



Post 552

American Legion Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2025

Meeting Called to Order: __5:45____pm

Officers Present:

Commander	Kent Van Horn
1 st Vice	Mike Hill
2 nd Vice	Bill Marsh
Adjutant	Doug Benzel
Finance Off.	Mark Seamon
Chaplain	Bill Bartle
Sergeant-At-Arms	Jim Vander Ploeg
Asst Adjutant	Travis Methvin

Other members: Corey Blount, Jonathan Owens, Gabe Rowin, Dave Schmidt and Jim Winn.

A premeeting was held with the officers until 6:00 pm.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as written.

Finance: The Commander presented a summary of the Post finances.

Membership: Doug stated we have 113 registered members for 2025. The goal is 149 making us at 75.84%. The District average is 74.62%. An email will be sent in early February to those that have not renewed. It will detail the achievements of our Post.

Boy Scouts: Travis reported there is no change since last month, but he is working to get a meeting to discuss the agreement with Tiffany.

Sick Call: Bill Bartle said Bill Cauley took a fall and is in the hospital.

Unfinished Business:

Guest Speakers: There was no report as Bill Heard could not attend.

Fundraisers: Bill Marsh said he is planning a Bingo event for April 5 from 2 to 5 pm.

VFW/AL Agreement: The Commander reported that a new agreement has been signed by both organizations. Doug will distribute copies to the officers. Four originals exist: one with the VFW adjutant, one in the VFW safe, one in the Post adjutant file and one with the Post Commander.

New Business:

Boys State: The Commander said that he will head up the select team for this year, not receiving any volunteers for the job. Jim Vander Ploeg and Bill Marsh will support the effort.

Vela Project: Mike made a motion to disapprove the plans to build a 23-story complex on Turquoise St. and restrict any structure built not exceed the 30-foot limit. It was seconded by Doug, and upon voting, received approval. The Post will work on a joint letter with the VFW, AL Auxiliary, and the SAL, and request the PB Woman's Club also send one. They would be sent to the appropriate local authorities.

Los Angeles Fires: Travis made a motion for the Post to contribute \$500 to support veterans affected by the fires. It was seconded by Jonathan and approved.

Post Service Officer: Dave Schmidt volunteered to become the Post Service Officer.

Good of the Order: None

Meeting was adjourned at ____6:17 pm____

The meeting was followed with a presentation by Dr Marcella Bothwell (President of Neighbors for a Better California and chair of the PB Planning Group) on the Vela Project. It was received with supportive applause by over 70 people attending.

/s/Signed January 20, 2025

Adjutant