



## Post 552

# American Legion Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2024

Meeting Called to Order: \_\_6:00\_\_\_\_pm

### Officers Present:

Commander	Kent Vanhorn	
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Mike Hill	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Bill Marsh	
Adjutant	Doug Benzel	
Finance Off.	Mark Seamon	
Chaplain	Bill Bartle	
Sergeant-At-Arms	Jim Vander Ploeg	Absent
Asst Adjutant	Travis Methvin	Absent

Other members: Bill Heard, Gabe Rowin and Dave Schmidt

Guests: None

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes of the August meeting were displayed and approved as written.

### Committee Reports:

Finance: Mark reminded us that we have two CDs coming up for maturity. He advised that the timing is wrong currently for making changes. Bill Bartle made a motion to wait until after the election to make changes and Bill Marsh seconded. The motion was voted down. Comments were made to put the In Trust CD into the Nasdaq QYLD. Due to market uncertainties, the Commander tabled the discussion for the next meeting.

Membership: Doug reported the Post FY 2025 membership is 84 with a goal of 149. This is 56.38% and the District average is 48.23%.

Sick Call: Bill Bartle reported Travis is out due to illness; probably the flu.

Unfinished Business:

**Scout Troop 271:** No new development to report.

**Guest Speakers:** Bill Heard said he would like to have a speaker at the November meeting. He is Master Sergeant Carlos Inot who has experience with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne and combat in Vietnam. He received the Bronze Star. The Commander suggested we have a short meeting, and let Carlos speak at 6:30. Bill asked for names and addresses of AL Post and VFW Post members so he can mail invitations to them. Bill will pay for the postage. Doug will provide AL members and Gabe will provide VFW members.

**Fundraisers:** Bill Marsh presented an updated list of tasks for the wine tasting (see attached). He requested each of us provide two items for raffle prizes and he will provide us with a list of potential businesses to canvass. Doug will make arrangements with Liz for Square training. Gabe said he can increase bar prices during the event by \$1 and that would be returned to the Post.

**Investments:** Covered under Finance.

**VFW/AL Agreement:** Mike reported there is nothing new to report, but expects a product from the VFW by next meeting. Discussion ensued on the value of a new agreement versus the original agreement, which hasn't been in effect for years. The Commander reiterated the contents and rationale of the new draft agreement, and explained why it makes sense.

New Business: None

Good of the Order: Doug mentioned that the new door project for the hall has been approved and we are in the process of selecting the right door. Expected installation is November.

Doug reminded all of the Honor Flight return on Sunday, September 29. He will provide transportation for anyone wishing to carpool, but they must let him know in advance. We wear our AL caps and meet at Terminal 2 baggage. The flight arrives at 1:15, but we should be in place by Noon. Free parking and free shuttle service is provided from the Port of San Diego lots at the corner of Pacific Highway and Sassafras. Sundance Stage Lines will operate from 11:30 to 3:30 pm.

Gabe said he is in charge of the ceremony for POW/MIAs at Mt Soledad on September 21. Everyone is invited.

Meeting was adjourned at \_\_ 7:06 pm \_\_\_\_\_

/s/Signed September 23, 2024

Adjutant