



MINUTES

April 10, 2024
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	X			
	CHAPLAIN	COBBEY SOVA			A	
	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				

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	GUEST NAME:	
	Frank Martinez' family	Rick Gutierrez, guest of Joe Kirby
	Riders Director, Andrew Trapani	
	Sons Commander, Patrick Lucy	

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES of March 13, 2024 were distributed electronically	MOTION TO ACCEPT BY:	Tom Giannini	SECOND BY:	Chester Palesoo
	DISCUSSION/ CORRECTION	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.		
	PASSED:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN

CORRESPONDENCE	FROM	None
	DISCUSSION/ ACTIONS	

REPORTS	REPORT BY:	Commander George Smith
	Nominations	<p>Nominations for 2024-2025 Officers</p> <p>Nominations from the floor</p> <p>Commander: no nominations from the floor.</p> <p>1st Vice: George Silva; he accepted the nomination</p> <p>2nd Vice: Frank Martinez; he accepted the nomination</p> <p>3rd Vice: no nominations from the floor</p> <p>Sgt.-at-Arms: no nominations from the floor</p> <p>E-Committee (2 positions): Tom Giannini; he accepted the nomination</p> <p>Combined nominations for 2024-2025 Officers from the E-Committee and from the general meeting floor are</p> <p>Commander: George Smith</p>

		<p>1st Vice: Stan Maupin, George Silva 2nd Vice: Leo McArdle, Frank Martinez 3rd Vice: William Jackson, Jr. Sgt.-at-Arms: Joe Kirby E-Committee at Large: John Robinson, Chester Palesoo, Tom Giannini</p> <p>A ballot showing all nominees will be created to be used at next month's meeting.</p> <p>By-laws changes</p> <p>1) Sgt.-at-Arms George Smith asked for a change in the by-laws to allow the Sgt.-at-Arms, which is an elected officer, be part of the E-Committee. Tom Giannini made a motion for the Sgt.-at-Arms to become a member of the E-Committee. Bob Meade seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>2) 501(c)(3) In transitioning from a 501(c)(19) to a 501(c)(3) requires specific verbiage in the by-laws. George Smith read the exact words of the changes. Leo Burns made a motion to accept the verbiage to be added to the by-laws. Tom Mullins seconded the motion. The motion passes. There was one nay vote and one abstention. There will be a second reading of the changes to the by-laws at the next general membership meeting.</p> <p>Honor Flight Leo McArdle and Allan Hirsch will be on an Honor Flight tomorrow.</p> <p>Pins and patches 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.</p> <p>Bingo Bingo is doing well and the Post will have its first quarterly meeting with Vanguard. \$9600 a month from bingo helps tremendously with bills the Post pays.</p> <p>WiFi cable The Post will buy the wire needed to reconnect MacDonald Hall to WiFi and will ask the delivery company, RNDC, to pay for the cable their truck took down.</p> <p>Fiscal year books Changing over to a 501(c)(3) on July 1st will keep this year's books on 501(c)(19) status and the next fiscal year will be on 501(c)(3) status.</p> <p>Scouts' checking account The Post is laying the foundation for the Scouts to have a checking account in our bank when we become a 501(c)(3).</p> <p>Commander's Coffee Commander Smith will answer any questions about the Post and what is happening.</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p>
		<p>REPORT BY: Adjutant, John Robinson Not many rentals coming in.</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p>
		<p>REPORT BY: 1st Vice, Alan Rosenmiller The winner of the drawing for a free year's membership was not present to win. Thank you to Home Depot volunteers who did painting and landscaping and other projects for the Post. Scouts will paint the new picnic tables.</p> <p>DISCUSSION:</p>

