



# American Legion Auxiliary - East Palo Alto Unit 472

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December 13, 2007

General Meeting: Opened at 7:00 PM (PT) by President Sherry Schneider

Attendance: Bea Waggett, Lou Thompson, Mary Martin, Nicole Willis, Nancy Brown Park, Valerie Hardy, Angela McCoy, Jasmine Crews, Sherry Schneider, Becky Dunham, Yoko Igawa, Ashlie Simpson, Kelly Satterthwaite, Elissa Kirkland, Raylene Merino, Guang Ming Whitley

1. **Minutes** of November 8, 2007 approved by those present.
2. **Treasurer's Report** filed for audit.
3. **Chairmen Reports**

*Memberships* :: Chairman Angela Thompson reported we now have 40 paid members, 10 of which are juniors. The last day to pay ON TIME is December 31st. Please send your renewal checks to Angela ASAP.

*Poppy* :: Chairman Bea Waggett reported please look at the Original Poppy Poem contest our unit is having. There is information on unit home page. If you have questions, email Bea.

*Standing Rules* :: Chairman Yoko Igawa reported the last we communicated together via email we were still submitting changes to grammar and content of the standing rules but they are pretty much finalized. I am not certain when they can be submitted for the final version.

*Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation* :: Chairman Bea Waggett reported after looking in Department Chairman Bulletins and on Dept CA web site she could not locate a log form for HOME Service, so she created one fashioned after the 'Field Service' form – the HOME Service log form is on our unit VA&R web page. This is for those participating in the 'Squares' for lap robes project and should be used by any member for any other activity, event, or project for 'Home' Service, as there is a Pin you are eligible for after 50 Hours of service in this area, but need to record all of it as documentation information for the application. Bea is asking that anyone who has taken the ALA Field Service Orientation and has a Blue Card to let her know.

*Children & Youth* :: Chairman Elissa Kirkland reported about the special focus this year with the Children's Miracle Network. Fundraising for CMN is underway. She requested support to make this a success. There are bracelets for sale (\$2 each) to help support this program. Please be generous on behalf of our children. We need your unselfish help, support, and donations! The American Legion family is affiliated with 170 children's hospitals across the nation which provides quality health care to millions of children afflicted with various kinds of diseases.

If you would like to help, please send donations to the Treasurer (Lou Thompson). Please also send an email to the chairman (Elissa\_swimordie@hotmail.com) to let her know how many bracelets you have ordered! Please include the address you want the bracelets mailed to. She will snail mail the bracelets right away! Elissa will donate the bracelets to students at her school if members want to donate, but don't want the bracelets.

**4. E-Board Meeting**

During the e-Board meeting held Sunday, December 9 at 7 AM, the discussion included how to encourage more members to show up for meetings. Several board members worked to make contact with members, especially those who have not signed into Yahoo Groups and Instant Messenger. The results are evident with the solid attendance at tonight's meeting. (For the minutes from the meeting, go to the Secretary/Treasurer's page on the Website.)

President Sherry asked that all members present continue to connect with those who were not in attendance. She requested that we all assist with training where necessary. Some members are having minor technical difficulties and those will be addressed before the next meeting.

**5. Unfinished Business**

None

**6. New Business**

None

**7. Announcements**

Angela McCoy reported that she noticed a few homeless people sleeping in freezing cold weather because there are not enough beds in the area. She gave them each \$20 gift cards to Starbucks so that they can at least come in out of the cold for a hot cup of coffee or chocolate. She will report this work to the Community Service Chairman.

*Monthly Hostess* :: Nancy Brown-Park reported that she, Chole Park and a neighbor child made fruit cakes. They are giving them to *New Beginnings*. It's for homeless and those that need help in their neighborhood. Kerry Finley will be January's hostess.

President Sherry requested that before logging off of our computers tonight go to [www.letssaythanks.com](http://www.letssaythanks.com) and send a thank you card to a soldier currently serving in Iraq.

**8. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM (PT)

Lou Thompson (Signature)