

THE "MIGHTY" FIFTH DISTRICT

American Legion Bulletin

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

Mike's "Mighty 5th" box scores as of February 25, 2010

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "A" (Over 300)				
21	672	533	79.32	18
111	344	341	99.13	* 8
165	348	319	91.67	9
Totals	1,364	1,193	87.46%	35
Group "C" (100-199)				
37	133	114	85.71	5
101	186	161	86.56	6
104	121	96	79.34	5
179	132	111	84.09	5
194	189	164	86.77	6
293	106	137	129.25	* ** 4
313	177	123	69.49	5
338	109	95	87.16	4
489	116	134	115.52	** 4
540	101	78	77.23	4
Totals	1,370	1,213	88.54%	48

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "B" (200-300)				
28	220	181	82.27	7
113	225	194	86.22	7
182	274	244	89.05	8
199	210	210	100.00	* ** 6
208	216	207	95.83	6
437	283	235	83.04	8
550	262	223	85.11	7
Totals	1,690	1,494	88.40%	49
Group "D" (1-99)				
178	57	48	84.21	3
231	35	31	88.57	* 2
*284	0	17	(*Merged 313)	(3)
306	54	42	77.78	3
603	37	29	78.38	3
850	27	19	70.37	2
Totals	210	186	88.57%	* 16

District Total: (4,634) 4,086 88.17%
(June 09) Delegates 148 + 4 = 152

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

COMMANDER, JOHN H. ALDRIDGE:

Greetings everyone:

Thank you for the good jobs you're doing at your Posts and with membership renewals. Remember, if you need help, please contact me or the First Vice-Commander and will try to help. I'll be out of the office March 11-15. If you need to contact me, please call my cell phone.

At the upcoming District meeting, one of our Guest Speakers will be Area 1 membership director Mike Hooper. Commanders, please ask your 1st Vice Commanders to make every effort to attend. Also, Mark Smith, Vice Commander - Area One, Sons of the American Legion will give a presentation.

Hope to see everyone at the next District meeting in Dixon. God Bless you.

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 February 25th, the District stands at 88.17% of goal and ranks 2nd in Group C, 8th in Department. Area I, is at 87.10% of goal and ranks in 4th place in the six areas. Now look above at your post and see where you stand. Each Post should be at or above the Department Goal, which is 84.22%. Send in those renewals; please do not hold on to them.

Save Sunday, July 25, 2010, for the 5th District Installation of Officers. Petaluma Post 28, at Veterans Memorial.

Michael H. McSween 5th District First Vice Commander 2033 McSween, Petaluma, CA 94954-1155
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MARCH 2010 DISTRICT MEETING:

The next District meeting will be Sunday, March 21, 2010. Hosted by Dixon Post 208. It will be held in Dixon, at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1305 North First Street, Dixon, 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 fourth 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.) 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.

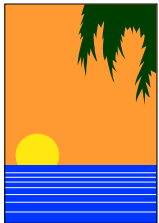
NOTE: I am sending out the District bulletin, by e-mail to those that have e-mail addresses. It will accomplish three (3) things, we will save money on postage and you will receive the bulletin faster and your copy will be in color if you have a color printer.

- **NOTE:** Department has mailed a large envelope to each post. Make sure you look inside the envelope, it contains almost all of the reports each post needs to submit for this legion year.

I have enclosed a condensed copy of the January 17th 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



"Tropical"

Cherish the Past
Nurture the Present
Envision the Future

Greetings ladies:

We're rolling out the red carpet twice this month. Our district meeting is in Dixon on Sunday, March 21st and we will be welcoming Department President Norma for her official visit. As noted elsewhere in this bulletin, we return to Dixon on Sunday, March 28th for the official visit of National President Rita Navarrete and National Commander Clarence Hill. The district, area and department leadership worked hard to arrange a concurrent visit to our district. Let's have a great turnout, with every unit represented at both meetings. We can show President Norma and President Rita that the Auxiliary is alive and well in the Mighty Fifth District.

Don't forget if you have questions you can call, but the District meeting is full of answers!!

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 Convention:

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

DEC, Spring:

March 12-14, 2010, Santa Maria

August 13-14, 2010, TBA

Area I meetings:

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

Mighty "Fifth" District Meetings:

Mar 21, 2010 – Dixon Post 208 (Dixon) **NOTE:** Auxiliary State President Norma DuVall official visit.

June 6, 2010 – Mare Island Navy Post 550 (Vallejo)

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

Special Events:

Mar 28, 2010 – National Commander Clarence E. Hill and National President Rita Navarrete, Will be honored at a Luncheon at Dixon Post 208, (Dixon). Reservation needed: Melanie Taylor, Chairman, 707-894-0857

Mar 29, 2010 – National Commander Clarence E. Hill, Will be visiting Jack London Post 489 and after a program at the "Star of Honor", they will be hosting a dinner. **NOTE:** See flyer on back of minutes.

