

## Minutes of District 17 Regular Meeting on April 17, 2020

Held virtually via Zoom

District Commander George Aguilar called the meeting to order at 7PM. The meeting was opened in proper order according to the Manual of Ceremonies.

**Roll Call – Eight** 10 of 11 Posts were present: 8, 285, 302, 309, 381, 546, 628, 653, 677, and 812. Post 829 was deemed absent.

Commander Aguilar	Present	1st Vice Bille	Present
2nd Vice Sarceda	Present	3rd Vice Duffaut	Present
Sgt-at-Arms Pak	Absent	Exec Com Woo	Present
Exec Com Evans	Present	Exec Com Stuppy	Present
Exec Com Flores	Present	Finance Officer Stokes	Present
Jr. Past Comm Cummings	Present	Chaplain Harris	Present
Judge Adv. Crooks	Present	Service Officer Furuta	Present
Adjutant Flores	Present	Exec Com De Léon	Present
Asst. Adjutant De Léon	Present	Asst. Sgt-at-Arms Herrera	Present

A quorum was declared.

**Reading of the Minutes:** The Minutes for the District Meeting for February were forwarded via email. Motion was made by Exec. Committee Stuppy to accept the minutes, as corrected . Motion passed.

### **Committee Reports:**

1. Finance Officer William Stokes' report was read. Finance Report: For Jan/Feb \$1,506.04 beginning balance and \$75,971 in the CD account, deposit of \$23.40 and dues for Post 628 of \$100 which bring balance to \$1,429 and have a credit from Post 8 that we have to deduct, so the ending balance is \$1,297.66. Motion made by Judge Adv. Crooks to accept the Finance report, 2nd by Exec. Com. Evans, motion passed. For Feb/March \$1,429.61 balance and \$75,971.54 in the CD account no activity and .13 cent interest gained, credit from Post 8 \$131.95 with ending balance of \$1297.79. Motion made by Exec. Com. Evans to accept Finance report, 2nd by Judge Adv. Crooks, discussion from Adjutant Flores asking for balance of Feb/March account, which Finance Officer made a correction that statement will be \$1,429.61 but technically we have \$1,297.66 with consideration of credit that Post 8 has. Assistant Adjutant asked if that could be emailed and Finance Officer Stokes replied that he would email. Motion passed.
2. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – We are in 3rd place. No one is bringing members in.
3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Exec Com Cesar De Léon reported for 2nd Vice Sarceda. California Boys State was cancelled, sent email for any delegates/alternates that were supposed to attend would get certificates, the deadline is the 20th so we will get those processed and sent out. Commander Aguilar thanked 2nd Vice Sarceda Charles and Exec Com Cesar De Léon for gathering and processing all the information together for Boys State.
4. 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander – No Report, having technical difficulties.
5. Service Officer – No Report
6. Chaplain – Two from 309, post everlasting. Let Chaplain know that Post 628 lost one member at the beginning of the year.
7. Adjutant - We are 100% for Post Data Form on time by April 15. Due by June 1, certification of delegates, Certification of Officers, and other mandatory reports. Sunday, April 19 at 2pm there will be a Constitution and By-Laws training.
8. Assistant Adjutant - We added 2 more members to Allied Post 302 and will be reaching out to one other person to see if they want to join Allied Post 302.

9. Commander – Attended March LACC meeting. Attended DEC in San Diego on March 13-14 before everything was shut down, at that meeting a motion to fold two of our inactive posts; Post 631 and Post 307 and motion passed, so they are officially folded and I received letters in mail from the Department and will be deleted from roll call. Where do they go? That is up to the district, got the answer from CA Adjutant and will forward email for anyone who is interested. Also at DEC, Commander Tony Pak presented the Korean War Memorial Monument and resolution was passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Need to decide about elections, National is going to leave everyone in place until next year. Department has not decided yet, having a meeting this Saturday and Commander Aguilar will attend that meeting online and give an update. Judge Advocate Crooks let everyone in attendance know that the Department of California must have a convention, be it virtual or another way because our by-laws do not allow us to do what National is doing. Therefore, it might be a virtual convention and have no intention of keeping people over except if current NEC national officer, if they choose not to resign, they stay on for another year.

On the District level it is totally up to the District, you can have election if you want or the District could vote to hold officers over. Adjutant Flores made a motion to leave elected officers in position for another year, 2nd by Commander Cummings. Discussion: Commander Aguilar asked if this is for the entire year or just until COVID-19 is over. Judge Advocate Crooks let us know that it is for a whole year. Question was asked of officers about how they want to proceed, if they want to stay for another year. Motion passed. Adjutant Flores wanted to be the Assistant Adjutant and have Commander Claudia De Léon be Adjutant, it is an appointed position, Commander Claudia De Léon accepted with approval of Commander Aguilar. Judge Advocate Crooks let the district know that the record will show that every position from this year was voted in for next year, there was an election and they were voted for.

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### **Good of the Legion**

In May, the Finance Commission will meet one of the reasons because the Finance Commission is charged with putting forth a budget for the convention, Judge Advocate Crooks will attend the meeting.

Adjutant Flores mentioned that Commander Aguilar is the first Commander to have 2 years.

Online/virtual meetings: Los Angeles Sheriff Post 309, Chinatown Post 628, Allied Post 302, Post 677

Judge Advocate Crooks reminded Post Commanders to reach out to members and ask if they are ok

Wayne Yee gave us an update

Next meeting will be May 15, 2020, virtually via Zoom

Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Submitted by Claudia De Léon, Assistant Adjutant of District 17.

District 17 Meeting Dates. All times will be 7PM and location 823 N. Hill St., Los Angeles unless otherwise indicated.

August 20 – Tuesday

September 20 -Friday

October 18 – Friday

November 15 – Friday

No regular meeting in December

January 17 – Friday

February 21 – Friday

March 20 – Friday (no meeting due to COVID-19 stay at home order)

April 17 – Friday virtual meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Round of Officer Nominations)

May 15 – Friday virtual meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Officer Nominations)

June 12 – Friday (Officer Elections)