



AMERICAN LEGION
28TH DISTRICT, AREA 2
DEPARTEMTN OF CALIFORNIA

22 JANUARY 2012
EDWARD H. LORENSON POST 121
214 CENTER STREET
WATSONVILLE, CA 95076

COMMANDER CARRERA CALLED THE 3RD DISTRICT MEETING TO ORDER AT 1000 HRS. AT EDWARD H. LORENSON POST 121.

AFTER OPENING CEREMONIES ROLL CALL WAS HELD AND A QUORIUM WAS PRESENT.

COMMANDER CALLED FOR AND RECEIVED OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS.

LEGION RIDERS REQUESTED TO SPEAK ON THE FUNDRAISER COMING UP NEXT WEEK AT POST 593 PRUNEDALE. COMMANDER GRANTED THE REQUEST. FUNDRAISER IS FOR THE FAMILY OF SGT BRIAN JERGEN'S WHO WAS INJURED IN THE 'WAR ON TERROR' AND HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME MEETING EXPENSES. LOOKING TO GET POST AND DISTRICT SUPPORT IN THE WAY OF MONIES. DISTRIBUTED A FLYER WITH INFO ON EVENT AND WAYS TO DONATE.

1ST VICE RICK MARTIN: MEMBERSHIP MOVING AHEAD VERY WELL! HOWEVER WE DO HAVE A COUPLE POSTS WHO ARE HOLDING US BACK WITH SLOW OR NO TRANSMITTALS. ALSO WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT ALL MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE THEIR 2012 CARDS AND BE PREPARED TO SHOW WHEN ASKED! ABC IS MAKING SPOT CHECKS OF CLUBS OF LATE AND WE DO NOT WANT TO GET CAUGHT IN AN ABC STING!

2ND VICE JAMES SCARIOT: NO REPORT

3RD VICE BONNIE RODRIGUEZ: NO REPORT

STAND DOWN: JOHN TOMKINSON, JR. PAST COMMANDER AND CHAIR FOR STAND DOWN LOGISTICS PASSED OUT FLYERS AND EXPLAINED FOR THE NEED FOR ALL VETERANS AND VETERAN ORGANGIZTIONS TO INVOLVED IN THIS MAJOR VETERANS HELPING VETERANS EVENT.

ADJUTANT: STILL HAVE TWO (2) POST WHO HAVE YET TO PAY THEIR PER CAPITA. POST 64 SANTA CRUZ AND POST 589 SALINAS. POST 589 SAID THEY WOULD BE PAYING WITHIN THE WEEK.

FINANCE: CURRENT BALANCE: \$3,163.29. ASKED FOR DISCUSSION ON THE \$100 APPROVED DURING THE EXECUTIVE MEETING TO SUPPORT THE RIDERS WITH THE SGT BRIAN JERGEN'S FUNDRAISER TO HELP THE FAMILY WITH FINANCIAL NEEDS FOR EXPENSES ON MEDICAL AND CARE. MOTION WAS MADE TO UP THE AMOUNT FROM \$100 TO \$200! MOTION WAS MOVED AND 2ND AND PASSED.

CHAPLAIN: WANTED TO REMIND US ALL OF THE UPCOMING EVENT OF THE 4 CHAPLAINS INTER-FAITH SERVICE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, FEB 4, 2012, AT 1100 HRS. FT. ORD CHAPEL LOCATED ON GENERAL MOORE.

RIDERS: PETE QUINNES PRESENTED A \$200 CHECK TOWARD THE 4 CHAPLAINS SERVICE NEXT WEEK. GENE BLAKEMAN THEN TOOK THE FLOOR TO OUTLINE UPCOMING RIDER EVENTS: RIDERS WILL BE WORKING SECURITY FOR THE STAND DOWN, THEY ADDED 10 NEW CHAPTERS IN 2011 FOR A TOTAL OF 43,000 MEMBERSHIP TO DATE. OTHER COMING EVENTS WILL BE LIVERMOORE HOSPITAL RIDE IN MAY AND AN AREA 2 EASTER RUN ON 7 APRIL. RIDERS WILL BE ATTENDING THEIR STATE CONVENTION 14 – 15 APRIL AT HANFORD, CA.

SERVICE OFFICER: TOLD US ABOUT THE HEAR AID PROGRAM AT THE VA. ALSO ADDRESSED THE WORK LOAD OF THE VA. AVERAGE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT IS 243 DAYS. WORK LOAD IS 28,000 ++! OVERWORKED BUT THEY GET IT DONE! PRIORITY CASES DO GET THE ATTENTION NEEDED!

CHARLIE MCLANE : POST 589 SGT-AT-ARMS ASKED TO ADDRESS MEETING ABOUT RUMORS OF PROBLEMS AT THEIR POST. IT IS TRUE THEY ARE HAVING ISSUES WITH THEIR PREVIOUS LANDLORD ABOUT PAST RENT AND THEIR RENTAL AGREEMENT. THIS HAS CAUSED THEIR ACCOUNTS TO BE HELD BY THE BANK MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO CONDUCT BUSINESS BUT WITH HELP OF OTHERS, THE DISTRICT OFFICERS AND OTHER POSTS THEY ARE GETTING THROUGH THE DIFFICULTIES. ALSO, THEY ARE ONCE AGAIN WORKING ON GETTING VETERANS BACK TO THE RODEO; VETERANS MILITARY DAY! THINGS GETTING NORMAL AT THE POST SO THEY WILL BE DOING OLD PROGRAMS ETC. WHICH WERE ON HOLD DURING YEAR OF RELOCATION.

J.A.G.: HELD THE SECOND READING OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS ON THE ANNUAL COMMANDERS AND ADJUTANTS "WILL BE HELD NO LATER THAN THE 30TH OF AUGUST." MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE RYAN TO ACCEPT AND 2ND BY AL HOPSON. MOTION PASSED AND AMENDMENT ACCEPTED.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS: NO REPORTS

POST EVERLASTING

BOYS STATE: WILL BE TAKING BOYS STATE APPLICATIONS AND HAVE PACKETS READY BY NEXT MEETING TO SIGN UP BOYS. FEES WILL BE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR, \$285 PER CANDIDATE WITH TRANSPORTATION FEE TO BE DETERMINED BUT WILL MOST LIKELY BE CLOSE TO LAST YEAR'S \$85 PER CANDIDATE. ALSO ENCOURAGE POSTS TO ADD A LITTLE EXTRA FOR SNACKS ON THE TRIP TO AND FROM.

ORATORICAL: THIS WEEKEND WAS TO HAVE BEEN THE 1ST ROUND BUT NO CANDIDATES WERE AVAILABLE TO INTERVIEW. POSTS 31, 64, 121, 512, 591 & 635 ASKED FOR FORMS FOR THEIR CANDIDATES BUT NONE TURNED BACK IN! THANKS ANYWAY FOR YOUR SUPPORT. HOPEFULLY NEXT YEAR!

POST REPORTS: THE FOLLOWING POSTS GAVE REPORTS: 31, 41, 69, 121, 589, 591 & 635.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AFTER CLOSING CEREMONIES UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING AT POST 591 SEASIDE, 18 MARCH 2012. ALSO, THE AREA 2 MEETING WILL BE HELD THE DAY BEFORE, 17 MARCH, 2012, AT POST 589, SALINAS.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
MICHAEL BLOOM
ADJUTANT