

THE "MIGHTY" FIFTH DISTRICT

American Legion Bulletin

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MEMBERSHIP for the 2010/2011 year.....

Marv's "Mighty 5th" box scores as of August 24, 2010

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "A"	(Over 300)			
21	672	0	0	
111	383	177	46.21	*
165	366	153	41.80	
437	301	92	30.56	
Totals	1,722	514	29.85	

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "B"	(200-300)			
28	243	110	45.27	*
101	209	74	35.41	
113	243	67	27.57	
182	292	100	34.25	
194	207	0	0	
199	228	101	44.30	
208	251	83	33.07	
550	280	110	39.29	
Totals	1,953	645	33.03	*

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "C"	(100 199)			
37	156	58	37.18	
104	139	58	41.73	
179	150	62	41.33	
293	165	0	0	
313	195	0	0	
338	123	39	31.71	
489	165	71	43.03	*
540	119	39	32.77	
Totals	1,212	327	26.98	

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "D"	(1-99)			
178	57	0	0	
231	35	12	34.29	
306	54	13	24.07	
603	37	25	67.57	*
850	27	12	44.44	
Totals	210	62	29.52	

District Total: (5,097) 1,458 30.37%
(05/11/10) Delegates 136 + 5 = 141

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

COMMANDER, MICHAEL H. McSWEEN:

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

Please can/vanpool if you can and bring a white elephant gift for our raffle for REHAB.

The Department is still asking for Post Certification of Officers. The last list I received from Department asked for Posts 21,101,113,178,179,194,306 and 850. If you have submitted your Certifications, please let Department know.

Please feel free to invite me to any of your Post functions. The only commitments I have are on Tuesday night and the second Wednesday of the month. Please put me on your mailing lists information listed below.

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FIRST VICE-COMMANDER, MARVIN L. SCHMITZ:

Department has not been able to come up with a standard membership report as of the publication of this bulletin. If you are checking the Goals for 2011 year and you are concerned. Please do not hold me responsible for the quotas added to your Post. National has given a quota to California of 10% over the Goal for the 2010 year. Not what your Post ended up the past year in membership.

Please do the best you can and do not give up trying. Some of these goals may seem somewhat out of line, but it is the best we can do. Do not hold your transmittals of membership information or cards, it only hurts your members to not get their membership card in reasonable length of time.

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SEPTEMBER 2010 DISTRICT MEETING:

The next District meeting will be Sunday, September 19, 2010. Hosted by Dixon Post 208. It will be held in Dixon, at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 231 North 1st Street, Dixon, CA. 707-678-6308, 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 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. 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.

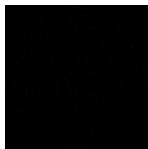
I have enclosed a condensed copy of the June 6th District meeting. This will save time at the District meeting as we will not have to read the three pages of minutes.

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5th DISTRICT PRESIDENT, PEGGY GRABSKI

"Music"

Membership
United in
Service, **I**deals
and
Commitment"



Greetings ladies:

September 19th, at Dixon, begins our Auxiliary year for 2010-2011. It is time to review our Unit handbooks, to renew our knowledge of the Auxiliary Programs.

It is time to acknowledge the A.L.A. members who have served the Auxiliary throughout the years. They are our gold.

Welcome to our new members, "Get Involved" in the programs you are interested in, There is something for everyone. You are our Silver and our future.

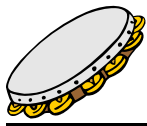
All members need to participate in building membership. With Troops returning stateside, there is a wealth of prospective members. They need us as we need them.

Participation is the key word to fulfilling the A.L.A. goals in our District

With work, fun and fellowship we keep our commitment to our Legion, Auxiliary, Veterans and their children.

Looking forward to seeing you at the District meeting.

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DATES TO REMEMBER: (2010/2011) –

National American Legion Convention:

August 26 to September 1, 2011 – Minneapolis, Minnesota (completed)

Department of California Convention:

June 23rd – 26th, 2011, 93rd Annual State Convention, Ontario, CA

DEC. Spring:

August 13-14, 2010, (Completed) Look for Fall DEC.

Area I meetings:

September 11-12, 2010, Chester, Harry Doble Post 664

November 13-14, 2010, Willits, Willits Post 174

February 26-27, 2011, Healdsburg, Sotoyome Post 111

May 21-22, 2011, Woodland, Yolo Post 77

Mighty "Fifth" District Meetings:

September 19, 2010 – Dixon Post 208

November 21, 2010 – Theodore Roosevelt Post 21, Santa Rosa.

January 16, 2011 – Petaluma Post 28

District meeting date unknown?

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

Special Events:

May 1, Jun 12, Jul 10, Aug 21 and Sep 18, 2011. Flea Market, fund raising opportunity, 40 & 8, Santa Rosa

September 16 to November 28, 2010: Petaluma Museum will have "The Vietnam Experience, a Soldiers Story. NOTE: District members will have exhibits there. (Ask Bob Safreno for more information)

November 11, 2010. Northbay Veterans Day parade, Petaluma.

