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The American Legion
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MINUTES

General Membership Meeting

February 12, 2025
 7:00 p.m.

Type of meeting:		American Legion Post 105—General Membership Meeting					
Commander		George Smith on Zoom Meeting conducted by Stan Maupin					
Adjutant		John Robinson					
ROLL CALL	OFFICER	NAME	P	E	A	NOTES: NO QUORUM: this is an informational meeting.	
	COMMANDER	GEORGE SMITH	X				
	1 ST	STAN MAUPIN	X				
	2 ND	LEO MCARDLE	X				
	3 RD	WILLIAM JACKSON, JR		E			
	JUDGE ADVOCATE	TOM DAY	X				
	CHAPLAIN	TOM GIANNINI	X				
	ADJUTANT	JOHN ROBINSON	X				
	FINANCE OFFICER	TOM MULLINS		E			
	SGT-at-ARMS	JOE KIRBY	X				
	HISTORIAN	MICHAEL TOSCHAK		E			
	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					
	INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	GUEST NAME:					
General Membership minutes of Jan. 8, 2025 were transmitted electronically	MOTION TO ACCEPT BY:				SECOND BY:		
	DISCUSSION/ CORRECTION		No corrections.				
	PASSED:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
	FROM		None				
CORRESPONDENCE							



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REPORTS		
	REPORT BY: Donation to SoCal	Commander's report Our American Legion Family donated \$500 to members of the Pacific Palisades Post who lost their homes in the recent fire.
	Roof leaks	No roof leaks from the last rain storms we've had.
	Donation to Miracle League Baseball	The American Legion Family would like to donate \$500 to the Miracle League Baseball team in Redwood City. We've donated the last two years and we have our logo on their website and an American Legion Post 105 banner that is displayed at every game.
	Four Chaplains	The ALR and ALS attended the Four Chaplains Ceremony in San Juan Bautista this year. It was suggested we host the next ceremony at our Post. Andrew Trapani and Patrick Lucy are the co-chairmen of the committee for the event to be held in February 2026.
	Building Project Lawyer fees paid	Building Update: \$50,000 was sent to cover lawyer's fees that have been outstanding for months. The legal fees came to \$29,640 and the Post received a check for the remainder of the \$50,000 which came to \$20,360 to be used for future legal fees. The Post also has an additional \$50,000 that we can draw from Republic to pay future legal fees to finish the project.
	Rodent problem	Rodent Infestation: Four door stops are installed, all outside vents are covered, and three additional holes are filled to keep rodents out. The total fee was \$560, verses other quotes of \$2,500 and almost \$4,000. Our pest control people put traps out by the garbage bins.
	Locomotive	George Smith talked to Bob Resch, past Commander of Half Moon Bay Post to see if he was still interested in the locomotive the Forty & Eight Foundation has parked in the back of our lot. He will get back to George about the locomotive.
	Veterans talking to teens	George Smith and Stan Maupin attended an event, "Bridging Generations: Veterans & Students in Conversation", held Monday, February 10 th in partnership with the San Mateo Elks Lodge. This event brought together twelve veterans and over 150 juniors from Serra High School for an inspiring exchange of stories and insights that bridged generations.
	Commander's Coffee	Commander's Coffee will be Wednesday April 30, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. Suggestions for presentations are very welcome.



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		REPORT BY:	John Robinson, Adjutant Rentals are slow in coming for 2025.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	Stan Maupin, 1 st Vice Commander Memberships are coming in. Roll of dice for a free year's membership went to Walter Andrade who is not present to win.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	Leo McArdle, 2 nd Vice Commander
	Kitchen drains		The drain in the kitchen was fixed by a plumbing company and it works very well now.
	Rats		Leo purchased sonic devices for rat control and placed them in MacDonald Hall and they seem to be working.
	Locomotive		Leo talked to Richard Erhardt of the Forty & Eight and he told Leo to scrap the locomotive if a home can't be found for it.
	Rentals		Rentals- some rentals have cancelled. Other rentals haven't paid so Leo is tracking them down to let them know the deposit is due.
		DISCUSSION:	George Smith thanked Leo for great job he's doing with rentals.
		REPORT BY:	George Smith
	Boys & Girls State		3 rd Vice Commander Wiliam Jackson, Jr. has one student to interview for Boys & Girls State.
	Finance		Finance Officer Tom Mullins came in this morning to take care of finances and they are in order. Tom is home this evening recovering from surgery.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	Building Project report by George Smith
	Building Project		George signed a SB330 form that gives authorization to go forward with the project. That means Republic can go forward to solicit revenues for below market value projects. This doesn't impact our negotiations with the city about parking.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	San Mateo County Veterans Commission report by Stan Maupin
			The commission continues to work on solutions for veterans homelessness and employment.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	Tom Giannini, Chaplain



