

THE "MIGHTY" FIFTH DISTRICT

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MEMBERSHIP for the 2008/2009 year.....

John's "Mighty 5th" box scores as of May 12, 2009

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "A" (Over 300)				
21	799	638	79.85	18
111	331	340	102.72	* ** 8
165	356	343	96.35	9
182	309	268	86.73	8
	1,795	1,589	88.52	43

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "C" (100-199)				
37	135	130	96.30	* 5
101	188	181	96.28	6
104	141	118	83.69	5
179	144	127	88.19	5
194	194	185	95.36	6
313	149	142	95.30	5
338	114	104	91.23	4
540	104	96	92.31	4
	1,169	1,083	92.64	40

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "D" (1-99)				
178	54	54	100.00	** 3
231	26	29	111.54	** 2
284	35	27	77.14	3
293	89	102	114.61	* ** 4
306	47	51	108.51	** 3
489	99	110	111.11	** 4
603	37	34	91.89	3
850	20	20	100.00	** 2
	407	427	105.69	* ** 24

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "B" (200-300)				
28	239	217	90.79	7
113	240	222	92.50	7
199	212	205	96.70	6
208	219	213	97.26	6
437	292	276	94.52	8
550	257	258	100.39	* ** 7
	1,459	1,391	95.34	41

District Total: (4,830) 4,490 92.96%
(May 08) Delegates 148 + 4 = 152

NOTE: * Indicates Group Leaders
** Indicates 100% Posts/Groups

COMMANDER, DAVID PRICE:

The District 5, 2008-2009 year is drawing to a close; our final meeting is on May 31st. As most of you are aware, the location of that meeting has been moved from Twin Cities Post 313, in Larkspur, to the Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building at 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane. Our gracious host will be Vallejo Post 104.

My tenure as District Commander has been a great learning experience. I appreciate all the support I have received from the current and past District officers and, also, the members and officers of the twenty-six constituent posts. With the knowledge and experience gained as Commander and, previously Vice-Commander, I stand ready to be of assistance to the incoming officers of District 5.

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FIRST VICE-COMMANDER, JOHN H. ALDRIDGE:

Membership report as of May 12th, the District stands at 92.96% of goal and ranks third in Group C, 15th in Department. Area I, is at 94.00% of goal and ranks third place in the six areas.

My comrades let me make a few comments on Post Reporting. The District Adjutant will have blank forms available on the table to help in Post reporting. (We would like everyone to have a written report.) Your reports should contain approximately the following suggestions.

- Post status: member participation, members concerns, any problems, etc.
- Extraordinary achievements (unusual, unexpected, astonishing)
- Significant Accomplishments (donations, sponsored events, etc.)
- Upcoming events (programs, dinners, fund raisers, etc.)
- Explain any assistance needed from the District or Department.

Please keep your report concise (to the point). If your Post is unable to send a representative to attend a District meeting, your report must be mailed, faxed or emailed to the Adjutant no later than the day before the meeting. Thank you.

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****NOTE** PLEASE BRING A RAFFLE PRIZE FOR OUR FUND RAISING COLLECTION FOR REHAB**

MAY 2009 DISTRICT MEETING:

**** **NOTE: Please bring a gift (white elephant) for our REHAB raffle ******

The next District meeting will be Sunday, May 31, 2009. Hosted by Vallejo Post 104. It will be held in Vallejo, at the Veterans Memorial building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo, CA. (707)644-3097, the meeting will start at 10:00am, with Coffee and Do-nuts prior to the meeting (about 9:00am). A lunch will be offered for a nominal cost.

5th DISTRICT ADJUTANT, ROBERT R. SAFRENO:

The next District meeting is our fifth meeting of the year and we would like to have every **POST** there. Please have a written report on hand when you make any reports at the District meeting. It will make it easier on us to keep accurate records of the proceedings. My mailing list is based on the 2008/2009 Department Roster. If you find an error or need to make a change, please let me know, so that I can update the data base.

Department has mailed notices to all posts in the District. They have informed each post about any discrepancies that need to be cleared prior to having delegates seated at convention. Please check to make sure your post has been cleared of any of the following items:

- Constitution and By-Laws
- Post audit
- Certification of Post Officers
- Completion of delegate forms and fees.
- Post submission of the annual CPR (Consolidated Post Report) for 2008/2009.
- Payment of all funds due Department.

NOTE: I am sending out the District bulletin, by e-mail to those that have e-mail addresses. It will accomplish three (3) things, we will save money on postage and you will receive the bulletin faster and your copy will be in color if you have a color printer.

I have enclosed a condensed copy of the March 8th District meeting. This will save time at the District meeting as we will not have to read four pages of minutes.

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5th DISTRICT PRESIDENT, Nancy Evers



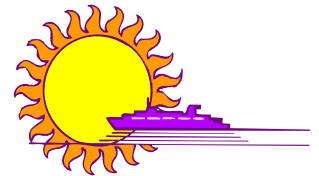
“Charting a course to New horizons”

Greetings ladies:

Wow, here it is the last meeting of the year. May 31st in Vallejo is our last meeting. I'm hoping to see a lot of you there. Don't forget if you have questions you can call, but the District meeting is full of answers!! Hope all of you will be there. We have to prepare for the upcoming state convention in Riverside. Take care and see you soon ...

Legion Love Nancy Evers

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DATES TO REMEMBER: (2009)

National American Legion Convention:

August 21-27, Louisville, Kentucky

Department of California:

June 18th – 21st, 2009, 91st Annual State Convention, Riverside, CA ****NOTE**** See below

Area I meetings:

Mighty "Fifth" District Meetings:

May 31, 2009 – ***CHANGE*** Vallejo Veterans Build. 420 Admiral Callaghan Ln. Hosted by Vallejo Post 104

Past Commander's Club:

Special Events:

May 25, 2009, Monday, Memorial Day events and ceremonies at various Posts and communities.

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION – JUNE 18-21, 2009 – RIVERSIDE, CA

Your 5th District had blocked out some rooms for the 2009 Convention. The hotel is "The Comfort Inn" and its location is about one (1) mile from the convention center. If you would like to reserve a room, the deposit required is \$91.00. There may not be any more rooms available, but you can get More information will be available at the District meeting.

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MINUTES OF MEETING, Sunday, March 8, 2009

NOTE: The minutes listed below are in a condensed format. For Complete minutes of the meeting, they will be available at the District meeting.

- 1-3. Meeting open normally at 10:11am, was hosted by Reams Post 182, at the Veterans building in Suisun.
- 4-5. Roll call Officers 9 present 2 excused. Posts 17 present, 8 absent and one excused.
6. Critic and Resolutions committee appointed.
7. Distinguished guest introduced by Bob Mattson. Eleven Past District Commanders in attendance.
9. "Early Bird" ribbons given to posts in attendance. Mark Foxworthy announced that he was running for Department Commander in two years. Fifth District endorsed him by motion and vote.
10. Minutes of January 18th meeting approved as published.
12. District Officers made their reports of activities since last meeting.
13. Reports of the Department Commissions:
 - a. Aerospace – absent/excused as he was recovering from a fractured hip.
 - b. Public Relations - Mark Foxworthy. No report, however had an excellent workshop at the Area I meeting.
 - c. Ritual – Jack Pressey reported that judging would be done by Past Department Sgt-at-arms.
 - d. Scouting – Bob Taylor, Department has received nine nominations for Eagle Scout of the year. Camporee, 1st week of August 2009, near the city of Palmdale.
 - e. Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation. Bud Simmons sent a lengthy report with 11 items effecting veterans.
14. District Advisory to Department Standing Committees (one year terms)
 - a. Blood Donor – Dixon had blood drive collected 42 pints.
 - b. Insurance – 48 states sign up for insurance and its benefits. They offer free \$1,000 policy for those veterans that apply. They also have a good Travel Insurance. Report also on how much money has been distributed.
 - c. Inter-Post Relations – Jack Flynn made a report about getting officers for the District. He appeal to the members to be on the lookout for members willing to assume the position of Officers in the District.
 - d. POW/MIA – written report containing information of identified MIA's, from WWII and Korean War.
16. Reports of the Advisory Committees to the Department Commissions:
 - a. Boy's State – Session will be June 20-27, 2009. Cost is \$280.00 per delegate. District is authorized 53 Boys. The Boy's State Luncheon will be Sunday, May 17th at the Santa Rosa Veterans building. Money goes for transportation.
 - b. Children and Youth – Some changes to form this year. Web site to be updated. Temporary Financial Assistance program was described. The AL Child Welfare Foundation and Special Olympics were discussed.
 - c. Disaster and Emergency Services – members are encouraged to take a First Aid Class and training in CPR.
 - d. Finance – Department operating within budget. Donations to VA & R Program are tax deductible.
 - e. Foreign Relations & National Security – Report with eight items from the National Web site.
 - f. Housing – 3 or 4 rooms available for Riverside Convention. Cost is \$82.00. contact Paul Ball.
 - g. Ways and Means – collected \$64.00 from days raffle.
18. Post Commanders made their reports.
19. Correspondence was read.
20. Unfinished business:
 - a. Report of the Four Chaplin's Ceremonies (Department) and other services.
 - b. Report of the Area I meeting.
21. Sick Call – Dick Bettencourt, John Wallace, Chuck Anderson, Pat Pollock and Mort Tallon.
22. New business:
 - a. Change to last 5th District meeting of the year. Vallejo, hosted by Post 104, at veterans building.
 - b. Report on the results of the survey sent to all in the District. Some of the ideas were really good and have been implemented. Some of the items were not practical to change. The return of the surveys was low. We should have had more of them. For a complete list contact John Aldridge at Post 182.
23. Resolution Committee present Bread & Butter certificate to Reams Post 182. District also approved a reissue of the "Veterans Remember Flag" resolution.
24. Good of the Legion:
 - a. Many handouts were available on table in rear of room for all members present.
 - b. Bob Mattson spoke on trying to revitalize the Past Commander Club. (PCC). They have elected Paul Ball as President of Outpost #5.
 - c. Discussion on Non-Service Connected Disabilities.
 - d. Mark Foxworthy, thanked the District for their support.
- 25-27. Normal adjournment ceremonies at 2:02pm.

Robert R. Safreno, Adjutant