

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6 2019 AMERICAN LEGION POST 246 REGULAR MEETING

**12:27** HAND SALUTE TO FLAG. POW MIA EMPTY CHAIR HONORED. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (CHANGE HAND SALUTE COVERED OR NOT).

**12:25** CHAPLAIN RON ROE GAVE THE OPENING PRAYER

**12:27** COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN.

**12:30** COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL ANNOUNCED SPEAKER FOR THE DAY JIM LAING WHO IS A FAMILY SERVICE COUNSELOR WITH OAKMONT MEMORIAL PARK AND MORTUARY IN LAFAYETTE. SINCE 2010 HE HAS WORKED WITH THE VETERAN'S BURIAL PROGRAM ASSISTING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO UNDERSTAND PRE PLANNING AND FINAL ARRANGEMENTS. HE HAS WORKED WITH THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY NATIONAL CEMETERY. JIM HAS SPENT MOST OF HIS AIR FORCE TIME ON A B-52 CREW WITH THE 320<sup>TH</sup> BW OUT OF MATHER AFB. HE MENTIONED THERE ARE OVER 100 DECISIONS TO MAKE IN THE FIRST 24 HOURS AFTER DEATH AND ONE MUST UNDERSTAND IN ADVANCE WHAT THE BENEFITS ARE FOR A VETERAN. VETERANS ARE COVERED FOR BURIAL BUT NO FUNERAL

**1:00** COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL PRESENTED JIM WITH A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AND AN AMERICAN LEGION MUG.

**1:05** ADJUTANT ROBERT LANDY TOOK ROLL CALL ABSENT WERE FINANCE OFFICER PHIL CONNOLLY, HISTORIAN JERRY LINDAHL, AND FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEIL GILES, MARK HEINEMANN, AND ANH JUNTURA.

**1:10** ADJUTANT ROBERT LANDY READ THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETING. MICHELLE LEE MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT AND RAOUL MIRANDA SECONDED. IT WAS PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

**1:15 OFFICERS REPORTS** COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL REPORTED THAT MEMBERSHIP HAS REACHED 163 WITH 4 MEMBERS IN MILITARY ACADEMY. HE TALKED ABOUT THE MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE WHICH NEEDS MORE ACTION TO BE ABLE TO REACH 200 GOAL BY THE END OF THE YEAR. COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL REVIEWED THE BUDDY PROGRAM. FIRST VICE COMMANDER MICHELLE LEE REPORTED THAT SHE WAS STARTING THE PROCESS FOR GIRLS STATE. 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE COMMANDER ALAN SCHARLACH REPORTED ON WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA. ADJUTANT ROBERT LANDY REPORTED THAT HE HAS SUBMITTED THE AUDIT OF THE BOOKS. COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL REPORTED THAT BOYS STATE COST HAS BEEN REDUCED TO \$345. HE IS ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO BE INTERVIEWERS.

**1:25 NEW BUSINESS** COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL TALKED ABOUT THE POST LEADERSHIP PLAN. NEED SOMEONE TO STEP UP TO BE IN TRAINING FOR FIRST VICE COMMANDER POSITION TO MOVE UP TO COMMANDER YEAR AFTER NEXT. ALAN SCHARLACH WILL CONTINUE AS 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE COMMANDER. RANDY REID WILL ASSUME A NEW POSITION OF 3<sup>RD</sup> VICE COMMANDER TO HELP TRAIN THE UPCOMING

COMMANDER. COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL DISCUSSED THE JANUARY 25 2020 CRAB FEED. HE HAS LETTERS ONE CAN HAND OUT. HE ANNOUNCED THAT CATHARINE BAKER WILL MC THE PROGRAM. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO OBTAIN DONATED ITEMS FOR THE RAFFLE AND AUCTION, SET UP AND CLEAN UP ETC. A TOAST WAS MADE TO DORIS SIDWELL POST MEMBER AND PAST COMMANDER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING. RICHARD SEAVEY SUGGESTED WE TAKE DONATIONS IN HONOR OF HER. THIS WILL BE TAKEN UP AT THE NEXT OFFICERS MEETING. 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE COMMANDER ALAN SCHLARCH MENTIONED HE SENT THANK YOU LETTERS TO THOSE WHO DONATED. SANDY KAHN MOTIONED THAT THE TICKETS SHOULD BE RAISED TO \$50., RANDY REID SECONDED AND IT WAS PASSED BY VOICE VOTE. COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL SUGGESTED WE INVITE THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. ADJUTANT ROBERT LANDY SUGGESTED THERE BE A LAG BETWEEN OFFERING TICKETS TO MEMBERS AND OTHERS SINCE THERE ARE ONLY 160 TICKETS AVAILABLE.

**1:40 UPCOMING EVENTS:**

MONDAY, 11 NOV- VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCES , NO PROGRAM

TUESDAY, 12 NOV- CCC BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VETERANS SALUTE

THURSDAY, 5 DEC -15:45 FRANK DORRITIE, LMC VETERANS CLUB FACULTY ADVISOR, WILL SOUND TAPS AT CAL STATE EAST BAY FOR RELIGHTING OF THE MT. DIABLO BEACON.

FRIDAY, 6 DEC- 11:00 AM PEARL HARBOR DAY REMEMBRANCE LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ,SPEAKER ALICE DARROW NAVY NURSE

SATURDAY. 14 DEC- 10 AM WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA ALAMO CEMETERY

**1:47** CHAPLAIN RON ROE GAVE CLOSING PRAYER

**1:50** COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL ADJOURNED THE MEETING

ADJUTANT ROBERT LANDY

