

The American Legion
Mission City Post 564
Santa Clara, California
Minutes of March 26, 2010

Members: 33 **Guests:** 1

Opening Ceremony: Commander John Carlson called the meeting of Mission City Post 564 on Mar.26, 2010 to order at 8:00 pm, with the usual opening ceremonies.

Roll Call: all officers present with the exception of Joe Boisdore, who was excused. Quorum present.

Guests: Guest introduced, District Officer present were; Larry Leonardo, Dist Judge Advocate, and much later, Gene Fanucchi, Dist. Adjutant was introduced. Bill "Bunker" Roller of the 13th Dist. American Legion Riders was recognized.

Reading of the Previous Meeting Minutes: Copies of the Feb. 23, 2010 General Membership Meeting was provided, motion by Will Carney, and seconded by Frank Moriera. Motion passed.

Finance Report: Printed Finance Report was made available. Ed attributed our monies to our Bingo Workers. Motion by motion by Mariano Quinata, subject to audit, Seconded by Frank Moriera

Membership Report: 1st Vice Cmdr, George Gomer, 354 members paid and transmitted to dept. for 88% = new members were voted in to the Post. D. Johnson USAF, E. Cowie USA and A. Cook, USMC. Motion to accept the new members, seconded by Rena Estes.

Second Vice Commander: Mentioned the Americanism Reports. Members were reminded to turn in these reports for accounting. Robbie will start keeping track of the hours whenever member sign in, starting March 1st. 960 hours so far tabulated. Bill Roller asked about the need for numbers, we need all of our members' numbers for our CPR report.

Third Vice Commander: Dave Sanders spoke about his trip to Sacramento where he met with Governor Schwarzenegger and Roger Brautigan, Secretary of the Calif. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, to speak on SB1388 increase of County Veteran Service Officers and SB-1839 making it a misdemeanor to wear or claim false military awards. Welcome Home Viet Nam Veterans Day is March 30th. California is the 1st state to have this day and a proclamation. March 30th will become the Welcome Home Day from now on.

Chaplain's Report: Chaplain Adolph reported Mariano Quinata was suffering Back problems, but is back to worked Larry Leonardo mentioned the recent passing of Past National Vice Commander, Leo Burke from Carl Ross Post in Stockton, one of the most influential veterans in California,

Service Officer: Excused – Western Blind Center was present at our recent Crab Feed and they LOVED it!

Employment Committee: Rena reported on the Veteran Employment Committee. May is Veterans Appreciation Month. Ceremony on May 21st 1 to 2 pm Lunch to be provided. Job Fair – Place and Date to be determined. Written report was submitted to adjutant.

Editor's Report: Shirley Butler, mentioned the Building Foundation and Charity Foundation will have their monthly board meeting at 5:00pm so they can participate in the Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner on ~~March 12th~~ *April 12th*.

Public Relations: Jimmy Akhtar, Air Force ROTC relationship developing, Stadium vote to come up soon.

Correspondence: Adjutant Larry read the thank you notes and letters, thanking the Post for their donations.

Presentation: Commander John presented the Special Gold Honorary Life Membership cards to the Past Dist. Commanders from Post 564, Lupe Spinner, Larry Leonardo and Carlos Ramos. Commander John presented the Special Silver Honorary Life Membership Cards to the Past Post Commanders present, Big Joe Mase, Will Carney, Rena Estes, Ed Jones and Mariano Quinata.

Commander John mentioned that Big Joe and his wife were in town on vacation and yet he came and helped with BINGO.

Nominations: The Nominating Committee made their report, their recommended slate of officers were:

Commander: George Gomer

Finance Officer: Ed Jones

1st Vice Cmdr: Dave Sanders

Sgt at Arms: Don Harvey

2nd Vice Cmdr: Robbie Roberts

Executive Board: Paul Gedling

3rd Vice Cmdr: Jimmy Ahktar

Commander John called for Nominations from the floor. The List of nominations are:

Commander: **Bruce Faltsek**

Finance Officer: **none**

1st Vice Cmdr: **George Gomer**

Sgt at Arms: **Jimmy Ahktar**

2nd Vice Cmdr: **Robbie Roberts**

Executive Board: **none**

3rd Vice Cmdr: **Don Harvey and Jim Reese**

Members stating they will be going to convention and will serve as Delegates to convention and 13th Dist: Larry Leonardo, John Carlson, Geo Gomer Ed Jones, Jim Reese, Mariano Quinata, Ron Ratola, Bruce Faltsek, Lupe Spinner and Al Cook. Ten or Eleven delegates are needed. Other can be Alternates Delegates.

Nominations were closed this month, to be opened for further nominations during the March 23rd meeting.

New Business: Rena made a motion for \$1,000.00 for VEC's Veteran Appreciation Month Celebration, seconds by Dave Sanders, passed.

Western Blind Center, Jack Silverton requested \$500.00 for hangers, motion tabled. Doc Noe will investigate the need and report back.

Letter from Frances Ganer, Girls State Chairman requesting funds to send one girl to Girls State form Unit 564. Auxilliary needs the funds to cover the tuition cost of \$400.00 plus transportation fees. Motion made, second by Rena, passed.

First reading of proposed bylaw changes:

- 1) 2010-001 NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING CHANGE
- 2) 2010-002 DUTIES OF POST HISTORIAN, ADDITIONAL DUTY
- 3) 2010-003 ELECTRONIC COPY OPTION OF POST PUBLICATION

Good of the Legion: Pat Parker spoke about BINGO. Dave Sanders mentioned the April Sun Rise Services at the Santa Clara Veterans Memorial in Central Park on Easter Sunday at 6:30 am all are encouraged to attend. Memorial Day, a ceremony honoring our war died at the Satan Clara Veterans Memorial at 3:30 pm all are welcome. Dave also mentioned the need for Wreath Layers at the 11:00 am Oakhill Cemetery Ceremony on Memorial Day.

Closing Ceremonies: Cmdr John conducted the closing ceremony, meeting of Post 564 closed at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry Leonardo, Adjutant