

THE "MIGHTY" FIFTH DISTRICT

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

Mike's "Mighty 5th" box scores as of May 11, 2010

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "A"	(Over 300)			
21	672	556	82.74	13
111	344	362	105.32	* ** 9
165	348	331	95.11	9
Totals	1,364	1,193	87.46%	31
Group "C"	(100-199)			
37	133	117	87.97	4
101	186	168	90.32	5
104	121	103	85.12	4
179	132	120	90.91	4
194	189	167	88.36	5
293	106	147	138.68	* ** 5
313	177	161	90.96	5
338	109	105	96.33	4
489	116	147	126.72	** 5
540	101	86	85.15	4
Totals	1,370	1,213	88.54%	45

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "B"	(200-300)			
28	220	196	89.09	6
113	225	208	92.44	6
182	274	254	92.70	7
199	210	210	100.00	** 6
208	216	232	107.41	* ** 7
437	283	255	90.11	7
550	262	232	88.55	7
Totals	1,690	1,494	88.40%	46
Group "D"	(1-99)			
178	57	53	92.98	3
231	35	31	88.57	* 3
306	54	42	77.78	3
603	37	33	89.19	3
850	27	19	70.37	2
Totals	210	186	88.57%	* 14

District Total: (4,634) 4,335 93.55%
(05/11/10) Delegates 136 + 5 = 141

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

COMMANDER, JOHN H. ALDRIDGE:

As this term comes to an end, I thank **all of you** for your hard work and support to each other and to District Five as a whole. Your many programs, sponsored events and activities are very much appreciated.

Please continue sending in your transmittals and checks for membership renewals. It's not too late. Consider paying the per capita in advance and collecting dues from the members later. Thank you for your hard work and time consuming efforts.

Lastly, Commanders if you are unable to attend a District meeting, please send a Post Officer to represent your Post. Let them know that it's painless and all they have to do is take notes, gather info from the tables and read their Post report. Once back to their Post, pass the information on to its members. Thank you.

I hope to see you all at our next and last District meeting for the year (2009-2010) on June 6, 2010 at Mare Island Navy Yard, Post 550 in Vallejo, CA

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 May 11th, the District stands at 93.55% of goal and ranks 5th in Group C, 13th in Department. Area I, is at 92.62% of goal and ranks in 3rd place in the six areas.

Save Sunday, July 25, 2010, for the 5th District Installation of Officers. Petaluma Post 28, at Veterans Memorial building. 10:30am, Brunch - 12:00 noon, Commanders & Adjutants meeting - 12:30pm. Installation of 5th District Officers for 2010/2011 year.

Michael H. McSween 5th District First Vice Commander 2033 McSween, Petaluma, CA 94954-1155 (707)762-8585

JUNE 2010 DISTRICT MEETING:

The next District meeting will be Sunday, June 6, 2010. Hosted by Mare Island Navy Post 550. It will be held in Vallejo, at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 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 and last 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. We have a lot of important business to conduct. 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 you find an error or need to make a change, please let me know, so that I can update our 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.

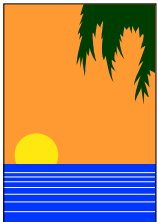
NOTE: I am sending out the District bulletin, by e-mail to those that have e-mail addresses. It will accomplish three (3) things, we will save money on postage and you will receive the bulletin faster and your copy will be in color if you have a color printer.

- **NOTE:** Department has mailed a couple of 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. Some of the reports are already past due.
- **CONVENTION:** With convention coming up in June, each and every post needs to make sure they have cleared all discrepancies with the Department of California. This needs to be done in order to seat legal delegates at convention. The items that each post must clear are as follows:
 - a. Current Constitution and Bylaws. (Most posts are cleared for this.)
 - b. Each post must do an audit of their books, sometime after the Convention in 2009 and before this year's convention in 2010.
 - c. Certification of Post Officers.
 - d. Completion of the Consolidated Post Report (CPR)
 - e. Payment of all money due to Department that is owed.

