

**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 October 16, 2009

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
<b>Group "A" (Over 300)</b>				
21	672	425	63.24	18
111	344	246	71.51	* 8
165	348	245	70.40	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,364</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>67.16%</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Group "C" (100-199)</b>				
37	133	91	68.42	5
101	186	125	67.20	6
104	121	85	70.25	5
179	132	89	67.42	5
194	189	127	67.20	6
293	106	114	107.55	* ** 4
313	177	94	53.11	5
338	109	73	66.97	4
489	116	85	73.28	4
540	101	60	59.41	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>68.83%</b>	<b>48</b>

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
<b>Group "B" (200-300)</b>				
28	220	127	57.73	7
113	225	37	16.44	7
182	274	196	71.53	8
199	210	175	83.33	* 6
208	216	88	40.74	6
437	283	166	58.66	8
550	262	189	72.14	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,690</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>57.87%</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Group "D" (1-99)</b>				
178	57	38	66.67	3
231	35	22	62.86	2
*284	0	17	(*Merged 313)	(3)
306	54	40	74.07	* 3
603	37	25	67.57	3
850	27	14	51.85	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>74.29%</b>	<b>* 16</b>

District Total: (4,634) 2,993 64.59%  
(June 09) Delegates 148 + 4 = 152

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

**COMMANDER, JOHN H. ALDRIDGE:**

Membership is off to a really good start. Our early bird cutoff is 75% by Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> and we're not quite there. This year, please have your membership teams make every effort to achieve your 100% membership goal. I thank you for your efforts and support.

The success of District 5 meetings is based on the greatest number of Posts being represented rather than the greatest number of people present, so please make every effort to attend. Commanders and Adjutants, if you're unable to attend, please send a representative in your place and or ensure that your report is turned in to the District Adjutant. Thank you. God Bless you and I hope to see you all at Benicia Post No. 101 in Benicia.

**NOTE:** I read all of your Post reports. I would like to get them from all posts, even if you do not attend the District meetings. Please put me on your mailing lists, or e-mail to me.

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

Membership report as of October 16<sup>th</sup>, the District stands at 64.59% of goal and ranks fourth in Group C, 14<sup>th</sup> in Department. Area I, is at 64.01% of goal and ranks third 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 (707)762-8585

**NOVEMBER 2009 DISTRICT MEETING:**

The next District meeting will be Sunday, November 15, 2009. Hosted by Benicia Post 101. It will be held in Benicia, at the Veterans Memorial building, 1150 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Benicia, CA. (707)745-1769, 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 second 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.

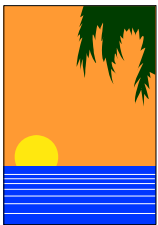
Please keep your report concise (to the point). If your Post is unable to send a representative to attend a District meeting, your report must be mailed, faxed or emailed to the Adjutant no later than the day before the meeting. We would like to get a 100% reporting from all of the Posts, even if no one is able to attend.

**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 September 13<sup>th</sup> District meeting. This will save time at the District meeting as we will not have to read the 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**



Cherish the Past  
Nurture the Present  
Envision the Future

"Tropical"



Greetings ladies:

Please plan to attend the next meeting, we have many import 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:**

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:**

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:**

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**

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of the  
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## MINUTES OF MEETING, Sunday, September 13, 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 10:00am, was hosted by Rago Christopher Post 165, at the Veterans building in Vacaville.
- 4-5. Roll call Officers 9 present 1 excused and 1 absent. Posts 14 present, 11 absent.
  6. Critic and Resolutions committee appointed.
  7. Distinguished guest introduced by Jack Pressey. 11 Past District Commanders in attendance.
  9. Americanism Certificates were given to posts in attendance. Cloverdale Post 293, was over 100% membership.
  10. Minutes of May 31, 2009 meeting were approved as published.
  12. District Officers made their reports of activities since last meeting.
  13. Reports of the Department Commissions:
    - a. Aerospace, Julian Grabski, spoke about Kate Grubens an Astronaut.
    - b. Agriculture, Natural Resources and Energy, William Stiles, No report.
    - c. Americanism, Robert Mattson, No report absent.
    - d. Constitution and By-Laws, E. Paul Ball, No report.
    - e. Public Relations, Mark Foxworthy. Reported about a meeting he had. His report was very informative.
    - f. Scouting, Bob Taylor, reported on the Eagle Scout program and the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Camporee, July/August 2009.
    - g. Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Bud Simmons sent a lengthy report with 7 items effecting veterans.
  14. District Advisory to Department Standing Committees (one year terms)
    - a. Blood Donor, Kevin Kilkenny, Dixon had blood drive collected 29 pints.
    - b. Insurance, Jim Shank, 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 \$200,000
    - c. POW/MIA John Angier, written report containing information of identified Iraq & Afghanistan. POW/MIA Day, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.
  16. Reports of the Advisory Committees to the Department Commissions:
    - a. Convention Housing, E. Paul Ball, reported about the 2010 convection in Fresno. Booked rooms at Headquarter Hotel. Those going need to make a deposit on the room. By a motion/passed: The District will have a hospitality room.
    - b. Ways and Means, Marvin Schmitz, collected \$135.00 from days raffle.
  18. Post Commanders made their reports. There were only 12 written reports submitted.
  19. Correspondence was read.
  20. Unfinished business:
    - a. None.
  21. Sick Call –Dick Bettencourt, Chuck Anderson.
  22. New business:
    - a. Motion by Jim Shank, seconded by Kevin Kilkenny, to donate \$1,000.00 to Mark Foxworthy, for his run to be Department Commander in 2010. Approved.
    - b. Motion by Jeffery Jewell, seconded by Kevin Kilkenny, to donate \$250.00 for the VA Stand Down in Dixon. Approved.
    - c. There was a presentation by the American Legion Riders Association/Club to form a Chapter within the Napa and Solano Counties. They will all be under one group within the District. Motion by Mark Foxworthy, seconded by Kevin Kilkenny, to have the 5<sup>th</sup> District support the formation of an American Legion Riders unit within Napa and Solano Counties. Approved.
    - d. 23. Resolution Committee present Bread & Butter certificate to Rago Christopher Post 165. District also passed a repeat resolution in support of the "Veterans Remember Flag", by Jack London Post 489.
  24. Good of the Legion:
    - a. U.S. Senate Passed a Resolution making September 16<sup>th</sup>, The American Legion Day.
    - b. American Legion is starting to Sponsor Soccer, more information later. Post should consider this possibility.
    - c. Open House at the Travis AFB, Fisher House, Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - 25-27. Normal adjournment ceremonies at 2:02pm.

Jack Pressey for Robert R. Safreno, Adjutant