



## General Membership Meeting Minutes August 3, 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                                | VACANT  |
| 5. Adjutant, Allen G. Iott                       | Present |
| 6. Finance Officer, Carlos Mendez                | Present |
| 7. Service Officer, Eddie Tello                  | Excused |
| 8. Historian, Joe Sanchez                        | Present |
| 9. Sgt-At-Arms, Tod Griffin                      | Present |
| 10. Asst Sgt-At-Arms, Daniel Rodriguez           | Present |
| 10. Chaplain                                     | VACANT  |

#### Post Executive Committee Members:

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

There being 9 of 12 current members of the Executive Committee present a quorum was present to conduct business.

General Membership minutes and Executive Committee minutes was provided. A motion was presented by Todd Griffin and seconded by Dan Rodriguez to approve minutes. Motion was voted upon and passed.

There were the following guests in attendance: None

The following members were voted in: new members: Hector Caldera (Army/Vietnam); German Constante (Marines/Other conflict); Amy Chelgren (Army/Persian Gulf); Raymundo Hernandez (Army/Vietnam); Nick Valera Jr (Navy/Vietnam); Jesus Ybarra (Marines/Unknown); Judith Harris (Air Force/Vietnam). Transferred members: Joe L. Sanchez (TX0345); Vicente Quintanilla Jr (TX0579); John R Evans (KY0113). Motion by Todd Griffin and seconded by Dan Rodriguez to accept the new and transferred members into Alamo Post 2. Motion passed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**First Vice Commander** reported that the goal for the Post for 2023 is 631. 199 renewed and 101 are in processing for a total of 300 with a renewal rate of 47.54% of goal. She discussed the importance of membership citing the PACT Act (Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act) intended to significantly improve healthcare access and funding for veterans who were exposed to toxic substances during military service. National Commander went to Congress to address the issue and subsequently the Act was signed by the Senate and waiting for the President to sign. The American Legion is growing the voice of veterans.

**Second Vice Commander** VACANT

**Finance Officer** Net balance in general fund of \$10,461.60 and in the building fund \$1,160.20.

**Adjutant** reported that the Department of Texas Legion College will be held on 17-18 September 2022 with Phase I and II held on the 17<sup>th</sup> and Phase will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> at Alamo Post 2. Pre-requisite is completing the American Legion Basic training on Legion.org.

**Chaplain** VACANT

**Judge Advocate** VACANT

**Historian reported** that the 2022 Veterans Day parade will be held on Saturday 12 November 2022. Veterans will lead the parade and high school bands and other entrants will be situated behind veterans and veterans' group. The plan is to have the Alamo Band on a trailer with the color guard and Post members marching behind. In addition, there will be WWII and Korean veterans in cars in the formation.

Standing Committees:

**Building and House Committee Chairman:** reported that a new ice machine has been placed in the ball room and the previous ice machine has been re-habilitated and is now installed in the canteen bar area. He also reported that volunteers are currently priming and painting in the canteen with a projected opening date of 27 August 2022. The committee is also planning on a ceremony for the anniversary of the ending of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). He also reported that on Friday 5 August 2022 in addition to the weekly fish fry and country-fried steak dinners, the Post will be honoring all purple Heart recipients.

**Budget and Finance Committee Chairman** No report

**Color Guard** No report

**Legion Rider Chairman** reported that they are still re-organizing the chapter.

**Public Affairs/Hubmaster Committee Chairman** reported is continuing working on the Hubmaster, Facebook pages, website and texting members and producing the newsletter. She requested that all

officers and executive committee members contribute articles for the newsletter to inform the members of the post.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Beckwith Steiner and seconded by Pat Farrell to ratify the Commander's selection of Fred Vasquez as the Alamo Post 2 Judge Advocate. Motion passed.

Motion made by Beckwith Steiner and seconded by Albert Mireles for the Post to donate \$100.00 to sponsor a hole during the 20<sup>th</sup> District Golf Tournament being held on 18 September at Fort Sam Houston golf course. Motion passed.

The monthly 50/50 after the general meeting was held for the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Effective the August meeting, the proceeds from the 50/50 will be directed the fund Our Community Salutes which is an entity that recognizes San Antonio high school seniors entering the military after graduation. There was a consensus in favor of the change.

#### FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

There is a sound system that donated by Gregorio "Goyo" Gutierrez for meetings in the ballroom.

There will be a veteran's outreach on 5 November at the post; flyer is on the website and Facebook page. Further details to come.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the Commander asked Acting Chaplain, Suzzie Thomas to offer the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned by the Commander at 8:30 p.m.