



General Membership Meeting Minutes October 5, 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 st Vice Commander, Suzzie Thomas | Present |
| 3. 2 nd Vice Commander | VACANT |
| 4. Judge Advocate, Fred Vasquez | Excused |
| 5. Adjutant, Allen G. Iott | Present |
| 6. Finance Officer, Carlos Mendez | Present |
| 7. Service Officer, Eddie Tello | Present |
| 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 Almendarez | Excused |
| 2. Roanna Escamilla-Mayer | Present |
| 3. Albert Mireles | Present |
| 4. Michael Knott | Present |
| 5. VACANT | |

There being 10 of 13 current members of the Executive Committee present a quorum was present to conduct business.

General Membership minutes and Executive Committee minutes were provided via email and at the post website. A motion was presented by Todd Griffin and seconded by Michael Knot to approve minutes. Motion was voted upon and passed.

The following guests were in attendance: Robert Ramirez USAF.

The following members were voted in: new members: Antonio Lopez (Army/Vietnam); Kristy Lynn Cantu (Navy/GWOT); David Vianes (Army/Vietnam); Nestor Quezada (Army/Other Conflicts); Anthony R. Garcia (Army/Vietnam); Rudolfo J. Lopez (Army/Vietnam) and transfers from TX Post 345: Tomas Ruiz;

Michael Crane; Daniel Moss; Cornelia Schultz; Kirsten Verkamp; Robert Anton. Motion by Todd Griffin and seconded by Michael Knott to accept the new members into Alamo Post 2. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

First Vice Commander reported that the goal for the Post for 2023 is 631. Currently renewals are 416 with a renewal rate of 65.93% of goal. She is continuing to contact TX Post 345 HQ members on transferring to the Post and she reported that Buddy checks are seeing members getting assistance through the Service Officer. She requested that there is a need for members to get a list and help to make buddy checks.

Second Vice Commander VACANT

Finance Officer Net balance in general fund of \$3,149.00 and in the building fund \$2,566.00. He also reported that the down-payment of \$5,000.00 will be paid to start the repairs on the roof and that the rental payment for the Covid testing in the parking lot will go to pay the \$500.00 per month for the balance. Snapshot of the Post operations reflect the bar open 10 times in September in the amount of \$5,813.00 less liquor tax if \$370.00; kitchen was open 5 times in September in the amount of \$5,142.00 less cost of goods of \$1,749 for a profit of \$3,393.00.; Donations in the amount of \$1,122.00 and \$974.00 for member's dues. He is keeping a daily sales log for informational and tax purposes. A new contract with Curic Covid testing was signed to expire in December 2022 bringing in revenue of \$1200.00 per month.

Adjutant reported that the following members achieved milestones in their membership with The American Legion: **20 years:** Carl Fuller; John Horgan; David Ingram; Javier Patron; Greg Pruneda. **25 years:** Andres Cardona Sr; Patricia Clary; Freddie Dizon; Gordon Jones; Lee Lopez; Mike Mayen; George Robinson. **30 years:** Bobby Allen; Manuel Franco; James Franks; Maria Garza; Helen Kopczyanskianton. **40 years:** Stephen Danko; Eduardo Jackson; Raul Macias Sr; Terry Partlow; George Sanmiguel. **50 years:** Thomas Haynes. **60 years:** Jimmie Gennero. Andres Cardona Sr was presented the 25-year certificates by the Commander and Adjutant.

The Scouting program is progressing with Wilson Elementary reporting 22 families have signed up and five adult leaders have been identified and being trained by the District Scout Executives with the official naming of Cub Scout Pack 2 forthcoming. Arnold Elementary is delayed and will be reported as progress continues.

Chaplain VACANT

Judge Advocate No Report

Post Service Officer: reported that he has received 15-20 calls in the last 6 weeks from veterans requesting assistance from food to compensation claims mostly due to the Facebook and website presence. He also stated that the VA card is very important even if you do not have a service-connected disability. There are two VA cards: (1) the compensation card which identifies if you have a service-connected disability and (2) the VA ID card which identifies you as a member and if at a later time, you need compensation for an injury/illness resulting from your military time, this will assist since you are in

the VA system. He also reported that some compensation benefits roll over to the surviving dependents. This may not be all the benefits but a little is better than nothing. He also reminded Post members about the veteran outreach on 5 November which will include 14 vendors including the Bexar County VSO.

Historian No Report

Standing Committees:

Building and House Committee Chairman: reported that the ballroom floor flooded last month due to a broken pipe but post members rallied to clean the mess. The rehabilitation of the canteen is scheduled to be completed by the 15th of October. He also reported that there will be a veteran's outreach on 17 November by CPS Energy directed to assist veteran-owned businesses. There will be Marine Corps Birthday cake-cutting ceremony on 10 November at 7:00 pm.

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 that she working on utilizing a unified branding initiative incorporating the new National logo. She is currently working on providing information to the community by updating Google maps/YELP by creating links for the Post. Updating the Hubmaster, Facebook pages, website 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. She is researching a text initiative by National which would increase communication options to members.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Commander established an Events Planning Committee with the House Committee Chairman Albert Mireles as chairman with the following committee members: Finance Officer; American Legion Riders Chapter 2 representative; Sons of the American Legion Squadron 2 representative; Ed Tello; Dave Crespo; Suzzie Thomas (PR); Roanna Escamilla-Mayer; Pat Farrell; and Teofila Ramirez. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 11 October at 6:30 pm

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

The Commander commended Roanna Escamilla-Mayer for her role in Buddy Checks. She contacted a member who has a cancer and she brought the idea of a card that the members at the October Post meeting would sign and send to him.

Flagship Health mobile clinic will be coming to the Post on Fridays to assist Post members and eligible veterans with medical services starting 15 October 2022.

Commander reported on the formation of Pure Posts where veterans getting resumes based on code classification in the military which translates to civilian accreditations.

The Post will be purchasing 7 extinguishers with assistance from a donation from the Auxiliary of \$250.00 to enhance the Post Fire Protection Program.

Edgewood Veteran's group will be holding a fundraiser for a quilt at \$10.00 each which will be conducted during the Friday fish fry/Country fired steak event.

Fox Tech Veteran Day celebration will be held on 11 November at 8:00 am.

Volunteer hours for the American Legion can be used for tax purposes. You need to consult your CPA for details.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the Commander offered the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned by the Commander at 7:35 p.m.