



# East Palo Alto Unit #472

American Legion Auxiliary – Department of California

The meeting of East Palo Alto Unit 472 was called to order by **Unit President, Kerry Finley** at 6:30 pm on Thursday February 8, 2007. The meeting was opened in regular fashion. 10 members registered as present during the meeting.

It was moved, seconded and passed to wait until the text from the January meeting could be compared to the minutes to approve them.

The financial statement for the unit stated the balance on hand as of 1/31/07 was \$1585.03. No corrections were made so it will be placed on file for audit.

**President, Kerry Finley:** Haircuts for Homeless Update: The event will take place on Sunday, May 20th from 9:00am until 12:00 noon at the Loaves & Fishes in Sacramento.

**Americanism:** the Dept of CA Americanism Essay Contests for 2007-8:  
Group I Grades 4-5-6: "Why I Am Thankful to Live in America"  
Group II Grades 7-8-9: "How the Constitution of the United States Affects Me"  
Group III Grades 10-11-12: "What Does Being a Good American Citizen Mean?"  
Group IV Children w/Exceptional Needs: "Why We Should Fly the American Flag"

**Chaplain Christian McBride** reminded us that 4 Chaplains' Day Inter-Faith Service would be held at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco at 2pm on Feb 10.

**Historian Lou Thompson** check out the Veterans History Project website <http://www.loc.gov/vets/vets-home.html>

**Membership Chairman, Mary Martin:** 39 Members 4 of which our Jrs and 3 our VIMs.

**Fund raising Committee** reported that the expected income from the Chevy's fundraiser in Sacramento was \$100

**Girls State** Kerry reported that \$100 was donated by Marion Catholic and \$250 by Suasn Middendorf to pay for the Marion Catholic delegate. LouThompson donated \$350 to pay for the East Palo Alto Delegate.

Nancy Brown through Kerry reported on a new National Project called Month of the Military Child (link <http://www1.va.gov/volunteer/nshv.cfm>)

A motion to change the standing rules to the 2 hour format was tabled.

The 1<sup>st</sup> reading of a proposed to change to Article V, Section 1 was read. Article V, Section 1 reads as follows: "The Auxiliary Unit shall hold nine (9) meetings per year to be held on the second Thursday of each month. Seven (7) meetings will be held via electronic meeting devices in the months of October, November, December, January, February, March and July ~~for installation~~. Two (2) physical meetings will be held, one in April ~~for elections~~ and another in September (location to be determined by a consensus of the membership). Any of the above can be changed by a vote of the Unit. Members shall be notified via email of any changes in meeting terms at least three days prior to the date of the meeting."

It was decided to have Christina send a card from the unit to the post for the Legion Birthday in March.

**Annoucments:** The National President, Joanne Cronin, will be visiting northern CA on February 11, 2007. She will be at the Monterey Cypress Unit # 694. A visitation will be from 11:00am-12:00pm with lunch following at 12:00pm

The meeting was adjourned in regular fashion at 8:43pm.