
AMERICAN LEGION POST 365

General Meeting

17 April 2021

Attendees:

Commander:	Steve Miller – Present
1 st Vice Commander:	Bret Olson – Present
2 nd Vice Commander:	Tom Moore – Present
Finance Officer:	Terry Moxley – Present
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Eric Motier – Present
Assistant to SAA:	Alina Diaz - Present
Chaplain:	Rev Dave Plank – Present
Historian:	Vacant
Junior Past Commander:	Art Haeussler - Present
Service Officer	Vacant
Adjutant	Kevin Leahy - Present
E-Board	Dan Canright - Present
E-Board	Jerry Stephens – Present
E-Board	Alina Diaz – Present
E-Board	Robert Delgado - Present
E-Board	Erik Orezechowoski – Absent
E-Board	Jerry Stevens –Present
E-Board	Norm Linek - Excused

Legion Family

Auxiliary President	Judy Leonardi – Present
SAL Commander	Jon McDermed – Present
ALR President	Bob Braman – Excused
VFW Representative	Mo Motier - Present

Other Guests/Visitors

None were identified

Meeting Notes

- With 26 members present at 1003, we surpassed the quorum of 10 and Commander Miller called the meeting to order.
- **Chaplain Plank** led us in the invocation, followed by the National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, and the Legion Oath.
- **Auxiliary President Judy Leonardi** spoke on San Diego County American Legion Baseball. Reminded us that we had done great support in the past in past years. Mentioned that many teams in the County had to be cut off due to lack of funds. More details are available at the flyers left at the bar.
 - There is to be a 5th Area Tournament and \$50 tix will be made available.
 - And there is a Tournament going on in Clovis – there are plans for TV coverage.
 - There will also be quilts available for raffle.

- **1st Vice Commander Olson** noted that we are at 85% of membership goal. He presented two new members for approval by the Post membership. Both were approved without objection.
- **2nd Vice Commander Moore** noted that a Women's Bunco Group will take place this Sunday April 18th from 1-5 PM. Signup is at the bar. All lady affiliates of the Post are welcome.
- Vista Farmer's Market will be open to our Poppy Drive on 8 May. There is a \$100 fee, but it may be negotiated down. Other options included Lowes on 29 May. Volunteers will be needed to man the pop-up booth. A sign-up will be available. Masks will be required
- Boys' State. 19-26 June
 - Cole Kuznitz, our Boys State alternate, was moved up to delegate status.
 - District orientation is Sat 24 April – virtual.
 - Money for one Boy has been made by a donor.
- **Treasurer Terry Moxley** reported that we are doing ok, considering the reduced bar sales, though they are coming back. Overall, we were down about \$600 on a balance of \$25,351 month over month.
 - Wreaths across America was a great bonus to us when the Aux presented a check for \$865.
 - Terry is working on a grant from the County for the roof work.
 - Food Drive for the North County Food Bank has done very well. Donations are still accepted.
- **First Nominations for Officers for 2022.** Commander Miller opened the floor to next year's officer's nomination. The nominated men for the associated billet were as follows:

Commander:	Bret Olson
1 st Vice Commander:	Tom Moore
2 nd Vice Commander:	No offers, but a number of respectful declines
Finance Officer:	Open to nominations at the second meeting
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Jerry Stevens
Assistant to SAA:	Alina Diaz
Chaplain:	Rev Dave Plank
Historian:	No offers
Junior Past Commander:	Steve Miller
Service Officer	Art Hauessler (pending some research by Art)
E-Board	Dan Canright
E-Board	Alina Diaz
E-Board	Robert Delgado
E-Board	Mo Motier
E-Board	Pat Burgess
E-Board	Norm Linek
E-Board	Al Picuna

Second Nominations will take place at the May General Meeting

- **House Chairman Motier** reported
 - There would be a Bike event next Saturday (Apr 24).
 - Bar and restaurant is coming back. Despite having to purchase much PPE, there was still a profit of \$216.
- **SAL Commander McDermed** reported that they had 35 membership renewals above 88% of goal
 - Commander McDermed also noted a balance of \$4357 and presented the Post with a check for \$500.

- **Legion Riders** Rider Art Haeussler noted that the Riders were on a Poker Run today (17 April). They had a good amount of funds available and planned to purchase a support dog for a wounded veteran.
- **VFW** Mo and Ray Johnson said there was nothing significant to report from last week's meeting.
- **Good of the Legion**
 - **Tom Morton** made a beautiful presentation of a tribute plaque to Vietnam Veterans. It is signed by Mayor Ritter, will be used at a Vista Ceremony on 28 May. More to follow on that. The plaque will then reside in an appropriate place on the wall in the Post.
 - **Joe Flores** pointed out that many veterans don't have their paperwork for 'in the event of' their death. He specifically spoke of the challenge that the family of Silver Star awardee Gary Bartlett had in getting him buried at Miramar National Cemetery because his DD-214 was misplaced.
 - **Art Haeussler** recently made an East Coast trip and visited many (23) Legion Posts on the way. He was dismayed at how many are closed or closing. Post 365 is going strong, and we have to keep it going.
 - **Commander Steve Miller** noted that the Food for Warriors Event last week was poorly attended. The word is not getting out to the families on Base, it appears. We'll revisit the approach to it.

Commander adjourned the meeting after a prayer from Chaplain Plank at 1038.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin