



AMVETS 1775

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 19 April, 2011

PLACE: American Legion Post 282

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Commander George Little at 6:42 p.m., with 11 members present.

INVOCATION: Chaplain Richard West delivered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commander George Little led the Post in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Adjutant Gary Ivarson called the roll of officers. The following officers were absent: 2nd Vice Mike Mullert (due to prior scheduled events), Finance Officer & Service Officer Harlan Dinger, and Judge Advocate Dave Brokiewicz (transferred).

MINUTES: The minutes of the 22 March 2011 meeting were not available for review and approval. The membership discussed as much of the previous meeting's activities as could be recalled:

- Finance Officer & Service Officer Harlan Dinger notified the Commander that he could no longer perform his duties, due to family issues.
- Judge Advocate Dave Brokiewicz has transferred to a different Post.
- Held 1st nomination of 2012 Officers:
 - For Commander: George Little
 - For 1st Vice Commander: Bill Little
 - For 2nd Vice Commander: Mike Mullert
 - For Finance Officer: Sandra Durbin
 - For 3rd Year Trustee: George Anna Little



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- Richard West agreed to serve as Chaplain
- Steve Tilleson agreed to serve as Public Relations Officer
- A motion was made, seconded and approved to defer approval of the 22 March meeting minutes until such time as the membership has an opportunity to review them.

FINANCIAL REPORT: No financial report was given.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: 1st Vice Bill Little reports no changes from last month's meeting, and there are no current petitions for membership.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

- Commander George Little reports that Steve Tilleson is in the VA Hospital for surgery to remove a toe. He is in 4-West, B Pod.
- Adjutant Gary Ivarson reports he will be unable to serve as an officer in the coming year.

OFFICIAL VISITORS/GUESTS: There are no guests in attendance.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- Adjutant Gary Ivarson reports receipt of proposed amendments to the Dept of CA AMVETS By Laws. Delivered same to Commander George Little for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Second nomination and election of Officers:
 - For Commander: George Little. Unanimously elected by voice vote.
 - For 1st Vice Commander: Bill Little. Unanimously elected by voice vote.
 - For 2nd Vice Commander: Mike Mullert: Unanimously elected by voice vote.



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- For Finance Officer: Sandra Durbin, George Columbo. George Columbo was elected by a show of hands with 4 “yes” and 3 “no” votes.
- For Judge Advocate: Bill Little. Unanimously elected by voice vote.
- For 3rd Year Trustee: George Anna Little. Unanimously elected by voice vote.
- For 2nd Year Trustee: Jack Blackburn. Unanimously elected by voice vote.
- For 1st Year Trustee: Tom Edward. Unanimously elected by voice vote.
- Sandra Durbin was appointed to serve as Adjutant.
- Richard West was appointed to serve as Chaplain.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Shall AMVETS 1775 participate in the 2011 “Operation Stand Down?”
 - George Little: In previous years, we have participated by providing donations of funds. Dept of CA will be providing materials and Thrift Store clothing. Sandra Durbin: We need people to provide physical help with the various duties of supporting the operation’s activities. Bill Little: What day(s) should we help out? Richard West: Usually, services are provided on Friday by American Legion; Saturday by VFW; all other organizations on Sunday. Sandra Durbin: Busiest day is usually Friday. Richard West: Two meals are served on Fridays and Sundays, three on Saturday. George Little will coordinate with event organizers to determine when they would prefer our help and report back to the membership.
 - Motion to table the issue until the May meeting was unanimously approved.
- Shall AMVETS 1775 provide a sum of \$200 to assist the La Mesa City Council and La Mesa Veterans’ Council with the cost of signage in support of ceremonies honoring veterans?
 - Sandra Durbin: La Mesa City Council has procured special signs/banners for displays honoring veterans, but they are approximately \$1500 short of full funding. American Legion 282 member David Allen is on the La Mesa City Council.



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- Motion to approve the issue was unanimously passed.
- Commander George Little will also request additional funding from AMVETS Dept of CA.

GOOD OF THE ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Sandra Durbin: La Mesa City Council and La Mesa Veterans' Council need bodies to help out with activities supporting the June 3rd 2011 ceremony to dedicate a portion of Fletcher Parkway as "Veterans' Memorial Highway." This includes help with a pancake breakfast, starting at 7:30 a.m., followed by the dedication at 10:00 a.m. La Mesa City Council will be sending Commander George Little a letter of invitation to attend the ceremony. Also, following the dedication, the La Mesa Veterans' Council will request (to La Mesa City Council) to be designated as a permanent Committee.
- Commander George Little: June 4th is the Flag Day parade. Participants will be staged beginning at about 9:00-9:30 a.m. with the parade to start at 10:00 a.m. AMVETS Dept of CA is still selling raffle tickets (which were available at the meeting for us to purchase).
- Commander George Little: June 10-12 is the Dept of CA convention, in Compton CA. We are allowed 6 delegates. The Dept will pay mileage for delegates, which usually covers hotel costs as well as travel. Please contact the Commander if you would like to represent the Post.
- Chaplain Richard West: The new National Cemetery at MCAS Miramar was opened on April 14th, with its first burial for veteran John Smith. USNS Murphy was dedicated at NASSCO shipyard. Vehicle Decals are no longer being issued for access to military bases. Keep your automobile remote handy while you're at home -- you can set off the alarm if you are threatened by intruders. Place your emergency contact phone numbers under the acronym "ICE" in your phones -- emergency personnel check phones for this listing to see who should be contacted.

BENEDICTION: Chaplain Richard West delivered the Benediction.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



50/50 ticket sales totaled \$31, and the draw was won by Norwood Blatchford.

The next meeting of AMVETS Post 1775 will be held on MAY 17th, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., at the American Legion Post 282, located at 8118 University Ave, La Mesa, CA. The Post phone number is 619-469-6064.

It has been an honor and a pleasure serving as the Post Adjutant these past four years. Sandra Durbin will soon be taking on this position following the Installation of Officers.

Gary Ivarson
Adjutant, AMVETS Post 1775