



American Legion Auxiliary - East Palo Alto Unit 472

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February 13, 2008

General Meeting: Opened at 7:03 PM (PT) by Second Vice President Guang Ming Whitley

Attendance: Elissa Kirkland, Valerie Hardy, Raylene Merino, Susan Middendorf, Lou Thompson, Mary Martin, Angela McCoy, Linda Workman, Yoko Igawa, Sarah Sled, Nancy Brown Park, Bea Waggett

1. **Minutes** of January 10, 2008 approved by those present.
2. **Treasurer's Report** filed for audit.

Secretary/Treasurer Lou presented report on Amazon.com income for fiscal year.

Officer/Chairmen Reports

Poppy :: Co-Chairman Bea reported that the poppy order is received and she is inventorying. The poppies will be available beginning March 1 for members to start ordering. Send orders to Chairman Susan and copy to Co-Chairman Bea.

Poppy postage (including poppies, envelope and 2 pages about the poppies) – 25 = 58 cents, 50 = 58 cents, 75 = 75 cents, 100 = 92 cents. Remember, postage will increase 1-cent beginning May 1, so order soon. The poppies cost 15 cents each. For example, if you order 100 poppies, please remit \$15.92.

Each order will include an invoice for quantity of poppies ordered, postage info, check payable to, where to send all money relating to the poppy activity, and a letter with other information about the poppy, especially info that poppies are to be 'fluffed' open before offering. Some members ordered poppies earlier in the year. Bea and Susan have that listing.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation :: Chairman Bea thanked Angela, Christina, Joyce, Lou, and Mary for already participating in honoring their Veterans on our Unit's "Veterans Honor Wall." Don't our other members want to honor their family veterans or special personal veteran friend? The Wall can be viewed at http://alaunit472.org/veterans_honor_wall.htm

"National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans" – little did I ever expect that one of my very own veterans on this Veteran Honor Wall would be in this 'hospitalized' situation and I'd be sending him a Thank You Military Valentine Greeting during this week. She encouraged all members to remember hospitalized veterans by sending valentines and notes of thanks for their service to our country.

Girls State :: Chairman Guang Ming updated the members on the Girls State delegates sponsored by the unit. Eastside Prep has now selected a delegate. We are still awaiting word from East Palo Alto, and from potential replacement schools SF Univ. High and Walnut High. Judie Tabacchi, Department Girls State Committee Member, has asked if we can pick up Mark Koeppel and Alhambra High, and Val has asked about Wendy Bright

of Anaheim's private high school. So it looks like we will have replacements if the other schools do not follow through. Guang Ming explained how she interviewed the candidates.

We have 7 full sponsorships from the staff at Guang Ming's office and she has collected all but 2 of the checks, which are on their way to her in interoffice mail. Valerie committed to donating \$200. Kerry indicated that we have \$500 from the Post from last year, and they are planning to donate \$500 for this year. There will be enough money raised to cover the \$3,150 needed to send the delegates to Girls State. Guang Ming requested that a check for \$320 be sent to Unit #170 (co-sponsor) since the delegate will be paying the \$30 application fee.

3. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

4. New Business

April Physical Meeting :: Nancy and Linda will produce a poll concerning the April physical meeting. There was discussion about holding the meeting at the Post 472 meeting place in the McArthur Park restaurant for either lunch or dinner. It was also suggested that we contact Hospital Representative Pat Klang to arrange for a tour of the hospital and the new Fisher House that weekend. Linda will contact Pat. Nancy and Linda will report to the members between this meeting and March's meeting to let us know if these suggestions will be possible.

5. Announcements

DEC Report :: Linda shared that Bea received her National President's Award for Excellence at the Department Mid Year meeting in January. It is really beautiful. Linda was hoping that the District President would be able to present it (or at least show it to the members of the District) as this is a real honor. Congrats Bea!

Linda also reported that the auditors report was given to the members of the executive board and there were several discrepancies found by the auditor. The department Secretary/Treasurer was given until February 29, to clear all the discrepancies or employment action would be taken.

Generally everything else was about what Units have done so far this year and the votes to accept the Americanism titles for next year as well as the auditing firm and convention recorder.

National President's Visit :: Just a reminder that the National President Jane Pulvermacher-Ryan will be making her official visit to Northern California on Sunday, March 2, 2008 at Post 419 in Santa Clara. Reservation deadline February 27th. The Southern Visit is on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at Post 283 in Pacifica palisades. Reservation deadline February 25th. Let Linda know if you want to attend either and she will give you the contact information.

Fund Raiser :: There is a fund raiser for the incoming Department President, LuAnn Capazzi in Ridgecrest on April 5, 2008. Linda has information if you are interested in attending.

Supporting Veterans :: Guang Ming shared that she is working on a pro bono case that is a veteran's benefits appeal for a Vietnam vet. She did the training a few months ago and this is her firm's first case in this area.

Monthly Hostess :: No hostess was assigned for the March meeting.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM (PT)

Lou Thompson (Signature)