



## Post 552

# American Legion Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2024

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

### Officers Present:

Commander	Kent Vanhorn
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Mike Hill
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Bill Marsh
Adjutant	Doug Benzel
Finance Off.	Mark Seamon
Chaplain	Bill Bartle
Sergeant-at-Arms	Jim Vander Ploeg

Other members: Bill Heard, Travis Methvin, Donovan Morris, and Dave Schmidt

Guests: None

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes of the February meeting were displayed on the screen for members to read and were approved as written.

### Committee Reports:

Finance: Mark pointed out that Boy's State is under budgeted by \$525. No other significant changes were noted.

Membership: Doug reported we have 137 members with a goal of 118, giving us 116.10% of our goal. The District average is 94.23%. Our Post is number 1 out of the 26 posts in the District. Five of these members are transfers from Post 1000. He recommends another similar campaign for Post 1000 in 2025.

Sick Call: None

Unfinished Business:

**Fundraisers:** Bill Marsh provided an update on preparations for the Bingo event on March 23. The hall will be set up on the evening of March 22 and Bingo/raffle prizes will be set up at 1:00 pm on March 23. We expect 40-plus attendees. Comments were made about only offering packets with 26 raffle tickets for \$20 and the decision was made to alter the situation in real time if attendees want something different.

Doug recommended that future fundraisers specify a veteran's organization (and be advertised) that we will contribute raised monies to. Doing this will provide a cause for donors to contribute. The Commander approved. Doug will create a list of potential veteran organizations to pick from.

**Guest Speakers:** Bill Heard proposed that Holly Shafner from the San Diego Honor Flight be our next guest speaker. He recommended that taco night be in conjunction with this. Travis made a motion that the speaker and Tuesday Taco Night occur on April 16. Bill Heard seconded, and it was approved. Start time will be 5:00 pm. Jim was placed in charge of providing the tacos. Bill Heard will make the arrangements with Holly. Depending on how this turns out, Jim would like to provide a taco Tuesday every other week.

**VFW-AL Agreement:** The Commander said a draft agreement has been created and is being reviewed by the committee. He has a response from Bill Marsh and will present the draft to Mike Hill soon for VFW comments.

**Boys State:** The Commander stated that we have four nominees ready for interview. Two are from Mission Bay High School and two from Pt Loma High School. Hopefully one will be interviewed on Friday, March 22 and the other three on Saturday, March 23. Two will be selected. We are giving one of our reserved slots to the La Jolla Post (Vic Martin) who will do his own interviews from schools within his area.

**Baseball:** No new updates.

New Business:

**Nominations:** Nominations were opened for 2025 officers. The following were nominated:

Commander—Kent Vanhorn (nominated by Mark)

1<sup>st</sup> Vice—Mike Hill (nominated by Mark)

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice—Bill Marsh (nominated by Mark)

All three accepted their nomination.

**Appointment of Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms:** Travis was appointed by the Commander as the Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms to fill in during Jim's absences.

Good of the Order: Doug gave an update from the Facilities Committee. The Committee and VFW have approved a sewer pipe project that will replace secondary drain lines, cast iron piping in the bathrooms and reline the main sewer line. This will alleviate the frequent backups we experience. Gary Wasserman is managing the project and will bring in contractors as required. The cabinetry in the hall (including the top over the chair storage) will have quartz tops. Mike Hill is managing this project and we expect completion soon.

A cake was provided at the conclusion of the meeting celebrating the 105th American Legion birthday on March 15.

Bill Marsh advised that a third COVID booster is now available.

Meeting was adjourned at \_\_6:55 pm\_\_\_\_\_

/s/Signed March 27, 2024

Adjutant