		REPORT BY:	2 nd Vice, Leo McArdle Plumbers took care of tree roots. The thermostat on the refrigerator is fixed.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	3 rd Vice, William Jackson, Jr. William took pictures of the Post revitalization by Home Depot and they are published on the Post website The Boys State delegates are from Upland, Serra, and Woodside high schools. Photos from the VVA car show at the Post will be turned in for publication.
		DISCUSSION:	Commander Smith said he sent a thank you to the VVA for the check they gave the Post for \$256.19.
		REPORT BY:	Finance Officer, Stan Maupin All bills were paid. There is \$6,303 remaining in the building fund.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	Building Committee, Stan Maupin and Richard Pierce Republic is proposing changing the building to become an all low-income building. Other changes, such as parking need to be resolved. The final project details will be presented to the membership for approval.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	Chaplain, Cobbey Sova Please keep Carol Rael in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers from her illness. Cliff Vrooman is recovering from Covid.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	Service Officer, Chester Palesoo Free clinics from the San Mateo County Health Dept. will be at the Redwood City Library April 13, 12:30-2 p.m. for screenings, and April 17, 10-11:30 a.m. for Medicare information.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	ALA, Pauline Robinson, Acting President May is Poppy month, the main fundraising month for the ALA. After the Commander's Coffee on April 24, members of the ALA will prepare envelopes with a letter asking for donations. The Post is paying the postage and that is a huge thing for our unit. Thank you. The ALA supports the Blue Star Moms by helping with their packing day for boxes that go out to deployed troops. That will be April 20 at the Post, 8:30 a.m.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	Sons Commander, Patrick Lucy The Sons gave 91 volunteer hours and served on 17 projects.
		DISCUSSION	
		REPORT	ALR Director, Andrew Trapani Members of the ALR leave tomorrow for the ALR convention in San Diego. Andrew gave the statistics regarding the ALR's service, miles travelled and donations given for the year. 20,450 group miles, 2,260 volunteer hours, \$8,605 in donations given, and 131 missions accomplished. May 11 at the Post is a Car Show.

	REPORT	Scouts, Tom Mullins It is now required for Scout troop bank accounts be under the umbrella of their chartering organizations. Our troops are increasing in numbers.
	REPORT	ALA District 26, Peggy Toye, President The VA-MP is asking for help running their bingo games held during the day. BBQ's can now be resumed at the MP-VA. George Smith said the Post is interested in participating with BBQ's.
	REPORT	Veterans Commission, Stan Maupin April 17 Veterans Service Providers lunch to get providers to know about other organizations. June 7 Veterans Standdown/Resource Fair at San Mateo Elks Lodge
OLD BUSINESS	Tee shirts	Wendy Weller said there are nine XL tees, four 3 XL tees, and nine 4 XL tees. These are long sleeve Remember Everyone Deployed tees.
	6X	Making progress and welcome volunteers to help restore the 6X truck
NEW BUSINESS	4 th of July	We are in the parade with a float and hopefully the float will be pulled by the military 6X truck.
	Miracle League	Last year the Post donated \$500 to the Miracle League. It is a baseball league for disabled children. Michael Toschak made a motion to donate \$500 from restricted funds. Motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.
	Fallen Officer Memorial	May 1, at Courthouse Square 10 a.m.
	Honorary ALR	Andrew Trapani presented Frank Martinez with honorary membership in the ALR. Frank served in the UDT in the Navy, and was an avid motorcycle rider in years past. Frank thanked Andrew and said he enjoys coming to the Post.
OTHER ISSUES FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER	Grant writers needed	Let George Smith know about anyone who can help with writing grants for the Post.
	Memorial Day flags	Tom Giannini said Saturday May 25 is the day for planting flags at GGNC.
	Military Childrens Day	Peggy Toye said April is month of the Military Child and April 8 th is Purple Up day. Wear purple to support military families & children.
	Post Committees	The Post needs people to be on committees to help the Post.
	Post Policies	The Post Policies and Procedures book needs to be worked on.
	Delegates	Delegates for the convention can be picked next month.
	Building Project	Contract details will be presented to the members, and can be read by members at the Post if they wish to read them.
	Drawing	Tom Giannini won and donated winnings to the Post.
ADJOURNMENT		