

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6 2017 AMERICAN LEGION POST 246 REGULAR MEETING

**12:17** MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMANDER RANDY REID. HAND SALUTE TO FLAG. POW MIA EMPTY CHAIR HONORED. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (CHANGE HAND SALUTE COVERED OR NOT). PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION READ BY ALL.

**12:25** CHAPLAIN RICHARD SEAVEY GAVE OPENING PRAYER.

**12:30** COMMANDER RANDY REIN RECOGNIZED ART GASKINS 99<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY, AND NEW MEMBER JOHN HEINEMANN.

**12:31** COMMANDER RANDY REID INTRODUCED SPEAKER NATHAN JOHNSON. CONTRA COSTA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER WHO SPOKE ABOUT VA BENEFITS AVAILABLE. HE MENTIONED THAT ON WEDNESDAY BY APPOINTMENT IN DANVILLE AT THE VETERANS HALL AND EVERY WEEKDAY AT THE OFFICE IN MARTINEZ ONE CAN OBTAIN INFORMATION. HE SHARED WITH US THAT ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7 11:00 VETS WILL BE HONORED AND A COLOR GUARD COMPETITION WILL TAKE PLACE IN MARTINEZ. NATHAN PROMOTED THE VETERANS VOICES PROGRAM. HE WENT ON TO TELL US OF THE CONCORD VETS CENTER COUNSELING FOR SERVICE RELATED TRAUMA.

**1:10** COMMANDER RANDY REID PRESENTED THE AMERICAN LEGION CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO NATHAN..

**1:15** ROLL CALL TAKEN BY ADJUTANT ROBERT LANDY. ABSENT WERE ASSISTANT FINANCE OFFICER PHIL CONNELLY AND ASSISTANT SGT OF ARMS RON ROE. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PHIL CONNELLY, MICHELE LEE AND RON ROE. MINUTES OF JULY MEETING READ BY ADJUTANT ROBERT LANDY MOTION TO ACCEPT BY CHAPLAIN RICHARD SEAVEY SECONDED AND ACCEPTED.

**1:20** COMMANDER RANDY REID PROMOTED GIANNI'S DINNER ON SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> FROM 5:00-8:00, ON OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> AT 1:00 BOYS AND GIRLS STATE LUNCHEON THAT WILL SERVE AS THE MONTHLY REGULAR MEETING, AND 911 OAK HILL PARK EVENT AT 5:30.

**1:22** VICE COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL REPORTED THAT MEMBERSHIP STANDS AT 147. HE DISCUSSED THE DISTRICT REVITALIZATION EVENT TO BE OCTOBER 14 AT 8:30 TO 1:00 AT THE VETS HALL.

**1:23** ADJUTANT ROBERT LANDY TALKED ABOUT THE FARMERS MARKET POPPY SALES.

**1:24** FINANCE OFFICER RAOUL MIRANDA GAVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT. CHAPLAIN RICHARD SEAVEY DISCUSSED ADMIRAL GORMAN'S SERVICE AND GAVE SICK CALL REPORT.

ALAN SCHARLACH DISCUSSED SCOUT PATCHES AND CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE AT EVENTS. VICE COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL MENTIONED THAT THERE IS AN ALLOCATION IN THE BUDGET FOR PATCHES. HE ALSO MENTIONED THE PROGRAM

FOR EAGLE SCOUT FOR STATE AND NATIONAL COMPETITION. FINANCE OFFICER RAOUL MIRANDA MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PROGRAM, ALAN SCHARLACH SECONDED, VOICE VOTED TAKEN AND ACCEPTED. VICE COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL DISCUSSED COINS FOR THE SCOUT APPRECIATION AT EVENTS ESPECIALLY THE CRAB FEED. ADJUTANT ROBERT LANDY MADE THE MOTION TO GIVE COINS, WAS SECONDED BY HISTORIAN GERRY LINDAHL AND ACCEPTED BY VOICE VOTE.

THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS: OKTOBERFEST 2017 AT MARTINEZ CLINIC OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 10:00 TO 2:00. DAN OCONNER PROMOTED HIS CLASS FOR MEMOIRS OF VETS. COMMANDER RANDY REID ANNOUNCED THE 100<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION IN INDIANAPOLIS IN 2019 AND WE SHOULD PROMOTE IT THROUGH THE YEAR.

**1:55** CHAPLAIN RICHARD SEAVEY GAVE THE CLOSING PRAYER

**1:56** COMMANDER RANDY REID ADJOURNED THE MEETING.

ADJUTANT BOB LANDY