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# MINUTES

## General Membership Meeting

September 11, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

<b>Type of meeting:</b>		American Legion Post 105—Executive Committee Meeting				
<b>Commander</b>		George Smith				
<b>Adjutant</b>		John Robinson				
<b>ROLL CALL</b>	<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
	COMMANDER	GEORGE SMITH	X			
	1 <sup>ST</sup>	STAN MAUPIN	X			
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	LEO MCARDLE	X			
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	WILLIAM JACKSON, JR	X			
	JUDGE ADVOCATE	TOM DAY	X			
	CHAPLAIN	TOM GIANNINI	X			
	ADJUTANT	JOHN ROBINSON	X			
	FINANCE OFFICER	TOM MULLINS	X			
	SGT-at-ARMS	JOE KIRBY	X			
	HISTORIAN	MICHAEL TOSCHAK	X			
	VSO	CHESTER PALESOO	X			
	JR. PAST COMMANDER					
	MEMBER@LRG	CHESTER PALESOO				
	MEMBER@LRG	JOHN ROBINSON				
	MEMBER@LRG	TOM DAY				
	MEMBER@LRG	MICHAEL TOSCHAK				
MEMBER@LRG	WILLIAM JACKSON, JR.					
MEMBER@LRG	STAN MAUPIN					
<b>INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS</b>	<b>GUEST NAME:</b>					
	Andrew Trapani, ALR Director		Delegates Oliver and Robert from Boys & Girls State			
	Peggy Toye, ALA President					
<b>E-BOARD MINUTES of August 14, 2024 were transmitted electronically</b>	<b>MOTION TO ACCEPT BY:</b>	Chester Palesoo	<b>SECOND BY:</b>	George Silva		
	<b>DISCUSSION/ CORRECTION</b>	William Jackson, Jr. asked that two corrections be made. 1 <sup>st</sup> add to William's report that he attended District 26 meeting on July 24 in San Bruno and picked up Post 105 membership cards to give to Commander Smith, and 2 <sup>nd</sup> correct the amount the Charitable Foundation donated to the ALR for the firing detail to read \$300.				



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			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
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	FROM	None	
<b>REPORTS</b>	<b>SPECIAL REPORT</b>	<p>Boys &amp; Girls State Delegates Robert from Serra High School said a valuable thing he learned is that you don't have to do big things to make an impact.</p> <p>Oliver from Crystal Springs Uplands School said it was great being surrounded by others with the same passion for serving the community that he has.</p> <p>Both Robert and Oliver expressed their thanks to Post 105 for sponsoring them and that they will never forget their experiences.</p>	
	<b>DISCUSSION:</b>		
	<b>REPORT BY:</b> Chaplain	George Smith, Commander Cobbey Sova asked to be released from her responsibilities as Post 105 Chaplain. Tom Giannini has agreed to be the Post Chaplain.	
	Bingo	<p>The quarterly meeting with Vanguard regarding bingo resulted in Vanguard asking to test having one additional night of bingo. Wednesday or Sunday are being considered. The Post would make an additional \$1200 per month.</p> <p>We asked for bids to fix places on the roof that may be causing the leaks we have. Legacy Roofing was awarded a contract to maintain our roof until the building is demolished. They will charge \$2400 to seal around places that have been drilled into the roof for various reasons, and replace the rusted roof vents. Tom Mullins put us in touch with Legacy Roofing and they are giving the Post a break in the cost of services.</p>	
	Membership	Last year there was a mix-up and 100 members were renewed that shouldn't have been. This cost us \$3700. The State Judge Advocate in Sanger is investigating. We would like to be credited or receive reimbursement for the overpayment. We will inform you as we learn more about this.	
	Volunteers	What can we do to encourage members to volunteer for the activities the Post has? Do you have ideas for incentives to volunteer? Please contact Andrew Trapani or Patrick Lucy with your ideas.	



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		Commander's Coffee	No Commander's Coffee this month.
		REPORT BY: Rentals	John Robinson, Adjutant For rentals there is only one Saturday each month that remains open to the end of the year.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY: Membership	Stan Maupin, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Membership renewals are underway.
		Membership winner	Post member Tom Gawdi is not present to claim a year's free membership.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY: SOS Breakfast	Leo McArdle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Leo would like RSVP's to the SOS Breakfast, Saturday October 12.
		Out of town info	Leo will be out of town September 18 - October 4. Andrew Trapani will be the one to call for rentals and final honors duty.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	William Jackson, Jr., 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice William said all three Boys & Girls State delegates will hopefully be at the Veterans Day celebration.
		DISCUSSION:	Commander Smith thanked William for the outstanding job he does with Boys State, and gave his thanks to the Charitable Foundation for their donation that paid for the boys to attend.
		REPORT BY:	Tom Mullins, Finance Officer We paid our bills today, including a large insurance bill. The money from rentals and bingo give us more breathing room than we've had in the past. There is \$16,000 in the savings account and \$5000 in the checking account.
		DISCUSSION:	Commander Smith thanked Tom for all the work he's done get and organize the financial information we need.
		BUILDING REPORT	Stan Maupin We met with Republic Urban and the architect today to consider the interior layout for the building. These plans, while not final, go into the package that will be sent to the city. The city runs it through their departments to make sure it meets their requirements and they make comments on the plans. The comments come back to Republic Urban and us for review and change, and then a final package will be submitted to the city.



