

## Minutes of District 17 Regular Meeting on June 19, 2020

Held virtually via Zoom

District Commander George Aguilar called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. The meeting was opened in proper order according to the Manual of Ceremonies.

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

Commander George Aguilar	Present	1st Vice Ernie Bille	Present
2nd Vice Charles Sarceda	Present (at end)	3rd Vice Danielle Duffaut	Present
Sgt-at-Arms Tony Pak	Present	Exec Com Raymond Woo	Present
Exec Com Ozan Evans	Present	Exec Com Larry Stuppy	Present
Exec Com Frank Flores	Present	Finance Officer William Stokes	Present
Jr. Past Comm Jimmy Cummings	Excused	Chaplain Johnny Harris	Excused
Judge Adv. Hugh Crooks	Present	Service Officer Gary Furuta	Present
Adjutant Frank Flores	Present	Exec Com Cesar De Léon	Present
Asst. Adjutant Claudia De Léon	Present	Asst. Sgt-at-Arms Alex Herrera	Present

A quorum was declared.

**Reading of the Minutes:** The Minutes for the District Meeting for May were forwarded via email and were approved by Commander George Aguilar with 1 correction of Sgt-At-Arms Tony Pak being present at last meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

1. Finance Officer William Stokes' report was read. Finance Report: total in CD is \$75,971.54, balance balance of \$1,462.49 with 2 transactions of \$169.12, leaves balance \$1,293.48. Motion made by 1st Judge Adv. Hugh Crooks to accept Finance report, 2nd by Exec. Com. Ozan Evans. Motion passed.
2. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Ernie Bille– No change in membership AMA District 17 is in 6th Place.
3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Charles Sarceda – Exec Com Cesar De Léon reported for 2nd Vice Sarceda. Boys State Certificates and Pins were all mailed. Received extra pins for each post chairman will send out as soon as I get information. Assistant Adjutant Flores inquired about certificates being mailed out because he wanted to give them to participants personally. They sent 2nd Vice all certificates and pins. Exec Com Cesar De Leon said that it was faster just mailing them because the participants needed them asap for resumes and college applications.
4. 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Danielle Duffaut – Attended post meeting on June 8th. Also attended **a 40 & 8 meeting on June 18th.**
5. Service Officer Gary Furuta – No Report.
6. Chaplain Johnny Harris – No Report, excused.
7. Assistant Adjutant Flores - Called John Stamatiades for Leonidas Post 285 and he said he would call me back. Commander George Aguilar explained that Leonidas Post 285 was the only one that was not present at the last meeting and it was due to the fact that John did not have a computer. Adjutant Claudia De Léon had offered resources for John to receive an iPad for free and Adjutant Flores said he would talk to him again and see what he says.
8. Adjutant Claudia De Léon - Leadership Pasadena has a free program for veterans to transition to civilian life. It is for all veterans who are interested.
9. Commander George Aguilar –
  - Ballot for voting, initiative for a date change for DEC, ballot passed.
  - Need to plan the 4th Area Caucus 2021 because we will host it in May. Exec Com Ozan Evans let us know that we have to find a place to host it and find out from Chinatown Post because they were going to host it. Exec Com Raymond Woo Agreed but said with COVID-19 it would be difficult, but it's next year in May. 1st Vice Ernie Bille said that he talked to Nick Rosa and because of COVID-19 it's

difficult to secure a place right now, and if they are still in negotiations with Glendale Post that they can host it. If they really want an address we can give them an address and can change it later. It was agreed that Commander Aguilar will give them the Chinatown Post address for the time being. Assistant Adjutant Flores recommended the Police Museum. All options will be looked at in the future because it is 11 months from now.

- District meeting location, normally by this meeting in June, we have the calendar for next year for the meetings. Wanted to go over the list for the meetings because we don't know where we're going to meet. Tentative list for meetings, the next meeting is July 17th at 7 p.m. It was suggested that July, August and September meetings be virtual meetings. October and November will be TBA, District doesn't meet in December because we have the Christmas program at VA Hospital. January through June 2021 will also be held the third Friday of the month.
- Commander Aguilar wanted to have a District social meeting at his home for all the District members. Possibly in August, we would adhere to the social distancing requirements. It would be a voluntary social meeting a week after the virtual meeting, possibly a barbecue.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Adjutant De Léon had the idea to have a zoom virtual bingo to raise funds. You send in your donation before the game and then join the game on zoom. Commander Aguilar wanted that to be a part of the district social meeting.

Exec Com Ozan Evans asked if anyone had received their membership cards, and Legion members said yes.

Chinatown Post 628 will tentatively be moving from 823 Hill St. back to the CCBA building in July, because they have a new arrangement.

Judge Adv. Hugh Crooks - South Korean Embassy is looking for Legion members who are Korean War Veterans who had boots on the ground in Korea. They are giving out medals. There is an application and will send a link to Service Officer Gary Furuta. And any other posts that have Korean War veterans should apply for, the medal is really nice. It's an Ambassador for Peace Medal. Commander Aguilar got the email and sent it out, it's last minute but if you can work on that because the deadline is the end of this month and it is a quick turnaround. Bob Johnson is working on a ceremony at Patriotic Hall and he's a member of Post 8.

Next meeting will be July 17 at 7 p.m. and it will be a virtual meeting.

## **Good of the Legion**

Judge Adv. Hugh Crooks will be participating in a podcast on Wednesday talking about the current situation. Will send that link to everybody. Exec Com Cesar De Léon also said that if anyone had any information they wanted posted on the website to send it to him.

Chinatown Post 628 donated Items to frontline hospital staff and raised about \$8,000 and all the hospitals really appreciated it.

Commander Aguilar said that anything like that, just send it to Exec Com Cesar De Léon for the website because it shows the good that the Legion does, he could also send it to the State website and possibly be added on the State website.

Adjutant Claudia De Léon asked if volunteering counted because she volunteers for the Mayor's Senior Meal Hotline as a supervisor once a week. It is an emergency program where seniors can call the hotline that seniors can call and receive food for free so they don't have to go out due to COVID-19.

Judge Adv. Hugh Crooks said that on the Department's website, Post 310 in San Diego decided they were going to redo their post and add homes for the homeless Veterans above the post. They were just awarded \$9.2 million dollars from Calvet for the project.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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Submitted by Claudia De Léon, 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

May 15 – Friday virtual meeting

June 19 – Friday virtual meeting