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**General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**September 3, 2024**

Meeting was called to order by Commander Albert Mireles Jr at 6:30 P.M. The standard opening ceremony was conducted.

Adjutant Allen Iott called the roll of Officers and Executive Committee members. Called for a quorum were:

Post Officers: Post Executive Committee Members:

1. Commander, Albert Mireles Jr Present 1. Carlos Salazar Present
2. 1st Vice Commander, Pat Farrell Present 2. Eddie Garcia Absent
3. 2nd Vice Commander Michael Knott Present 3. Louie Gomez Absent
4. Judge Advocate, Anthony A. Arnold Present 4. Robert Villagran Present
5. Adjutant, Allen G. Iott Present 5. Laleche Seay Absent
6. Finance Officer, Carlos Mendez Present
7. Service Officer, Eddie Tello Absent
8. Historian, VACANT
9. Sgt-At-Arms, Robert Anton Present
10. Asst Sgt-At-Arms, Daniel Rodriguez Absent

11. Chaplain, VACANT

Quorum was present to conduct business.

General Membership minutes were handed out to the membership present prior to the meeting and posted on Post website. Motion was presented by Todd Griffin and seconded by Robert Anton to approve minutes. Motion was voted upon and passed.

The following members were voted in: new members: Ruben Mireles (USN/Vietnam); David Marez (USN/GWOT); David Mireles (USAF/Vietnam) and Post Transfers: James D. Robbins, TX Post 336; Louis Barbour, TX Post 345; Jesus Limon, TX Post 345; David Collins, TX Post 345; Adolfo Alaniz, TX Post 345; Reymundo Chapa, CO Post 1879 and Ernesto Ruiz, TX Post 579. Motion by Allen Iott and seconded by Todd Griffin to accept the members into Alamo Post 2. Motion passed.

**Guests**

Scouts were present with Pack 2 Leadership of Elizabeth Montgomery, Marie Barba, Letty Escobar and Samantha Escobar and Troop 2 leadership of David Rodriguez, Charles Barba, Rick Plough, and John Tedrowe. The scouts were presented their Pack and Troop flags by Commander Mireles.

Ted Johnson (Navy) and Patrick Quinn attended their first Post General meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**First Vice Commander** reported that the Post renewal is 349 of a goal of 685 members or 50.95% of goal.

**Second Vice Commander** reported that the focus has shifted from Boys State to the Oratorical contest in November to December. He reminded the membership of the 20th District golf tournament on 15 September at Fort Sam Houston golf course with proceeds to the transportation of 20th District statesmen to the TX Boys State in June 2025.

**Finance Officer** Reported that the balance of the General/Enterprise fund is $13,814.05 and the balance in the building fund is $17,380.73. He also reported that the Scout Fund is $715.00. Financial report was approved subject to review.

He also advised that TABC has another training requirement in addition to the food handlers and TABC certification is Opioid-related drug overdose course.

**Adjutant** presented the National Commander membership Incentive pins to Carlos Salazar, Pat Farrell, and Joe Sanchez for recruiting two new members during membership year 2024.

**Chaplain:** No report

**Judge Advocate** No report.

**Post Service Officer:** No report.

**Historian** No report

Standing Committees:

**Building and House Committee Chairman**: reported that the new carpet will be complete in the area in front of the Post offices and ballroom entrance.

**Budget and Finance Committee Chairman** No report

**Color Guard:** The color guard participated in the opening ceremony of the Texas Puro Vida Awards program at the Tobin Center on 16 August.

**Scouting:**  The Scouts will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on 5 October 2024 from 0900-1200

**Sons of the American Legion (SAL):** No report

**Legion Rider Chairman** No report

**Public Affairs/Hubmaster Committee Chairman No report.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Brian Piacentini did a coordination review of the upcoming Medicare briefing that he and Doanld “DOC” Ballard will be presenting during the monthly Fish Fry on 6 September. Everyone 64+ will be served a free fish sandwich and an opportunity to speak with Doc Ballard who is a recipient of the Medal of Honor. The event will start with meet/greet at 1600 hrs; presentation at 1630 hrs with dinner at 1700 hrs. There will be tickets available for those 64+ and a raffle for a MOH challenge coin.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

One of the pillars is Americanism which also includes voting. There is a need for poll workers and Bexar County has expressed that they would like American Legion to volunteer at the poll places. There is also discussion of Alamo Post becoming a polling location during a future election.

Post members are encouraged to go on Legion.org/action which is a grassroots arm of the American Legion to make the politicians aware of those bills that are important to us. On the website, there are several legislations and a prepared email that will be sent to the congress members in your area.

The POW/MIA Remembrance ceremony and dance will be held on 20 September for $25.00 each person with Top Shelf as the band.

Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be held on 9 November with tickets at $65.00 per person.

Carlos Mendez reminded members to complete the basic training of The American Legion to familiarize themselves in the history and the significance of the Four Pillars: Rehabilitation of Veterans, Children and Youth, Americanism, and National Defense.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the Chaplain offered the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned by the Commander at 1930 hours.

Prepared by:

Allen Iott Alamo Post 2 Adjutant