



## Executive Membership Meeting Minutes September 28, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Commander Howard Gravely at 6:30 P.M. The standard opening ceremony was conducted.

Adjutant Allen Iott called the roll of Officers and Executive Committee members. Called for a quorum were:

#### Post Officers:

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| 1. Commander, Howard Gravely                     | Present |
| 2. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Suzzie Thomas | Present |
| 3. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander                | VACANT  |
| 4. Judge Advocate, Fred Vasquez                  | Present |
| 5. Adjutant, Allen G. Iott                       | Present |
| 6. Finance Officer, Carlos Mendez                | Present |
| 7. Service Officer, Eddie Tello                  | Excused |
| 8. Historian, Joe Sanchez                        | Excused |
| 9. Sgt-At-Arms, Tod Griffin                      | Present |
| 10. Asst Sgt-At-Arms, Daniel Rodriguez           | Present |
| 11. Chaplain                                     | VACANT  |

#### Post Executive Committee Members:

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| 1. Dan Almendarz          | Present |
| 2. Roanna Escamilla-Mayer | Present |
| 3. Albert Mireles         | Present |
| 4. Michael Knott          | Present |
| 5. VACANT                 |         |

There being 11 of 14 current members of the Executive Committee present a quorum was present to conduct business.

The following guest was in attendance: Clint Daley from Flagship Health to discuss that they have closed Memorandum of Understandings with Endeavors, Steven Cowan Center, and VA; clinic is scheduled to open in December 2022. Mobile clinic will be rolled out on 15 November 2022. He requested to find out what time/day would be good for the mobile clinic to be present at the Post and to put out information to members.

Commander reported on the formation of Pure Posts where veterans getting resumes based on code classification in the military which translates to civilian accreditations. He also reported that the Auxiliary is discussing/voting on donating money for fire extinguishers.

He also is seeking volunteers to fill the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Commander, Chaplain, and Executive Committee positions.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### **First Vice Commander**

Renewals to date is 397 or 63% of 631 membership goal for 2023. She also reported that she obtained approval for the Legion emblem to be used on the building sign and is working on the dimensions of the sign before final presentation and vote.

She also reported that after extensive research, the rule surrounding utilization of Bingo and other functions should not be included in the Constitution and Bylaws for the Post but in a separate Standard Operating procedure document by Post.

**Second Vice Commander** Vacant, no report.

**Finance Officer** reported that as of 24 August, the General fund balance is \$5,744.00 and the building fund balance is \$2,190.00.

He proposed a mail out membership appeal of \$25.00 per member to assist in costs for various repairs on the roof and various electrical areas. Motion made by Michael Knott and seconded by Albert Mireles for a postal membership appeal to all members of Post 2. Motion passed.

**Adjutant Allen Iott** reported that the Department Legion College had 18 students from the 20<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup> Districts.

**Judge Advocate** No Report

**Historian** No report due to continuing physical rehabilitation.

**Chaplain Report** Vacant, no report

**Service Officer** Vacant, no report.

Standing Committees:

**House Committee Chairman:** Reported that there two funeral ceremonies and bereavements held. The following events/rentals were discussed:

- The Veteran Treatment Court requesting to hold their graduation ceremony at the Post on Thursday 3 November 2022. Motion by Suzzie Thomas and seconded by Todd Griffin to allow the usage and waive all rental fees. Motion passed.
- Marine Corps Birthday cake-cutting on Thursday 10 November at 7:00pm by the Marine Corps League. Motion by Suzzie Thomas/seconded by Todd Griffin to allow rental and to waive rental fees. Motion passed.
- Past Commander Emili Fuentes bereavement for daughter date TBD. Motion by Todd Griffin/seconded by Michael Knott. Motion passed.

- CPS Outreach Energy Fair 17 November 2022. Waiting for more information on the scope of the event.

There was discussion of a utilizing the Texas Boys State Statesmen during the Veterans Day Parade.

**Budget and Finance Committee Chairman** No Report

**Color Guard** Veterans Day parade in San Antonio on 12 November Saturday with Post band, color guard and phalanx of post members with WWII members in cars.

**Legion Rider Chairman** The riders are undergoing a re-organization and other District Rider chapters are offering assistance in the re-vitalization.

**Public Affairs/Hubmaster Committee Chairman:** She is working on the newsletter and social media to promote the Post and the American Legion programs.

She is researching a texting initiative from National HQ with different payment plans. She will research further and bring it up for a vote at the September Executive meeting. Motion made by Dan Almandarez and seconded by Michael Knott to continue research on texting packages and report back to the Executive committee. Motion passed.

Requested newsletter topics from all members of the Executive Committee to inform and provide fresh items for our post members.

**Alamo Band Director:** Band is continuously practicing and in process of acquiring a trailer for the Veterans Day parade.

**Building and Grounds Committee Chairman** No Report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Bexar County is requesting veterans and Legion members to help man voting stations at either the ID verification station or at the machine stations; two-hour training required and is available at [Texas Secretary of State](#). Duty requirements are either all day or shift work depending on the voting location election judge's requirements. American Legion members are encouraged to wear the cap and Legion clothing. There is a pay of \$15.00 per hour; the salary can be used by the individual and volunteer hours counted, or funds earned may be donated to the Post in whole or in part.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the Commander adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.