

Minutes of District 17 Regular Meeting on February 21, 2020

Held at Star Post 309, 714 W. Wilson Ave., Glendale, 91203

District Commander George Aguilar called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM. The meeting was opened in proper order according to the Manual of Ceremonies.

Roll Call – Eight (8) of 13 Posts were present: 8, 302, 309, 381, 628, 653,677, and 829. Post 546 was excused. All others were deemed absent: 285, 387, 631, and 812. Guests are Martin Martinez, Area 4 Membership Chairman, 1st Vice Commander, American Legion Post 496, he let us know that the Specialty Post paperwork would be arriving shortly.

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

A quorum was declared.

Reading of the Minutes: The Minutes for the District Meeting for January were forwarded via email. Motion was made by 3rd Vice Duffaut to accept the minutes, 2nd by Exec. Com. Evans, motion passed. There were no Meeting Minutes for March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the safer at home order.

Committee Reports:

1. Finance Officer William Stokes' report was read. Finance Report; \$1,483.96 balance. There is \$75,951.54 in the CD account. Motion made by Judge Adv. Crooks to accept Finance report, 2nd by Exec Com Evans, motion passed.
2. 1st Vice Commander – We are 7% away from 100% membership. Reach out to members.
3. 2nd Vice Commander – Boys State: Blue cards have to be turned in asap. Money due on March 2, 2020. Hugh Crooks has cost of transportation which is approximately \$117.25 per delegate. District pays transportation. The total per delegate is \$490 with transportation, hospitality, and ticket for chaperone. District 17 needs a chaperone for the return trip, 3rd Vice Duffaut volunteered. It was decided that the Boys State orientation would be held at Star Post 309 on April 18 at 11am. Boys State send off would be on June 19 at Hathaway, Asst. Adj. De Léon will double check that venue.
4. 3rd Vice Commander – No Report
5. Service Officer – District 18 is having a Blood Drive
6. Chaplain – If you have Post Everlasting send them before the 4th Area Caucus
7. Adjutant - No Report
8. Assistant Adjutant - We need to have fundraisers for the posts:
 - Allied Post 302 and Eagle Rock Post 276 will be having a joint Paint Night fundraiser in the near future at the Eagle Rock location. Tickets would be sold and pizza and soda could be sold at the event. Asst. Adj. De Léon would be able to get donations for opportunity baskets and food donations. The District could have a Paint Night also.

- Tupperware party - all online. Each member would have to sell about \$100 to friends, family members, co-workers, etc. for the fundraiser to be successful.
 - District Commander Aguilar suggested a Casino Day. Asst. Adj. De Léon and LA Police Post 381 Cmdr William S Mares will be coordinating along with 1st Vice Bille Star Post 309 in Glendale .
9. Commander – Gala fundraiser will be at Hollywood Post. Reminder about DEC in Oceanside, reminder to book your room. We can visit the VA hospital more than just the end of year holiday party, we can go more often.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Commander Tony Pak gave a presentation and asked for support from all District and Legion members for the Korean War Memorial Monument. Granite wall has 34,027 inscribed for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, look for Korean Post members. The committee was formed 12 years ago and it has finally been approved. Commander Pak showed the schematics and diagrams of the project to all. Motion made by Asst. Adj. De Léon to support Korean War Memorial Monument, 2nd by Judge Adv. Crooks, motion passed.

Exec Com De Léon - there is a Stand Down event in North East LA, there will be booths for veteran services for free. Will send email out to members.

Asst. Adjutant De Léon passed out fliers for Census jobs and told everyone that the recruiter said to answer the 9 questions to be a manager.

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Good of the Legion

Next meeting will be March 20, 2020, location TBA depending on location verification.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 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

April 17 – Friday (1st Round of Officer Nominations)

May 15 – Friday (2nd Round of Officer Nominations)

June 12 – Friday (Officer Elections)