

3 Sep 2011

Meeting began at 1100 hours with Captain Porath officiating. Those in attendance were Lenny Guccione, Roger Rotter, Larry Coursen, Jerrie Thomason, Sharon Hodge, and Lee Brooks (Commander, American Legion).

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Signage for the Bldg. The painter will coordinate the design and placement with Lee Brooks and Lenny Guccione (American Legion Commander and Facility Manager, respectively). Costs to be split VFW/AMVETS.
- b. Wheelchair Lift. Permit is working via La Mesa City. Distributor has been contacted regarding the requirement for a Commercial Lift that is necessary per City codes and which will increase the cost. Captain Porath has provided a letter to the Distributor requesting a pricing discount.
- c. Flags, Plaques and Pictures. Those that are available and will not be placed in the facility have been advertised with no takers so far. We will wait until the end of Sep at which time the plaques and pictures will be donated to a museum or Chief's Club. We will keep the flags for display (those not claimed) when appropriate as the American Legion will be installing a wire assembly allowing the flags to be temporarily posted during an event.
- d. Flag Frames for the Army and Marine Corps flags are being finalized by Lenny Guccione. Lenny has the two flags. Once done, they will be placed in the main hall.

NEW BUSINESS

a. The Defibrillator was discussed (reference August General Membership meeting minutes) and Jerrie Thomason, Registered Nurse, emphasized that this item is needed now and we should not wait since it could save a life; all concurred. The County of San Diego is offering a rebate on the item. Training can be provided by Jerrie and our Chaplain since they are both qualified instructors. Accordingly, the Captain will initiate the purchase of the item as ask that all organizations (VFW, American Legion, Ladies Aux, and AMVETS) split the cost. Membership will be consulted at the next meeting.

b. Breakfast. Thoroughly discussed was Sunday breakfast offerings; cost of food; time required to purchase, prepare, serve, and clean; lack of a pool of volunteers that can assist (same people all the time); employment situation with many of our current volunteers; etc.. The decision was made to offer food something like which is now done on Saturdays keeping the cost at \$5.00. Bartender will control the plates. This menu will begin 11 Sep following a remembrance ceremony for Sep 11 at the Memorial (also discussed).

b. Upcoming events (discussed and planned) are:

2 Oct – Mustang Club at the Embarcadero, Seaport Village. VFW and Ladies Aux will be there.

15 Oct – Ladies Auxiliary Steak dinner, main hall. Salad, baked potato, vegetable, dessert.

4 - 6 Nov – Buddy Poppy drive.

19 Nov – Rummage Sale. 16-18 Sep items can be dropped off and placed in main hall. This will be a joint function with proceeds to purchase padded seats for our events.

3 Dec – VOD/Patriot's Pen/Teacher Awards Banquet (1100-1400), Ladies Aux will help offset some of the award costs.

3 Dec – Police and Fireman Appreciation dinner and dance, main hall; start 1700. Captain will initiate a letter to La Mesa Police and Fire that will include EMT personnel.

10 Oct – Mustang Club Lunch, main hall. Donation of children's presents.

17 Dec – Santa at the Ship, main hall (10 a.m. until 2 p.m.). Age group: Infant to 16 years of age.



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Captain