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, January 17, 2010

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 10:03am, was hosted by Petaluma Post 28, at the Veterans building in Petaluma.
- 4-5. Roll call Officers 9 present 2 excused. Posts 14 present, 11 absent.
6. Critic and Resolutions committee appointed.
7. Distinguished guest introduced by Bob Mattson. There were also 11 Past District Commanders in attendance.
9. Americanism Certificates were given to posts in attendance.
10. Minutes of November 15, 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 the possible future tanker for the Air Force produce by Boeing Co.
 - b. Agriculture, Natural Resources and Energy, William Stiles, Everything has been distributed and application is due in by May 14, 2010.
 - c. Americanism, Robert Mattson, searched the WEB, he found the Position Paper, which was 65 pages, to long to go over. Had DVD on the Flag and Video called America's Veterans. They were available to be loaned out. The reports by Posts are due by May 30th, 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. American Flag Display and Sales, Jim Park. Reported on the "Veterans Remembered" Flag. National Commander is coming to Sonoma on Monday, March 29 for dinner and program on flag and the "Star of Honor".
 - b. Blood Donor, Kevin Kilkenny, Had schedule of Dixon blood drives for the year 2010.
 - c. Oratorical, Robert Safreno, reported on District and upcoming Area I, competition.
 - d. POW/MIA John Angier, written report containing information on finding remains of MIAs.
16. Reports of the Advisory Committees to the Department Commissions:
 - a. Boy's State, Jack Schipper, made a report about quotas, what forms were needed, time lines and about the Boys State Luncheon to raise funds for transportation to Boys State, cost \$12.00 for lunch. Luncheon will be at the Santa Rosa Veterans building on Sunday, May 16th. Cost per boy is \$280.00. They can take more boys this year, they have added new dorms.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Housing (Veterans), Bud Simmons, reported on: VA home loans are now available up to \$417,000. 5 Reasons to use a VA Cash-Out Refinance. Tax Credit of up to \$8,000 for First-Time Homebuyers. Sons of the American Legion, William Denson, written report read: There are three SAL Squadrons, sponsored by posts in the District. They are in the process of forming a 5th District Squadron. The first reading of the Constitution and By-laws was read at Napa Post in August 2009.
 - d. Sons of the American Legion, Bill Denson, District has three SAL Squadrons. They are in the process of forming a 5th District Squadron.
 - e. Ways and Means, Marvin Schmitz, collected \$118.00 from day's raffle.
18. Post Commanders made their reports. There were only 14 written reports submitted.
19. Correspondence was read.
20. Unfinished business:
 - a. Jack Pressey, went over the Budget of the District, all funds, all commitments, and what is available. Any expenses outside of budget would be delayed one meeting prior to spending of the request. This would allow a committee to review the request to either approve or deny the request for spending. This was passed by the District members present.
21. Sick Call –Dick Bettencourt, Ed Fobes, Paul Vinci.
22. New business:
 - a. National Commanders will visit Northern California March 28th at Dixon Post 208. Monday, March 29th at Sonoma, Jack London Post 489.
 - b. It's the 5th District turn to host the Yountville Picnic. E. Paul Ball is in charge, and needs some help. Please volunteer.
 - c. Motion by Kevin Kilkenny, seconded by Victor Kestner, to give \$500.00 to Fisher House. Passed.
 - d. The PCC plans to have their meeting in the future with the 5th District meeting. It may be short meeting after the District meeting. Next meeting for now is May 10th in Club Room, Santa Rosa Veterans building.
 - e. There will be a change to the last District meeting location. We were forced to cancel going to Konocti Post 437.
24. Good of the Legion:
 - a. John DeBiase spoke about making donations for Haiti relief.
 - b. Julian Grabski, spoke about having problems with the VA in San Francisco.
 - c. Jack London Post has an official WEB site to promote mainly their flag. www.veteransrememberedflag.com
- 5-27. Normal adjournment ceremonies at 2:05pm.

Robert R. Safreno, Adjutant



AMERICAN LEGION JACK LONDON POST #489

**Cordially invites you to attend a Dinner honoring
the visit of**

NATIONAL COMMANDER CLARENCE HILL



Sonoma Veterans Building 126 First St West, Sonoma CA.

Monday March 29th Starting at

5 PM

for Cocktails and Social

6 PM

servicing of a Wine Country Buffet Dinner

including complimentary wine

\$25 per person

PLEASE RSVP by MARCH 25th

FOR RESERVATIONS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CALL

Commander Gary Magnani (707) 996 8386

Event planner David Wishingrad (707) 996 8213)

Event liaison Bud Simmons (707) 971 0523