
AMERICAN LEGION POST 365

General Meeting

15 May 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 - Excused
E-Board	Jerry Stephens – Present
E-Board	Alina Diaz – Present
E-Board	Robert Delgado - Absent
E-Board	Erik Orezechowoski – Absent
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

Vista Mayor Judy Ritter was in attendance and remained with the Auxiliary for the rest of the meeting. Mayor Ritter donated a Canvas print showing an aerial view of the American Flag and the Antique Gas and Steam Museum.

Meeting Notes

- With 26 members present at 1000, 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 regarding the **Honor Flight** which is a paid trip back to the Washington Region for WWII and Korean veterans. More info is available at www.honorflightsandiego.org, or call 800-655-6997.

- Ms. Leonardi also mentioned the upcoming Golf Tournament. Corporate Sponsors and food baskets are solicited.
 - President Leonardi noted that Post 365 is a great Post. All the Legion Family gets along well.
 - American Legion Baseball. Reminded us that we had done great support in the 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.
 - And there is a Tournament going on in Clovis, July 25 – 29. Sponsors for the teams is encouraged.
- **1st Vice Commander Bret Olson** stated we are at 86% of membership goal.
- **2nd Vice Commander Tom Moore**
 - **Bunco** Raffles from last month raised \$137. A check was presented to the Commander.
 - Camp Pendleton Women’s Bunco group is playing Friday, 28 May. All female Post members/spouses/veteran affiliates are welcome. They will meet at the Post one Friday per month as they move forward.
 - **Raise the Flag.** On 8 May Tom headed up a Poppy Drive at the Vista Farmers Market. Raise the Flag netted \$108.
 - On 29 May there will be a **Poppy Drive** at a location in the area. Lowe’s is a possibility, but they have to get approval. Volunteers are needed. Our pop-up tent will be used.
 - **Boy’s State** will take place 19-26 June 2021. The District orientation went well. All our delegates attended virtually and are ready for the June event. Funds for one Boy was made by an anonymous donor.
- **Treasurer Terry Moxley** reported that we are doing ok, considering the reduced bar sales, though they are coming back. We stand at \$23,064. And that is after paying half of the property taxes. And an additional thanks was made to the Auxiliary for the donation of \$865 from the Wreaths Across America, and the SAL for their generous donations.
 - Terry is working on a grant from the County for the roof work.
 - Food Drive for the **North County Food Bank** went great. Commander Miller thanked Terry for his coordination of that local effort which has so much impact.
- **Election of Officers for 2022.** Commander Miller opened the floor to next year’s officer’s nominations. The slate of nominated men for the associated billet were as follows, and elected without objection:

Commander:	Bret Olson
1 st Vice Commander:	Tom Moore
2 nd Vice Commander:	Mark Baca
Finance Officer:	Eric Motier
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Jerry Stevens
Assistant to SAA:	Alina Diaz
Chaplain:	Rev Dave Plank
Historian:	Kevin Leahy
Junior Past Commander:	Steve Miller
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Norm Linek

E-Board

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- **House Chairman** Motier reported
 - The House Account is healthy, despite reduced bar sales. It is expected to come back.
 - The two biker events during April were great. And a large birthday party was scheduled for today, 15 May.
 - The House Committee decided to stop the \$10 fee for karaoke non-members. Also, there is thought about bringing back some food for karaoke night on Saturday. TBD.
 - Pizza Night will be Wednesday at 4 pm. But Mo noted that it's hard to decide how much pizza to get and how much will really be sold.
 - The Clubroom profited +2800 for the month and there was no need to increase pricing.
 - A Point of Sale device is being looked at to modernize the food ordering process.

- **Legion Riders** Rider Art Haeussler said Bob Braman is unavailable today, but the Annual Daryl Malone Poker Run and Gun Raffle raised \$11,000, which was donated to the K9 Companion Dog Program for Veterans. Rider elections will be voted on at their May 21 Membership Meeting.

- **VFW** Mo Motier and Ray Johnson said there was nothing significant to report from last week's meeting.

Good of the Legion

- **Commander Steve Miller** stated 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 Miller adjourned the meeting after a prayer from Chaplain Plank at 1038.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin