

**THE "MIGHTY" FIFTH DISTRICT**

**American Legion Bulletin**

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MEMBERSHIP for the 2009/2010 year.....

Mike's "Mighty 5<sup>th</sup>" box scores as of August 14, 2009

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
<b>Group "A"</b> (Over 300)				
21	672	77	11.46	18
111	344	193	56.10	8
165	348	218	62.64	* 9
<b>Totals</b>	1,364	488	35.78%	35
<b>Group "C"</b> (100-199)				
37	133	85	63.91	5
101	186	107	57.53	6
104	121	67	55.37	5
179	132	78	59.09	5
194	189	95	50.26	6
293	106	112	105.66	* ** 4
313	177	73	41.24	5
338	109	73	66.97	4
489	116	78	67.24	4
540	101	60	59.41	4
<b>Totals</b>	1,370	828	60.44%	48

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
<b>Group "B"</b> (200-300)				
28	220	127	57.73	7
113	225	35	15.56	7
182	274	171	62.41	8
199	210	140	66.67	* 6
208	216	88	40.74	6
437	283	134	47.35	8
550	262	60	59.41	7
<b>Totals</b>	1,690	755	44.67%	49
<b>Group "D"</b> (1-99)				
178	57	31	54.39	3
231	35	20	57.14	2
*284	0	17	(*Merged 313)	(3)
306	54	39	72.22	* 3
603	37	15	40.54	3
850	27	14	51.85	2
<b>Totals</b>	210	136	64.76%	* 16

District Total: (4,634) 2,309 49.83%  
(June 09) Delegates 148 + 4 = 152

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

**COMMANDER, JOHN H. ALDRIDGE:**

First, I ask all Post Commanders to attend as many District meetings as possible. If you can not attend, please send a representative (preferably a Post Officer) to read your report and take information back to the Post. It is very important that each Post is represented at all meetings of the District.

Anyone needing a lift to attend the District meetings, I'm willing to Vanpool. First come, first served. Please car/vanpool as much as possible to ensure 100% attendance. It saves a little money and you're in good company.

Please bring a "Gift" (White Elephant) for our raffle for REHAB.

The Department is still asking for Post Certification of Officers. The last list I received from Department asked for Post 113, 306 and 540. If you have submitted your Certifications, Please call Department to confirm receipt.

Please feel free to invite me to any of your Post functions. I will try to make them, providing that I do not have another commitment or working.

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**FIRST VICE-COMMANDER, MICHAEL H. McSWEEN:**

Membership report as of August 14<sup>th</sup>, the District stands at 49.83% of goal and ranks second in Group C, 14<sup>th</sup> in Department. Area I, is at 51.72% of goal and ranks second place in the six areas. Now look above at your post and see where your stand. Each Post should be at or above the Department Goal. Send in those renewals; please do not hold on to them.

Michael H. McSween 5th District First Vice Commander 2033 McSween, Petaluma, CA 94954-1155  
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**SEPTEMBER 2009 DISTRICT MEETING:**

The next District meeting will be Sunday, September 13, 2009. Hosted by Rago Christopher Post 165. It will be held in Vacaville, at the Veterans Memorial building, 549 Merchant Street, Vacaville, CA. (707)447-6354, 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.

**5<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT ADJUTANT, ROBERT R. SAFRENO:**

The next District meeting is our first 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.

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.

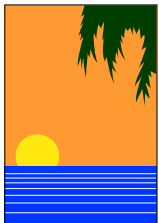
Please keep your report concise (to the point). If your Post is unable to send a representative to attend a District meeting, your report must be mailed, faxed or emailed to the Adjutant no later than the day before the meeting.

**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 May 31<sup>st</sup> District meeting. This will save time at the District meeting as we will not have to read four pages of minutes.

Robert R. Safreno, 5<sup>th</sup> District Adjutant – 7766 Beverly Drive, Rohnert Park, CA 94928-3815. (707) 795-3963 telephone/FAX or e-mail at [shadowbob1@juno.com](mailto:shadowbob1@juno.com)

### **5<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT PRESIDENT, Nancy Evers**



"Tropical"

Cherish the Past  
Nurture the Present  
Envision the Future

Greetings ladies:

It looks like you will have to put up with me for another year. As you probably know, we lost a great lady from the Fifth District, Past Department President Barbara Carlson. She was elected as your President, but got ill and passed on shortly after our installation of officers.

Please plan to attend the next meeting, we have many important matters to take care of and get us on track for the rest of the Legion year.

Take care and see you soon ... Legion Love Nancy Evers



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### **DATES TO REMEMBER: (2009/2010)**

#### **National American Legion Convention:**

August 21-27, 2009 - Louisville, Kentucky

August 27 to September 2, 2010 – Milwaukee, Wisconsin

#### **Department of California:**

June 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual State Convention, Fresno, CA **\*\*NOTE\*\*** See below

#### **Area I meetings:**

Aug 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> 2009 – Shasta Dam Post 720 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Nov 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> 2009 – Linda Post 807 in the 4<sup>th</sup> District

Feb 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> 2010 – R. W. Townsend Post 84 in the 7<sup>th</sup> District (Auburn)

May 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> 2010 – Dixon Post 208 in the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

#### **Mighty "Fifth" District Meetings:**

Sep 13, 2009 – Rago Christopher Post 165 (Vacaville)

Nov 15, 2009 – Benicia Post 101 (Benicia)

Jan 17, 2010 – Petaluma Post 28 (Petaluma)

Mar 21, 2010 – Dixon Post 208 (Dixon)

June 6, 2010 – Konocti Post 437 (Clearlake)

**Past Commander's Club:** *No dates of locations at this time.*

#### **Special Events:**

September 18/19, 2009 – POW/MIA ceremonies check with local veterans groups.

November 11, 2009, Wednesday, Veterans Day events and ceremonies. (North bay Veterans Parade, Petaluma)

### **DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION – JUNE 24-27, 2010 – FRESNO, CA**

Your 5<sup>th</sup> District had blocked out five rooms for the 2010 Convention. The hotel is "Radisson Hotel" and its the convention center hotel. If you would like to reserve a room, the deposit required is \$116.48. There may be more rooms available in the future, you can get more information at the District meeting. Contact person is Past District Commander, E. Paul Ball (707)552-1123

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

# THE "MIGHTY" FIFTH DISTRICT

of the  
American Legion  
Department of California

DAVID PRICE, Commander

ROBERT R. SAFRENO,

Adjutant

## MINUTES OF MEETING, Sunday, May 31, 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 10:10am, was hosted by Vallejo Post 104, at the Veterans building in Vallejo.
- 4-5. Roll call Officers 10 present 1 excused. Posts 16 present, 10 absent and one excused.
6. Critic and Resolutions committee appointed.
7. Distinguished guest introduced by Bob Mattson. 15 Past District Commanders in attendance.
9. "Early Bird" and 100% ribbons, Americanism Certificates were given to posts in attendance. 5<sup>th</sup> District came in fourth place in Area I membership.
10. Minutes of March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting approved as published.
12. District Officers made their reports of activities since last meeting.
13. Reports of the Department Commissions:
  - a. Aerospace – No report.
  - b. Americanism – spoke on his bad health, received new hearing aids and Bob Mattson will be replacing him effective June 10, 2009.
  - c. Public Relations - Mark Foxworthy. Reported that he has received only eight reports so far.
  - d. Ritual – Jack Pressey reported that judging would be done by Past Department Sgt-at-arms.
  - e. Scouting – Bob Taylor, Department has received nine nominations for Eagle Scout of the year. Matthew Kudija was selected as Eagle Scout of the year. He will get a \$500.00 Savings Bond. Camporee, 1<sup>st</sup> week of August 2009, near the city of Palmdale. Only received six reports from District so far.
  - f. Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation. Bud Simmons sent a lengthy report with 14 items effecting veterans.
14. District Advisory to Department Standing Committees (one year terms)
  - a. Blood Donor – Dixon had blood drive collected 30 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. \$3,600,000 has been given out, Department got \$154,000
  - 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. The Boy's State Luncheon will be Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Santa Rosa Veterans building. Money goes for transportation.
  - b. Children and Youth – Only received seven reports from District. So far reports indicate contributions \$30,530, helped 2,015 children and 3,889 volunteer hours.
  - c. Disaster and Emergency Services – members are encouraged to take a First Aid Class and training in CPR.
  - d. Finance – income this year fell a little short. Short fall to be made up with other funds. They are participating in a 401K program, which is cheaper than the previous National system. Donations to VA & R Program are tax deductible, under a 501c(3) non-profit foundation.
  - e. Foreign Relations & National Security – No Report
  - f. Housing – for Convention has been all set up.
  - g. Ways and Means – collected \$190.00 from days raffle.
18. Post Commanders made their reports.
19. Correspondence was read.
20. Unfinished business:
  - a. Report of the D.E.C., March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Routine nothing to report.
  - b. Reminder to send the necessary reports to Department (many of them are time sensitive).
  - c. Adjutant gave out the requirements for the upcoming Department Convention. What has to be done to be a legal delegate at convention.
21. Sick Call – Dick Bettencourt
22. New business:
  - a. Nominations and Election of Officers for the year 2009/2010. (see sheet of officers attached)
  - b. Department Convention: Riverside, June 18-21, 2009. Bob Safreno, was appointed registration secretary. Volunteers that were going to convention submitted names to attend standing committees. Volunteers also needed to assist the Department Sgt-at-arms.
  - c. Motion by Jack Flynn, seconded by Bob Mattson, to give \$200.00 to incoming Commander for the hospitality room at convention.
  - d. Delegates and Alternates to National Convention, appointed. (see sheet attached)
  - e. Installation of Officers to be Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, Reams Post 182.
  - f. Tentative dates for District meetings given out.
  - g. Commanders and Adjutant meeting, Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, Yountville picnic grounds.
23. Resolution Committee present Bread & Butter certificate to Vallejo Post 104. District also approved a reissue of the "Veterans Remember Flag" resolution.
24. Good of the Legion:
  - a. None
- 25-27. Normal adjournment ceremonies at 2:20pm.

Robert R. Safreno, Adjutant