



Post 55, Laguna – Elk Grove GENERAL Meeting Minutes

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ZOOM LINK:

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Meeting ID: 860 0366 7307 Passcode 246246

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

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 Copsy*
	3rd Vice Commander – Frank Goehringer*	Vet Service Officer – Karen Randles*
	Finance Officer – Jack Edwards	Historian – Dan Moseley (acting)
	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 Copsy*
	1 yr – Gary Evans	1 yr – Jack Edwards

Next meetings:	Executive Meeting	General Meeting
	Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 6pm	Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7pm

1. Meeting started at 7:00pm / Post Members & guests present: 36, Zoom: 1

2. Meeting established by use of Roberts Rules of Order

3. Quorum

Roll called & quorum established

4. Meeting Minutes

Minutes are posted to website. Copies are available upon request

5. New Members

None at this meeting

6. Guests

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

Chuck Forbes, Member-at-Large Post 233

Last names?: Tony, Jim (USA), Nell (wife), Chris (Post 233), Lorda (wife)

7. Sick Call

Chaplain Cosey; James Hall; Richard Madrigal; Frank Goehringer's father; Karen Randles

8. Upcoming New members:

None at this meeting

9. Officers Reports

- 1st Vice Commander (Gary Evans): Membership Report:
 - o 95 members; PUFL 23, Info. regarding the 3 year deal is available on the AL National website. If you have questions please contact the 1st Vice CDR for more info. contact Gary Evans at gary.evans@frontiernet.net. We need to work on added members as we go forward, encourage everyone to reach out to a veteran!
- 2nd Vice Commander (Brent Kone): Working on the current fundraiser & future events.
 - o Post Breakfast, Mar 9 at Gil Albiani Recreation Center, 8830 Sharkey AVE, Elk Grove. Come join us on the second Saturday of the month for a great pancake breakfast put on by the Elk Grove Lions Club.
 - o Fundraiser Donations: We need donations of items for baskets, raffles and live auction. Reach out to community businesses for their help. We will provide a letter of recognition for donations & our non-profit status for their taxes.
- Finance Officer (Jack Edwards): Fundraiser is going full force. Funds received are for the fundraiser. Full report available upon request; ideas for fundraisers are welcome! Volunteers needed to assist for various jobs at the fundraiser check out the [signup genius for more info.](#)
- Adjutant (Arlene Salvador): Reported on various events
 - o **Feb 24 (Sat) Pacific Palisades Post 283 – Ronald Reagan post:** Area 1: Mahee Haswani has won 1st place and will now go onwards to the AL National Oratorical contest in Hillsdale College, MI. The event will be on May 17. Now that Oratorical is completed focus will be to fundraise for the 2025 Oratorical Contest.
 - o **Boys & Girls State (Jun):** Selections have been made and we have 1 boy and 1 girl representative. CDR Sahota briefed the contestants and they will attend the event at Sacramento State University, Sacramento, CA. More details as we get closer!
 - 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).

- **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
 - **May:** (date & time TBD), Sacramento Standdown, McClellan AFB Park, CA – need volunteers to help serve a meal, see 3rd Vice Commander
 - **May (Sat):** (time & place TBD) Armed Forces Day – partnership w/Post 233, 1st Vice Cmdr, Post 233 will report next month
 - **May 27 (Mon):** 10am, Memorial Day, Elk Grove Cosumnes Cemetery District, 8540 Elk Grove BLVD, Elk Grove, CA
 - Future events: Hometown Heroes, Independence Day Run (formerly Run for the Hungry), Memorial Day & more, future major fundraiser in planning stages
- Commander (Larry Sahota):
 - **Apr 16 (Tues):** After Hours Business Mixer with the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce
 - **Jul 1:** Dues raised by \$5.00 for the year
 - **Scout Troop 555:** Now officially sponsored by Post 55, AL Laison, Scott McAllister and will report periodically on scout activities. Currently Post 55 has purchased caps & scarves for the scouts so they can proudly represent us. Look for them at the upcoming fundraiser!!
 - **Second Reading of Amendment:** Addition of Post Auxiliary to our Post bylaws to update our post family. All questions answered a first by Leo Plumley & second by Robert Bullock. A vote was held and the amendment will now be added to the post bylaws. Documents for the forming of the Post Auxiliary will be submitted.

10. Unfinished or New Business/Correspondence

None

11. For the Good of the Legion

- **Mar 28 (Thu): 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.**
- **Apr 19-21: American Legion College** – learn more about the American Legion, contact the Commander for more info.
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Regional Park. BBQ hot dogs with goodies to follow hosted by Post 233. For more info. contact the Commander.

- **Lions Club Fundraiser:** Suggested we reciprocate by their assistance with our fundraiser to buy a table at their event. Question was raised, call for vote: First by Gary Evans & Second by Jack Evans. Approved by membership present. A table will be purchased & interested attendees will need to contact the Commander if they want to attend.

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Salvador

Adjutant

American Legion Post 55, Laguna-Elk Grove