY:</b>               | George Smith<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> reading of by-laws changes:<br><br>Art 19, Sections 1-6 regarding 501(c)(3)<br>No questions on the second reading.<br>Motion to accept adding Article 19 to the by-laws was made by John Robinson, seconded by Allan Hirsch. Motion passed. Robert Meade made the only "nay" vote and George Silva abstained from voting.<br><br>Art 5, Section 2 regarding the Sgt.-at-Arms being a member of the Executive Committee.<br>No questions on the second reading.<br>Motion to accept changes in Article 5, Section 2 of the by-laws was made by Tom Mullins and seconded by Leo McArdle. Motion passed. Robert Meade abstained. |                             |              |          |        |
|  | <b>DISCUSSION:</b>              |   |                             |              |          |        |
|  | <b>REPORT BY:</b>               | George Smith<br>Voting procedure:   |                             |              |          |        |

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|  |                       | <p>Vote for one person for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander<br/> Vote for one person for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander<br/> Vote for two persons for eCommittee<br/> Write-in votes are acceptable in all races.<br/> Fold the completed ballot in half and place in the ballot box by the Sgt.-at-Arms.<br/> Three persons (Post members) not on the ballot will be asked to count the ballots. The first person named will be the chair of the ballot-counting group.<br/> The totals will be given to the Adjutant.<br/> The Adjutant will give the names of the winners to the Commander who will then inform the membership of the results.</p> <p>Counting the ballots are Allan Hirsch, Bob Beaulin, Ronald Gurski.<br/> Voting results:<br/> Commander: George Smith<br/> 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Stan Maupin<br/> 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Leo McArdle<br/> 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander: William Jackson, Jr.<br/> Finance Officer: Tom Mullins<br/> Sgt.-at-Arms: Joe Kirby<br/> eCommittee: Chester Palesoo and John Robinson</p> |
|  | DISCUSSION:           |  |
|  | REPORT BY:            | George Smith   |
|  | Bingo                 | Bingo: There was a recent meeting with Vanguard. The games broke even in March and made a profit in April. George asked them to pick up the cost of cleaning up the hall, but they agreed instead to add two tiers they could pay per session, up to \$1700/session.   |
|  | DISCUSSION:           |  |
|  | REPORT BY:            | George Smith   |
|  | 501(c)(3)             | Monday, April 22, 2024 we received notice that we are officially a 501(c)(3), backdated to September 12, 2023.   |
|  | Policies & Procedures | The Post policies and procedures manual has been missing and needs to be replaced. George Silva accepted chairmanship of a Policies and Procedures Committee to replace the missing manual.  |
|  | Americanism           | Americanism Committee needs members. Wendy Weller is the chairperson of the committee. Please contact her.   |
|  | Convention            | Post 105 can send six delegates for the state convention June 27-30 in Visalia. See George Smith.  |
|  | Commander's Coffee    | Commander's Coffee- George Smith would like suggestions for speakers or topics.  |
|  | R.E.D. tees           | For those members who would like to have membership years patches/pins, RED Friday pins, gun locks (from SM Co. VSO office), bags, jar openers, glasses, towels (from CapTel), please see our Sgt.-at-Arms.  |
|  | DISCUSSION:           |  |
|  | REPORT BY:            | Adjutant, John Robinson  |
|  |                       | 50% of summer Saturdays are filled.  |
|  | DISCUSSION:           | There are new ceiling leaks which we will take care of when we are more solvent.   |
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|  |  | REPORT BY:  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice, Al Rosenmiller<br>The new plantings from Home Depot are doing well. The picnic tables look great. We need to use the new outdoor furniture.<br><br>Roll of dice goes to Jacob H. He wasn't present to win.  |
|  |  | DISCUSSION: |   |
|  |  | REPORT BY:  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice, Leo McArdle<br>Plumbing line from MacDonald to the street was cleaned out.<br><br>The May 11 Car Show menu is spaghetti and meatballs.  |
|  |  | DISCUSSION: |   |
|  |  | REPORT BY:  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice, William Jackson, Jr.<br>Three youth are going to Boys and Girls State and the Charitable Foundation paid the fees for the boys.   |
|  |  | DISCUSSION: | Commander Smith thanked William and the Charitable Foundation. He was appreciative for all they do.   |