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			<p>Please pray for all Post members and their families who are going through the seasonal illnesses that are prevalent now. We wish George Smith a quick recovery.</p> <p>We wish Tom Mullins speedy recovery from surgery.</p> <p>Cliff Vrooman is at home and sent a message that he loves being with his fellow Legionnaires and is sorry to miss this meeting tonight.</p> <p>Carol Rael continues to recover. Cobbey Sova is in hospice care.</p> <p>Al Rosenmiller's mother-in-law passed away.</p>
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	<p>Chester Palesoo, Service Officer</p> <p>Chester shared a warning about scam home repair offers. Be wary of unsolicited offers whether in person, or by mail, email, or phone.</p>
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	<p>Website report by George Smith</p> <p>George thanked Michael Toschak for raising \$850 for SoCal fire relief. Michael did this through a GoFundMe link on the Post 105 website.</p>
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	<p>Peggy Toye, ALA President</p> <p>ALA Unit 105 contributed \$100 for SoCal fire relief, \$100 to the Miracle League, \$200 to Blue Star Moms for their packing day on April 26, and \$100 to Peninsula Day Camp.</p>
		Donations	
		Tee shirts	<p>Arlene Mueller will take and donate the remaining R.E.D. long-sleeve tees we have to the MP-VA.</p>
		Girls State	<p>We have funds to sponsor five girls for Girls State. This year we have candidates from only three schools. They are from Sacred Heart, Design Tech, and Nueva.</p>
		DISCUSSION:	
		Sons report	<p>Patrick Lucy, Sons report</p> <p>The Sons have been very active in supporting Post 105 Families activities and beyond. They will be more visible because they approved having a uniform to wear.</p>
		Club 105 proceeds	<p>The amount of money raised from the football playoff games and Super Bowl parties at Club 105 is \$1,142.00. This money is donated to the Pacific Palisades fire victims who lost their homes who are veterans. The grand total for Pacific Palisades from donations to Club 105, GoFundMe, Post 105 Family, and others is \$4,431.44.</p>
			<p>Andrew and Patrick thanked their families for all the work they did to make the parties possible.</p>



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			Commander Smith thanked all who made the Club 105 events in January and February such a success. Many hours went into providing the football parties. He thanked the Post Family members who attended the events and made them such fun.
		Post Car Show	Andrew Trapani July 12, 2025 is car show at the Post. The Golden Gate Street Rods is donating proceeds to the Post. Music will be by Mike Wagner. Car entries are \$30 which includes a lunch ticket. Other lunch tickets will be \$10. The bar will be open. Broadway Auto Group will sponsor the show.
		Work weekend	There will be a work weekend before the car show to clean up the parking lot and restripe the pavement for parking. The date TBD. Contact Patrick or Andrew to work on the committee for the show and work weekend.
		6X	6X truck- Broadway Auto Group will transport the truck to their facility where certified mechanics can volunteer to work on it. Many of the mechanics are veterans worked on these vehicles while in the military. Broadway Auto Group has donated \$4,000 in parts so far.
		Repatriation	ALR report The ALR reports 4 missions, 51 volunteer hours, 1,158 DOC miles and 2,408 group miles for the last month. The ALR and ALS had the privilege of escorting the repatriated body of Army Air Corps officer Yuen Hop, who has been missing for 50 years. The ALR and ALS members felt honored to be able to participate in such an important event.
	OTHER ISSUES FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER	VVA Car Show	Gary Higgins announced that the Vietnam Veterans will have a car show at the Post. Music will be by Old Blue Jeans.
		Drawing	Vern Mull won the drawing and will donate the winnings to the Post.
	ADJOURNMENT		