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			The exterior as planned looks more balanced and colorful. We hope to have the plans for you to see very soon.
		SMCVC	The County Veterans Commission annual recognition lunch is Nov 8.
		REPORT BY:	Tom Gianinni, Chaplain Please keep these Post Family members in your thoughts and prayers: Carol Rael, ALA Past President, is recovering from a new bout of pneumonia. She is at home. Cobbey Sova not doing well. William Jackson, Jr.'s sister-in-law passed away. Scott Wilson, ALR, is recovering from pneumonia
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	Chester Palesoo, VSO Chester gave a homeless veteran a number of resources that could help him with food and housing. Nation's Finest is at MP-VA, Building 234, second floor. They will help veteran's get W2's and DD-214 documents needed to get VA services. Nation's Finest has many supportive services for veterans.
		Nation's Finest	
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	Michael Toschak, PR and Web
		DISCUSSION:	Commander Smith thanked Michael for all his work on the website.
		ALA Call for CAGS delegates	Peggy Toye, ALA Unit 105 President Unit 105 sent out invitations to five high schools asking for candidates for Girls State.
		CSM veterans center	VROC- Veterans Resource & Opportunity Center at CSM will receive \$500 for food items for their center.
		ALA Website	We have a new website that will go public soon.
		Elks Lodge	We voted to donate \$200 to the Elks Lodge to purchase six boxes for packing for deployed troops.
		Fisher House	We voted to donate \$75 to Fisher House. We received \$25 in donations so the total to Fisher House will be \$100.
		Clovis workshop	Peggy along with Cindy Reynolds went to a workshop in Clovis where they learned more ways to help veterans.
		ALA D26	Peggy Toye, ALA District 26 President MP-VA Building 331 is closed due to covid.
		SAL	Report by Andrew Trapani



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			Last month the Sons had 13 missions, a highlight of which was color guard for Italian Catholic Federation. The Sons and ALR together gave the Italian Catholic Federation a donation of \$400.
		ALR	Andrew Trapani, ALR Director The Riders had 13 missions, recorded 218 DOC miles, gave 485 volunteer hours. They participated in the color guard for the Italian Catholic Federation and with the Sons, donated \$400 to them. They participated in the Post 471 Poker Run. So far in September they've had two missions, including a repatriation mission for a Korean War airman.
OLD BUSINESS	Veterans Day		Plans for Veterans Day are coming along well. After the SOS breakfast we will take flyers to be posted in Redwood City businesses. If you want to help on Veterans Day we assemble at 0700 at Courthouse Square.
	Tee shirts		R.E.D. long sleeve tees are available for \$30. Big sizes available.
	40 & 8		No news on it.
	6X truck		See Andrew Trapani or Patrick Lucy if you want to help restore it.
	Americanism		See Wendy Weller about being on the committee.
OTHER ISSUES FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER	Tom Giannini		October 19 is the Elks Lodge packing day of boxes for deployed troops and bags for local veterans in need. Donate or work at the Elks Lodge, San Mateo.
	George Smith		He announced that he won't be running for Post Commander next year. Please consider who you would like to be Commander. Having good listening skills is the best qualification. Having a good group of people to work with makes the job doable and successful.
	Chester Palesoo		He would like to see the BBQ's at the MP-VA be held on a Saturday or a weekday, but not on Sundays. Sundays are family days for many of us.
	Peggy Toye		MP-VA prefers BBQ's on Sunday because on weekdays patients often have appointments.
	Peggy Toye		She has 80 greeting cards with gift cards from Girls State to give to the Honor Flight participants.
	Andrew Trapani		Daytime duty officers are needed. Honor Details volunteers are needed
	George Smith		Daytime shifts are weekday mornings and Saturdays 8-4.
	Drawing		Tom Day won and gave winnings to Post.
ADJOURNMENT	Next meeting Oct. 9		1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Stan Maupin will lead the meeting. George Smith will be absent.