

**MINUTES OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION**

DATE June 5, 2017

POST NO 838 DEPARTMENT OF California

COMPILED BY Rebecca Buck

Adjutant

APPROVED BY Chrystal Swope

Commander

ATTENDANCE

TIME

OFFICERS 3

CONVENED 1915

MEMBERS 3

ADJOURNED 2040

TOTAL 6

Roll Call of Officers

Commander Chrystal Swope - Present

1st Vice Commander

2nd Vice Commander

3rd Vice Commander

Finance Officer

Executive Committee

Paul Shumate - Excused

Chaplain Harley Howard - Excused

Judge Advocate Jack Durish - Present

Sergeant at Arms

Adjutant Rebecca Buck - Present

Meeting Minutes

Door closed and the meeting was called to order at 1915. Chrystal Swope gave an opening prayer.

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

Guests:

- Robert Wright, Post 291 Judge Advocate
- Jess Lawson, Post 291 Jr. Past Commander
- Blue Star Mothers of OC President, Tina Heinemann

Speaker: Jess Lawson presented a receipt for a 1 year insurance policy so that our post can operate as a non-profit in the city of Irvine. Payment was made by the post 291 emergency fund, which can be considered a donation or reimbursed by our post. Jess also offered assistance with next year's Boy's State program.

Officer Updates

- Commander:
 - Flag retirement ceremony was a success. Received \$267 in cash donations and \$120 in VIP advanced ticket sales, totalling \$387.
 - SAL squadron will coordinate picking up remaining flags from the city by July 6.
 - Recommendations for future ceremonies: have an information table for American Legion hosted by another post, raise funds by selling food at the event
 - Post raised \$979.72 through the buddy poppy fundraiser on Memorial Day weekend.
 - Next buddy poppy fundraiser will be Veteran's day. Tina Heinemann offered to have Blue Star Mothers help assemble the poppies.

Officer Nominations

- Commander: Chrystal Swope
- 1st Vice Commander: Paul Alwine
- 2nd Vice Commander: Mario Alegre
- 3rd Vice Commander:
- Executive Committee (x3): Jack Durish, Mario Alegre

Further nominations and voting will take place at July meeting. All other positions will be appointed by the new Commander.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- Mario suggested hosting a video call for members who can't be present at the meetings.
Mario will research google hangouts.

Good of the Legion

- Special meeting to discuss OCVMP land swap, June 4 @ 4pm at the Irvine Civic Center
- June 24: Post will host bingo at the L1 Ward @ Long Beach VA
- Annual AL Department Convention in Riverside June 21-25

Meeting adjourned.