|  |  | REPORT BY:  | Finance Officer, Stan Maupin<br>All bills were paid.  |
|  |  | DISCUSSION: |   |
|  |  | REPORT BY:  | Building project report by Stan Maupin:<br>Major changes in the building project are in a positive direction.<br>Five story building, no underground parking, 100 units all of which are for veterans at below market value.<br>The Post footprint stays the same.<br>The Post owns its portion of the building. It cannot be sold.<br>The Post has 89 parking spaces.<br>The Post will have \$7m to invest after all expenses.<br>Report from George Smith:<br>The project includes studios, 1, 2, & 3 bedroom units. Families are welcome.<br>The project will take 2 years to build.<br>10% of interest on investments goes back to the principal. |
|  |  | DISCUSSION: |   |
|  |  | REPORT BY:  | Stan Maupin, Veterans Commission<br>June 7 is a Stand Down and Resource Fair, at Elks Lodge in San Mateo.   |
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|  |  | REPORT BY:  | Chaplain, Cobbey Sova<br>Wally Muller passed away. He was husband of ALA member Arlene.<br>Patrick Lucy's father-in-law passed away.<br>Carol Rael is recuperating.   |
|  |  | DISCUSSION: |   |
|  |  | REPORT BY:  | VSO, Chester Palesoo<br>Wednesdays 9-10 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Senior Center is a Health Enhancement Activity, a low-level physical activity.<br><br>Friday May 31, Mental Health workshop at Redwood City Library.<br><br>Be aware of scams via phone calls as well as online.  |
|  |  | DISCUSSION: |   |
|  |  | REPORT BY:  | PR, Michael Toschak   |
|  |  | DISCUSSION: | Commander George Smith thanked Michael for his dedication to keeping the website current.   |
|  |  | REPORT BY:  | ALA Acting President, Pauline Robinson<br>Results of the ALA election:<br>Peggy Toye, President   |

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|   |                         | Pauline Robinson, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice<br>Carol Bagley, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice<br>Wendy Weller, Treasurer<br>Cindy McReynolds, Secretary   |
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|   | REPORT BY:              | Sons Commander, Patrick Lucy<br>Patrick expressed his appreciation for condolences and prayers for his father-in-law, who was a Korean War veteran.<br><br>The Car Show is Saturday and we hope to see you there and he thanked all who will be volunteering.  |
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|   | REPORT BY:              | ALR Director, Andrew Trapani<br>Andrew told of the highlights & special moments of the missions they performed in the last month.<br>The ALR went on ten missions, and gave 180 volunteer hours. They rode 2,160 DOC miles and 4,142 group miles.<br><br>6X: They are waiting for the fuel line to be manufactured and sent out. |
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| <b>OLD BUSINESS</b>                           | RED tees for sale       | Remember Everyone Deployed tees are \$30 for long sleeve tees. See Wendy Weller.   |
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|   | National Election       | Nov. 2-5 the Post will be a voting place for the Presidential Election.  |
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|   | 4 <sup>th</sup> of July | Post 105 will have a float in the 4 <sup>th</sup> of July parade.  |
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|   | 40 & 8 locomotive       | Richard Erhardt is still interested in acquiring the locomotive.   |
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| <b>NEW BUSINESS</b>                           | Club 105                | Bob Meade would like to have live music at Club 105 and attract a younger crowd.   |
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| <b>OTHER ISSUES FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER</b> | Donation                | The Charitable Foundation donated \$25,000 to the Post for its expenses. William Jackson, Jr. presented a check on behalf of the Foundation.   |
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|   | Andrew Trapani          | CA Legacy run is having a raffle to support the ALR mission help veterans' families. They award scholarships and fill other vital needs of families.   |
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|   | Tom Giannini            | June 20 is Public Safety Appreciation Night 6:30 p.m. at Redwood City Elks Club.   |
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|   | Ticket                  | George Smith won the drawing and donated the winnings to the Post.   |
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| <b>ADJOURNMENT</b>                            |                         | Next meeting is June 12, 7 p.m.  |
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