

**MINUTES OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION**

DATE March 13, 2017

POST NO 838 DEPARTMENT OF California

COMPILED BY Rebecca Buck

Adjutant

APPROVED BY Chrystal Swope

Commander

ATTENDANCE

TIME

OFFICERS 8

CONVENED 1910

MEMBERS 4

ADJOURNED 2035

TOTAL 12

Roll Call of Officers

Commander Chrystal Swope - Present

1st Vice Commander

2nd Vice Commander Thomas Woods - Present

3rd Vice Commander Joel Dillard - Excused

Finance Officer Michelle De La Cruz - Present

Executive Committee

Paul Shumate - Present

Michelle De La Cruz - Present

Chaplain Harley Howard - Present

Judge Advocate Jack Durish - Present

Sergeant at Arms Don Swope - Present

Adjutant Rebecca Buck - Present

Meeting Minutes

Door closed and the meeting was called to order at 1910. Chaplain Harley Howard gave an opening prayer.

Don Swope made a motion to dispense with the reading of last meeting's minutes, Jack Durish seconded. Motion was voted and passed by members present.

Guests Introduced:

- 29th District board member, Dr. John Minnella
- Guest speaker and veteran, Dr. Ron Gellis
- Blue Star Mothers - Darleen, Stephanie and Tina
- Lyrice Marsh, veteran

Speaker: Dr. Ron Gellis, presented on Operation22MST.org designed to eliminate the number of women veteran suicides through an integrated recovery program for military sexual trauma and PTSD. Recovery center opening July 4 in Fallbrook, CA.

Officer Updates

- Finance:
 - Provided finance report for March (attached)
 - Don Swope made a motion to accept the finance report, Jack Durish seconded. Motion was voted and passed by members present, pending audit.
- Judge Advocate:
 - Memorial Day is the goal for handing out poppies; will be working this month and have updates at next month's meeting
- Executive Committee:
 - VetNet "Walk in their shoes 5K" in Mission Viejo on March 25 at Oso Creek Trail in Mission Viejo, email Michelle to be part of team (michelle.delacruz.29dist@gmail.com). Event is on post's new website: legion838.org
- Commander:
 - Board nominations are being accepted for July installation. Several positions are open: 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, and all other positions can be nominated. Email nominations to Chrystal (Commander@al838.org). Nominations will be discussed at next month's meeting.
 - Post will host a flag retirement ceremony and concert on June 4 at Col. Bill Barber park. Event details are on post's website. There is a limit of 200 attendees, so buy tickets early.

Good of the Legion

- Stand up being held in Santa Ana on March 16. Sign up with Bill Sandlin (billsandlin@yahoo.com) or on website to volunteer.
- Bill Lewis - need docents at the Heritage and Aviation Museum (Great Park)
- Jack Durish - get significant discounts on prescriptions at GoodRx.com

- Tustin post 227 is having a golf tournament and dinner on May 25.
<http://www.tustinveterans.org/html/calendar/activities/golf.pdf>
- Welcome Home Vietnam Vets event on March 25 at Riverside National Cemetery.
<http://www.marchfield.org/calendar/march-25-2017-welcome-home-vietnam-veterans-day-veterans-open-house/>
- Heroes Hall is open 10am-5pm daily
- Next meeting is April 3 and will be a potluck
- Grilled cheese cookoff to benefit post and educate community, planned to be held during Summer Concert Series

Meeting adjourned.