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

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of the
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Department of California

JOHN H. ALDRIDGE, Commander

ROBERT R. SAFRENO, Adjutant

MINUTES OF MEETING, Sunday, June 6, 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 10:02am, was hosted by Mare Island Navy Post 550, at the Veterans building in Vallejo.
- 4-5. Roll call Officers 10 present 1 excused. Posts 17 present, 8 absent.
6. Critic and Resolutions committee appointed.
7. Distinguished guest introduced by Bob Mattson. There were also 15 Past District Commanders in attendance.
9. Commander John Aldridge, gave out some challenge coins from the District and several ribbons for past awards.
10. Minutes of March 21, 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 tour at convention to NAS Lemoore. They need names for security purposes.
 - b. Americanism, Robert Mattson, only 6 Posts had turned in their reports out of 25 Posts.
 - c. Constitution and By-Laws, E. Paul Ball, be on watch for a resolution to reduce the quorum to 33 1/3%, to have a legal meeting. Fifth District has opposes resolution.
 - d. Scouting, Bob Taylor, the Eagle Scout of the year was from District 18. He had received only 8 reports so far. 2010 Scout Camporee is July 30 – August 1, Santa Barbara area.
 - e. Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Bud Simmons sent a lengthy report with eleven items effecting veterans.
 - f. [TA] Ways and Means, James E. Shank, Department has renewed the contracts for cards, etc..
14. District Advisory to Department Standing Committees (one year terms)
 - a. American Flag Display and Sales, Jim Park. Reported that the "Veterans Remembered" Flag approval would again be submitted to Department and National.
 - b. Blood Donor, Kevin Kilkenny, Dixon blood drive collected 31 pints of blood.
 - c. Insurance, Jack Flynn, reported that they have given department 2 million dollars this year.
 - d. POW/MIA John Angier, written report containing information on finding remains WWII veteran in Germany, and two remains from Vietnam. They were return to their families and given full military honors.
16. Reports of the Advisory Committees to the Department Commissions:
 - a. Boy's State, Jack Schipper. Spoke about the Boys State Luncheon. Bus schedule for transportation to Boys State. The District is sending 64 boys, which is the second largest amount in the state.
 - b. Children and Youth, Bob Taylor, reported that he has only received eight reports so far. He had a breakdown of what the contributions are so far.
 - c. Disaster and Emergency Services, Robert G. Alander, encouraged members to learn CPR.
 - d. Finance, James E. Shank: stated that they were borrowing from reserves.
 - e. Housing (Veterans), Bud Simmons, reported on: VA home loans. There was a lengthy list of common asked questions with answers for Prospective Borrowers.
 - f. Leadership, Tom Sarchipone, reported that there is no change to "Legionnaire of the Year Recommendations.
 - g. Naturalization, Warlito Moises, reported on Immigration Reform and what is happening in Arizona.
 - h. 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 2nd in the state for membership. Twin Cities 313 and Dixon 208 have paperwork into Department for charter. Healdsburg 111 in process of forming a Squadron. Mare Island 550 is talking about re-activation their Squadron.
 - i. Ways and Means, Marvin Schmitz, collected \$115.00 from day's raffle.
18. Post Commanders made their reports. There were only 17 written reports submitted.
19. Correspondence was read. There was also a thank you card from Rev. Vorris E. Hunter, Sr.
20. Unfinished business:
 - a. Report on the National Commanders visit to Dixon. Kevin Kilkenny reported.
 - b. 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 –None
22. New business:
 - a. a. Nominations and Election of Officers for 2010/11: All recommendation of the Nominating committee was accepted, without any opposition. There was a motion to cast a White ballot for all uncontested officers. Passed.
 - b. Convention Registration: John Angier would register all delegates at convention.
 - c. Convention Committees: Volunteer names were taken for those attending convention and put on committees.
 - d. Post clearances for Convention 2010: Adjutant went over the necessary clearances for convention in order to seat delegates at convention.
 - e. Installation of Officers for 2010/11: Would be on Sunday, July 25, 2010 at Petaluma Post 28.
 - f. Motion by Jack Flynn, seconded by Marv Schmitz, to invite the new National Commander to Theodore Roosevelt Post 21, when he makes his visit to California. Passed by all members present.
23. Resolutions Committee Report:
 - a. A Motion was made by Bob Taylor, seconded by Jack Pressey to present Mare Island Navy Post No. 550, with the Bread and Butter resolution. Passed. The Commander was called forward and the presentation was made.
24. Good of the Legion:
 - a. Fred Barnes spoke about a book from CDVA that had valuable information.
 - b. Information on the August Air show at the Charles M. Schulz airport north of Santa Rosa.
 - c. Jack Pressey spoke about the Vallejo WWII sub's
 - d. Paul Ball stated that they are going to try and have PCC meetings after the 5th District meetings.
- 25-27. Normal adjournment ceremonies at 3:15pm.

Robert R. Safreno, Adjutant