I have enclosed a condensed copy of the March 21st 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
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Envision the Future

Greetings ladies:

The year is rapidly coming to an end, with the last meeting on Sunday, June 6th. I hope to see you all at the meeting at Mare Island Navy Post 550. We will be preparing for the State Convention later in the month. Thank you to everyone who has made this a successful year. The American Legion 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.
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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

DEC, Spring:

August 13-14, 2010, TBA

Mighty "Fifth" District Meetings:

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

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

Special Events: None at this time

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

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MINUTES OF MEETING, Sunday, March 21, 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 10:01am, was hosted by Dixon Post 208, at the Veterans building in Dixon.
- 4-5. Roll call Officers 9 present 2 excused. Posts 18 present, 7 absent.
6. Critic and Resolutions committee appointed.
7. Distinguished guest introduced by Bob Mattson. There were also 16 Past District Commanders in attendance.
9. Two (2) 55 years in Legion certificates were presented. "Early Bird" and 100% ribbons were presented. Post 293 had 110%. Candidates for offices spoke: Area I Vice-Co. Gary Leach. Department Commander Mark Foxworthy. All endorsed by District. Fred Walton, N.E.C. reported on his trips and meetings current information given.
10. Minutes of January 17, 2010 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 "Prisoner of War" monument for VA hospital in Fresno. Still needs \$10,000.
 - b. Americanism, Robert Mattson, information on the change to Consolidated Post Report form. Instruction on filling form out for Americanism. Information on WEB site.
 - c. Constitution and By-Laws, E. Paul Ball, Reported about upcoming resolution to reduce the quorum to 33 1/3%, to have a legal meeting. Fifth District opposes resolution.
 - d. Public Relations, Mark Foxworthy. Made report by using his Blackberry to read minutes of his meeting.
 - e. Scouting, Bob Taylor, reminded posts to submit their annual reports. He has received 11 Eagle Scout of the year applications. State Camporee is July 30th to August 1st near San Bernardino.
 - f. Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Bud Simmons sent a lengthy report with eight items effecting veterans.
 - g. [TA] Oratorical, Robert Safreno, reported on Area I and State contest and the winners of both.
14. District Advisory to Department Standing Committees (one year terms)
 - a. American Flag Display and Sales, Jim Park. Reported that the "Veterans Remembered" Flag could be used by posts as a fund raising method.
 - b. Blood Donor, Kevin Kilkenny, Had schedule of Dixon blood drives for the year 2010.
 - c. Insurance, Jack Flynn, reported that they have given department over 55 million dollars so far.
 - d. POW/MIA John Angier, written report containing information on finding remains of an AC 130 gunship shot down in Laos during the war.
16. Reports of the Advisory Committees to the Department Commissions:
 - a. Boys State, Jack Schipper, made a report what forms were needed, time lines and about the Boys State Luncheon to raise funds for transportation to Boys State, Luncheon will be at the Santa Rosa Veterans building on Sunday, May 16th. They can take more boys this year, they have added new dorms. District has second largest amount of Boys.
 - b. Convention Housing, E. Paul Ball, reported reservation are all fouled up from error in Fresno.
 - c. Housing (Veterans), Bud Simmons, reported on: VA home loans are now available up to \$521,250. Tax Credit of up to \$8,000 for First-Time Homebuyers.
 - d. Naturalization, Warlito Moises, reported on new test questions to applicants wishing to become naturalized citizens. He had sample questions.
 - e. 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. District ranks 3rd in the state for membership. Post 313 and 208 have paperwork into Department for new SAL charter. Post 111 in process of forming SAL post.
 - f. Ways and Means, Marvin Schmitz, collected \$251.00 from day's raffle.
18. Post Commanders made their reports. There were only 18 written reports submitted.
19. Correspondence was read.
20. Unfinished business:
 - a. Report on the National Commanders visitations. Had a copy of his schedule. Fred Walton and Bud Simmons are his driver and escorts.
 - b. The last 5th District meeting of the legion year was finalized. It would be June 6, 2010 and Mare Island Navy Post 550.
 - c. Paul Ball is the Chairman of the Yountville Picnic. He gave out schedule, about BBQ on Saturday and Sunday activities. He will need help from District members.
21. Sick Call –Dick Bettencourt, Ed Fobes, Paul Vinci.
22. New business:
 - a. Adjutant again reminded Posts about packet mailed from Department containing dates and needed reports.
23. Resolutions Committee Report:
 - a. There was a resolution to donate \$500.00 to Post 489, for the National Commanders visit. The resolution was withdrawn, because no action could be taken until next District meeting because of cost and no in normal budget.
 - b. A Motion was made by Jack Flynn, seconded by John Angier to present Dixon Post No. 208, with the Bread and Butter resolution. Passed. The Commander was called forward and the presentation was made.
24. Good of the Legion:
 - a. Information on the Area I, meeting coming up.
- 25-27. Normal adjournment ceremonies at 3:15pm.

Robert R. Safreno, Adjutant