



Post 55, Laguna – Elk Grove GENERAL Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, March 22, 2023

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| Present: | Commander - Larry Sahota | Adjutant - Arlene Salvador |
| (*Excused) | 1st Vice Commander – Gary Evans | Judge Advocate – Wes Bullard |
| | 2 nd Vice Commander – Brent Kone | Chaplain – Paul Copsey |
| | 3rd Vice Commander – Frank Goehringer | Veterans Service Officer – Albert Revives* |
| | Finance Officer – Jack Edwards | Historian – Janis Gannaway* |
| | Sergeant at Arms – Robert Dreyer | Web – Jack Edwards |
| | <u>Members at Large</u> | <u>Hall Board</u> |
| | 3 yr – Wes Bullard | 3 yr – Wes Bullard |
| | 2 yr – Derrick Tucker | 2 yr – Paul Copsey |
| | 1 yr – Gary Evans | 1 yr – Jack Edwards |

Next meetings: Executive Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 7pm
Elk Grove Veterans Memorial Hall,
8230 Civic Center DR, Elk Grove CA 95657

General Meeting
Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 7pm
Elk Grove Veterans Memorial Hall,
8230 Civic Center DR, Elk Grove CA 95657

1. Meeting started at 7:00pm / Post Members & guests present: 30, Zoom: 4

2. Meeting established by use of Roberts Rules of Order

3. Quorum

Roll called & quorum established

4. Meeting Minutes

Motions for approval of minutes: held until next month when minutes are posted to website.

Copies are available upon request

5. New Members

Chris English & Larry Woods were introduced then voted into the post by members

6. Guests

D'Ann Moseley, 1st Vice Commander, Post 233

Dan Moseley, Historian, Post 233

Elizabeth Rhoan, Recreation, Partnerships & Events Coordinator, CSD

Kathy Sansone, Quilts of Valor, Elk Grove Quilt Guild: presentation of quilts

- Quilts awarded: Paul Copsey

7. Sick Call

George Ball, Leo Plumley & Dave Thorne, Post 233

8. Upcoming New members:

None

9. Officers Reports

- 1st Vice Commander (Gary Evans): Membership Report:
 - o New 2 (tonight); PUFL 12; Post 1000 1; Total members 65
- Finance Officer (Jack Edwards): Current standing of Incorporation/Non-profit status is currently in process. Finances of post are still in progress, encouraged membership to participate in current fundraiser – Ham Dinner. Report available upon request
- Adjutant (Arlene Salvador): Reported on various events
 - o **March 29 (Wed)**: Vietnam Veterans Day – Veterans Breakfast Club (Washington DC) 3pm – 5pm PST, register online to join LIVE at [Vietnam Veterans Day 50th Anniversary Event Registration, Wed, Mar 29, 2023 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#) (← click the link)
 - o **March 30 – April 2**: The Wall that Heals (Rusch Park, 7801 Auburn BLVD, Citrus Heights, CA)
 - Website: <https://thewallthathealscitrusheights.com>
 - o **PACT Act**: Find out more about your veterans benefits. If you were turned down before, re-register so you may be eligible for expanded benefits for you and your family. Visit the website at: [The PACT Act And Your VA Benefits | Veterans Affairs](#) (← click the link). OR visit the VSO on Thursdays 9am – 2pm at the Elk Grove Veterans Memorial Hall (District 56).
 - o **December 9 & 16**: Wreaths Across America, Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon, CA – final details are being discussed. Programs are not as robust as previously done due to COVID restrictions. Changes will come soon.
- Chaplain (Paul Copsey): no report
- Hall Board (Wes Bullard, Paul Copsey, Robert Bullock): Fundraiser upcoming
 - o **March 31 (Fri)**: Drive-thru fundraiser, \$50 for a meal with Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Salad & Hawaiian Rolls. Visit the post website and get your tickets. [Post 55 Drive-Thru Ham Dinner Event - Post 55 Laguna-Elk Grove \(americanlegionelkgrove.com\)](#) (← click the link)

- 2nd Vice Commander (Brent Kone): Post events reported
 - o **April 8 (Sat):** 8 - 11am, Post 55 Breakfast, Albani Recreation Center, 8830 Sharkey AVE, Elk Grove, CA
 - o **May 5 – 7:** (date & time TBD), Sacramento Standdown, McClellan AFB Park, CA – need volunteers to help serve a meal, see 3rd Vice Commander
 - o **May 11 (Thu):** 10am – 2pm, Veteran Resource Fair, Elk Grove Veterans Memorial Hall (District 56), see 3rd Vice Commander for details
 - o **May 20 (Sat):** (time & place TBD) Armed Forces Day – partnership w/Post 233, 1st Vice Cmdr, Post 233 will report next month
 - o **May 21 (Sun):** Rio Linda Post 521, 6700 8th ST, Rio Linda, CA
 - 9am, District 6 Past Commanders Meeting,
 - 10am, District 6 General Meeting
 - o **May 29 (Mon):** 10am, Memorial Day, Elk Grove Cosumnes Cemetery District, 8540 Elk Grove BLVD, Elk Grove, CA
 - o Future events: Hometown Heroes, Run for the Hungry, Memorial Day & more, future major fundraiser in planning stages
- Commander (Larry Sahota):
 - o **Apr 28 – 30:** DEC, Hilton Garden Inn, Bakersfield, CA – discussion of Post charter will be presented and voted on. No one from the post will be able to attend. It is on track for final approval.
 - o **Mar 21 (Wed):** After Hours Business Mixer, 3 post members were in attendance. Membership with the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce will prove to be beneficial to the Chamber and the Post. The next Chamber event is *April 18 (Third Tuesdays)*, 5:30p at Christopher Cellars Winery, 9654 Bradshaw RD, Elk Grove, CA

10. Unfinished or New Business/Correspondence

- *Post 55 Sons of the American Legion (SAL):* (Brent Kone) currently recruiting new members – need 10 to start, 12 interested so far. Need volunteers to assist in key positions as Commander, Advisor, etc. See 2nd Vice Commander for more details
 - o Open to floor for approval 1) Jack Edwards, 2) Robert Bullock; voted & approved by post membership
- *Post 55 Riders:* (Wes Bullard) currently recruiting new members – need 5 to start, 4 interested & need one more.
 - o Open to floor for approval 1) Robert Courtinier, 2) Paul Copsey; voted & approved by post membership

11. For the Good of the Legion

- *ETS (Expiration Time of Service) Program:* (Steven Spriggs) Program is progressing well. Working with City of Elk Grove officials on a center to be established to assist veterans interested in this program. For more details see Steven.

- **Special thanks** to Wes, Elizabeth & company for the meal tonight. Ham Dinner preview was a hit & lots of leftovers as well. Members reminded to work together and come to volunteer at 2pm at the Elk Grove Veterans Memorial Hall (District 56). Come ready to assist!
- **Mar 29 (Wed):** Vietnam Veterans Day, Vietnam Veterans get special treatment at Stones Gambling Hall, 6508 Antelope RD, Sacramento, CA see Paul Rios for information
- **Mar 29 (Wed):** Reading of the Names, Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Capitol Park, need volunteers for this event to read names see Paul Rios for information.
- **Request for Run Captain:** Run for the Hungry – Mark Jansson volunteered from last month.

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Salvador

Adjutant

American Legion Post 55, Laguna-Elk Grove