

THE "MIGHTY" FIFTH DISTRICT

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

Mike's "Mighty 5th" box scores as of December 09, 2009

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "A" (Over 300)				
21	672	497	73.96	18
111	344	297	86.34	* 8
165	348	293	84.20	9
Totals	1,364	1,087	79.69%	35
Group "C" (100-199)				
37	133	109	81.95	5
101	186	150	80.65	6
104	121	92	76.03	5
179	132	97	73.48	5
194	189	144	76.19	6
293	106	131	123.58	* ** 4
313	177	110	62.15	5
338	109	87	79.82	4
489	116	121	104.31	** 4
540	101	72	71.29	4
Totals	1,370	1,113	81.24%	48

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "B" (200-300)				
28	220	157	71.36	7
113	225	175	77.78	7
182	274	229	83.58	8
199	210	192	91.43	* 6
208	216	169	78.24	6
437	283	206	72.79	8
550	262	212	80.92	7
Totals	1,690	1,340	79.29%	49
Group "D" (1-99)				
178	57	48	84.21	* 3
231	35	29	82.86	2
*284	0	17	(*Merged 313)	(3)
306	54	41	75.93	3
603	37	29	78.38	3
850	27	16	59.26	2
Totals	210	180	85.71%	* 16

District Total: (4,634) 3,720 80.28%
(June 09) Delegates 148 + 4 = 152

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

COMMANDER, JOHN H. ALDRIDGE:

I hope every member had safe and enjoyable Holidays.

Thank you for your outstanding accomplishments stated in your Post reports and thank you for your Post newsletters, they are very helpful. If I do not see you at District meetings or hear from your Post, I will not know how members are doing. The Vice Commanders and I are attempting to visit every Post in our District just to say hello and offer any assistance needed. In the meantime, please contact us should you have any concerns.

National HQ sent me a letter reminding us to start planning 2010 Legion town campaign. The overall objective of the campaign is three-fold; to educate children, their parents and teachers about the youth programs of The American Legion; to engage and encourage community leaders to participate with the local Post in community service activities, and to increase membership. Please make every effort to attend the upcoming meeting to learn more and to pick up a complete guide to your Post Legion town campaign.

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 December 9th, the District stands at 80.28% of goal and ranks first in Group C, 7th in Department. Area I, is at 79.04% of goal and ranks in 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, which is 74.18%. Send in those renewals; please do not hold on to them.

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JANUARY 2010 DISTRICT MEETING:

The next District meeting will be Sunday, January 17, 2010. Hosted by Petaluma Post 28. It will be held in Petaluma, at the Veterans Memorial building, 1094 Petaluma Blvd, South, Petaluma CA. (707)763-6547, 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 third 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 now based on the 2009/2010 Department Roster. If your find and 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.

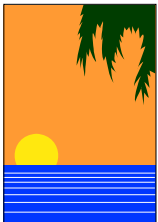
NOTE: I am sending out the District bulletin, by e-mail to those that have e-mail addresses. It will accomplish three (3) things, we will save money on postage and you will receive the bulletin faster and your copy will be in color if you have a color printer.

- **NOTE:** There will be a short presentation by Mary Denson on "Valley Forge Workshop", she attended in 2009 and is a Middle School teacher.

I have enclosed a condensed copy of the November 15th District meeting. This will save time at the District meeting as we will not have to read the four pages of minutes.

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5th DISTRICT PRESIDENT, Nancy Evers



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Nurture the Present
Envision the Future

Greetings ladies:

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. We know that we are having a difficult year and we are going to rely on you ladies to step forward and help with the leadership of the District.

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER: (2009/2010)

National American Legion Convention:

August 27 to September 2, 2010 – Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Department of California:

June 24th – 27th, 2010, 92nd Annual State Convention, Fresno, CA ****NOTE**** See below

DEC, Spring:

March 12-14, 2010, Santa Maria

Area I meetings:

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

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

Mighty "Fifth" District Meetings:

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:

5th District Oratorical Contest, Saturday, January 16th, Rohnert Park (contact Adjutant)

Feb 6th, 2010 - Four Chaplin ceremony in San Francisco

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

Your 5th 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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MINUTES OF MEETING, Sunday, November 15, 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 10:05am, was hosted by Benicia Post 101, at the Veterans building in Benicia.
- 4-5. Roll call Officers 9 present 1 excused and 1 absent. Posts 15 present, 10 absent.
 6. Critic and Resolutions committee appointed.
 7. Distinguished guest introduced by Bob Mattson. There were 13 Past District Commanders in attendance.
 9. Americanism Certificates were given to posts in attendance.
 10. Minutes of September 13, 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, Had call-in of Commission, spoke about museum at the Oakland Airport
 - b. Agriculture, Natural Resources and Energy, William Stiles, Passed out envelopes for applications to the environmental conference in 2010.
 - c. Americanism, Robert Mattson, Had call-in of Commission. Reports will be due by May 30, 2010.
 - d. Constitution and By-Laws, E. Paul Ball, No report.
 - e. Public Relations, Mark Foxworthy. Absent, no report.
 - f. Scouting, Bob Taylor, reminded posts to submit their annual reports.
 - g. Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Bud Simmons sent a lengthy report with four items effecting veterans.
 14. District Advisory to Department Standing Committees (one year terms)
 - a. Blood Donor, Kevin Kilkenny, Had schedule of Dixon blood drives for the year 2010.
 - b. Oratorical, Robert Safreno, reported on upcoming annual contest. Looking for post to host District contest.
 - c. POW/MIA John Angier, written report containing information on finding remains of WWII veteran that was found and returned to the family. Also information on former POW, that got back his wedding ring after 44 years.
 16. Reports of the Advisory Committees to the Department Commissions:
 - a. Convention Housing, E. Paul Ball, reported about the 2010 convention 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. Housing (Veterans), Bud Simmons, report on VA, Advocacy Group Focused on Homeless Vets. About Sonoma County Vet Connect and an article about how to get a CalVet Home Loan.
 - c. Sons of the American Legion, Bill Denson, District has three SAL Squadrons. They are in the process of forming a 5th District Squadron.
 - d. Ways and Means, Marvin Schmitz, collected \$155.00 from day's raffle.
 18. Post Commanders made their reports. There were only 15 written reports submitted.
 19. Correspondence was read.
 20. Unfinished business:
 - a. None.
 21. Sick Call –Dick Bettencourt, Lorn Watson
 22. New business:
 - a. Resignation by Lorn Watson (5th District Sgt-at-arms) due to serious health problems. After a motion/seconded, the District members voted for John DeBiase (Post 21) to replace Lorn for the rest of Legion year.
 - b. Reports were given on various POW/MIA Day Ceremonies.
 - c. Reports were given on various Veterans Day Activities.
 - d. Future Commanders and Adjutants meetings, will be a part of the annual District Installation of Officers.
 - e. Future spending of District finances, if they are over the normal budget items, must be delayed one meeting so that a committee can review the request of funds.
 24. Good of the Legion:
 - a. Kevin Kilkenny, spoke about the Area One meetings.
 - b. Victor Kestner reminded members about the Past Commander Club meeting, January 4, 2010, 7:00pm, at the Petaluma Veterans Memorial building.
 - c. Bob Safreno, informed District members and guest that he has most of the emblems from all veterans' organizations in his computer. It took a lot of effort to obtain them.
 - d. Tom Sarchiapone spoke about the Legionnaire of the Year.
 - 25-27. Normal adjournment ceremonies at 2:02pm.

Robert R. Safreno, Adjutant