



# American Legion Auxiliary - East Palo Alto Unit 472

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General Meeting: Opened at 7:07 PM (PT) by President Sherry Schneider

Attendance: Sherry Schneider, Nancy Brown Park, Lou Thompson, Mary Martin, Linda Workman, Valerie Hardy, Kerry Finley, Angela McCoy, Lucia Anderson (via email)

1. **Minutes** of September 12, 2007 approved.
2. **Treasurer's Report** filed for audit.
3. **Chairmen Reports**

**President Sherry** :: My president's report must have gotten lost in cyber space so I'm posting now. I just want to encourage every member to Make a Difference in their communities on Make A Difference Day which falls on Saturday October 27th. There's a link on page 2 of the Unit's October Bulletin on the website for Make a Difference Day where you can locate projects or create one of you own. There are 34 projects currently planned in California - find one that fits you and get involved.

**Discussion** :: Linda suggested, creating a small note or card. On the front is the word "We . . ." and on the inside are the words ". . . made a difference in your day." It could be signed, "East Palo Alto Unit 472 - American Legion Auxiliary." Then we do something special like buy coffee for the guy in front of us, we then hand him the card.

**President Sherry** :: One of the things I remember as a kid growing up in this organization is that after the meeting we got snacks. Obviously my favorite part of the meeting. Each meeting one member would volunteer to bring the refreshments. Since we meet online it obviously would be kind of hard to bring refreshments to share with everyone. But keeping in the spirit of this time honored ALA tradition and making it e-unit friendly I'd like to ask one member to volunteer each meeting to be the hostess. They would post the recipe at the end of the meeting. They would prior to the meeting actually prepare the food item and donate it to a local homeless shelter, VA hospital, hospice, children or senior community center. Then, let us know when you post the recipe where you donated it, as well. Just to be careful. You should check with the location before hand as some places won't take homemade unwrapped food. So, I volunteer to be the hostess this month stay turned at the end of the meeting to see what I made and if those who ate it survived.

**Membership Chairman Angela** :: New member Lucia Anderson is introduced and welcomed. Linda reports having four new Junior members to send to the chairman. Valerie will be sending applications for her mother and 2 daughters. The membership goal for the Unit is 43.

Angela reports that her niece has joined the Air Force and will be leaving for boot camp at the end of this month. She is eligible to join our unit as a member (through her grandfather, and once in the service, as a member in her own right). Angela will speak with her, process her membership, and is hoping that our unit will then adopt her as a service member.

**4. Unfinished Business**

***Girls State Chairman Guang Ming*** :: Guang Ming has secured funding for 2 extra high schools. Valerie moved to moved to sponsor 2 additional girls for Girls State 2008. The motion was seconded by Linda. After discussion the motion was amended to read 3 additional girls for Girls State 2008. (The additional schools being Palos Verdes High, High Tech High, and Aptos High School in Santa Cruz.) Motion was approved.

**5. New Business**

***National Security Chairman Chesed*** :: On Chesed's behalf Kerry moved to purchase 2 Blue Star Banners for our members Yoko Igawa, and Christina McBride. The total cost including tax and shipping is \$18.86. Seconded by Mary. After discussion the motion was approved.

**6. Announcements**

***District 26 Meeting*** :: Linda was not able to attend, but did share that the District roster and calendar are still not available.

***Member Christina McBride's New Baby*** :: Kerry reported "for those who have not seen the home page of our website lately, I just wanted to announce that member Christina McBride gave birth to Amelia *We're-still-working-on-a-middle-name* McBride on Tuesday, October 9th at 8:08pm. She weighed 8 lbs and 12 oz and is 20.5 inches long. Mom and baby are doing well and will be home soon. Amelia is a beautiful and happy baby and her big sister Lindsey is very proud!"

***Convention Awards*** :: Next week Linda will be sending the awards to those who won them at convention. She will scan them first and send the scans to Webmaster Lou.

***President Sherry's Recipe*** :: "OK, as unit hostess I made 40 Costco brownies (the best brownies ever). The recipe is on the box and if you follow the directions to the letter you won't be disappointed. I cut and put in individual baggies and donated to a women's shelter on my route. They give out bag lunches to the moms and kids. Is there a volunteer to be next month's hostess?" Linda Workman volunteered to be hostess next month. Kerry Finley will be the hostess in January.

**7. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM (PT)

Lou Thompson (Signature)