



## Post 552

# American Legion Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2022

Meeting Called to Order: \_\_6:00\_\_\_\_pm

### Members Present:

Commander	Kent Vanhorn
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Mike Hill
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Jeff Mullis
Adjutant	Doug Benzel
Finance Off.	Mark Seamon
Chaplain	Bill Bartle
SergeantatArms	Jim Vanderploeg

Dave Schmidt  
Baron Asher  
Bill Heard

Guests: None

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes of the November 17, 2022 meeting were read and approved.

### Committee Reports:

Finance: Doug Benzel has been added to the UBS Bank CD and Treasury Bill so that he has visibility of all Post finances. Mark and Doug now have access. Kent will work with Chase to get himself added.

Mark applied for a renewal waiver of the Veteran Club license which saves the Post \$370. Additionally, he handed the check for half of the property tax (\$912.78) to the VFW quartermaster.

Membership: Doug reported 2023 membership as 91 with the goal of 132. That is 68.94% and the District average is 58.99%. Our Post is ranked number 2 in the district.

Boys State: Kent stated that there now needs to be an equal number of boys and girls at Boy's State and Girl's State. Girls can now participate at Boy's State and vice versa. The Post 552 Auxiliary processes applicants for Girl's State and we need to collaborate with them to fill Boy's State positions.

By-Laws: Doug presented the draft Post By-Laws for the second reading, identifying the changes made at the October meeting. Mike made a motions to accept and Doug seconded. They were unanimously accepted. Doug will forward them to the Department for approval.

Comments were made that we should have Standing Rules separate from the By-Laws that can be changed from time to time. Doug was appointed to head this effort.

Sick Call: None.

Unfinished Business:

Kent has obtained four domain names for our website. Two of them are ALPost552.com and ALPost552.org. He will work with Jack Porath to establish our website.

We have had the Mission Bay Cobras for an American League Baseball team for several years. We are unfamiliar with the operation and Kent will invite the coach and District 22 baseball manager to our next meeting. They are looking for \$550 as a registration fee. It costs \$4-5K to operate. Bill Heard offered to pay the \$550 if the Post cannot identify the funds.

Sunday brunch/breakfast is still being worked. Baron Asher suggested we work Naval Aviation for help and Kent will work the submarine units.

New Business:

Doug was officially appointed as the Building Committee representative for the Post.

Jim Vanderploeg volunteered and was appointed as our new Sergeant-at-Arms.  
Good of the Order: Mike reported the passing of Mary Lou Benzel. She was an Auxiliary member, a Pacific Beach Womans Club member and a member of the Building Committee.

Meeting was adjourned at \_\_7:07 pm\_\_\_\_\_

/s/Signed Dec 18, 2022

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