



Elk Grove-Laguna, American Legion Post 233  
January 26, 2017 - Elks Lodge 2577

### **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order.** Commander Larry Sahota opened the meeting at 1900 hours.  
Colors Sargent-At-Arms - Doug Phillips; Chaplin's - Thad Brown; POW/MIA Chair - Doug Philips; Pledge Of Allegiance - All Members; Preamble - All Members.
2. **Roll Call.** Present: Commander - Larry Sahota; 1st Vice Ted Danials; 2nd Vice - Mike Ploszaj; Adjutant - Westley Bullard; Finance Officer - Maxwell Baumgartner; Judge Advocate - James Burton; Sargent-At-Arms - Doug Phillips; Chaplin - Thad Brown; Historian - Taps Taporoco; Service Officer - Frank Goehringer Excused.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes were email in advance for the membership's review. No changes. Robert's rules of order emphasized by commander.
4. **Guest and New Members:**  
**Guest;** James Domseck, Army, 8 years, two tours in Iraq **New Members to Post 233 Announced/Accepted:** Joseph Schapelle, ARMY, Steve Sudin, Army/Navy, Henry Price, Army Michael Navin, USAF, Tresa Bowens, ARMY, Shawanda Pruitt, ARMY, Daniel Shockley, NAVY, Ken White, MARINES/ARMY, Gary Dishman, ARMY, Lucius Williams, USAF. Brian McGuinness made a motion to accept all new members. Butch Daniels seconded the motion. No discussion. All New Members were accepted/voted in during this meeting; welcome new people to American Legion Post 233.
5. **Sick Call:** Eric Speier and John Hall
6. **Finance Report:** Maxwell Baumgartner Grand total of \$21,011.91 Restricted funds total \$9452.29 Available balance of \$11,559.62
7. **Veterans' Hall/Senior Center:** Commander Sahota reported back about recent CityHall meeting where Veterans' Hall/Senior Center information was presented to City Council. This was an update on selection of exterior materials to be used. Laptop and artist sketches/ floor plans were set up in the back of the room. A 360 degree computer generated fly by was available for viewing.
8. **Santiago House:** Hammy Award, Commander Sahota received an award for Post 233's participation in renovating the house. House was gutted to studs, new floor, walls counters, and roof was installed. Thanks to post members who participated.

9. **Reports : Membership report:** 1st Vice Commander - Ted Daniels Membership report as of Jan. 20, 2017 Post strength is 233 for 122.63% of our goal of 190 members. ultimate goal is 300 members. Further information on all posts can be found at [www.calegion.org](http://www.calegion.org) - membership reports. National commander is pushing recruitment by offering certificates to any member who recruits a new member. Members who sign up three new members receive a National Commander's Pin.

*As a double check, if you have recruited a new member for 2017, please forward the name to the adjutant. I am taking the recruiter's name from the Membership Application Form. Don't want to miss anyone.* <[aviatorb52@ymail.com](mailto:aviatorb52@ymail.com)>

- 10: **2nd Vice Mike Ploszaj; Post Meal, Post Fund Raiser:** Feb. 4th post luncheon, 12:00, at The Barn Cafe, Sheldon Road on Grantline. Brent Kone asked for donations, raffle baskets, and just plain volunteers to work/set up the event. Brian McGuinness briefed bar set up and inventory needs. James Burton and Brent Kone ticket sales. Plan is for RiderClub to display bikes at the event. Hopefully, get more members to join.
11. **First Commander from District 6, Bill Boles:** Presented the post an award for meeting membership enrollment of 50% by September 14, 2016. Post 233 obtained 76.32% by that date. Post was awarded an Early Bird ribbon for having at least 50% by that date.
12. **Unfinished business: Second reading of Amendments to Constitution/By-Laws** - Judge Advocate - James Burton Article 4, Section 5, - Article 5, Section 2. Amendment to by-laws follows Article 1, section 1. Butch Daniels made motion to accept all three changes. Mike Ploszaj seconded the motion. No discussion. All members voted to accept the changes.
13. **Auxiliary** Ladies Auxiliary presented each member with a Valentine card and candy. Nice touch as no other meeting was scheduled before Valentine's day
14. **Ted Daniels - 1st Vice Commander:** Briefed membership on Arlene Salvador's request and arrival of 10 rifles to form a rifle squad for Color Guard/Honor Guard use. Call from membership to serve on either of the two teams. Arlene would like to have contact information of team members for funerals at the Dixon's national cemetery where she works.
15. **Doug Phillips Sargent-At-Arms:** Eagle Scout of 288 is looking for donations for his Eagle Scout project. Elks donated \$180.00. Motion to match was first and seconded. some discussion followed. Motion passed. No Nay votes. Post 233 matches for total of \$360.00. Enough for construction of 3 picnic tables.
- Henry Sanchez gave information of upcoming Boys State. Looking to sponsor two if not more boys this year. Henry is on the selection committee. Should have more information in the future

16. **New Business:**

Brian McGuinness Briefed Western Festival booth's on May 5,6,and 7th. Hometown Hero's BBQ is around the same time Just a heads up. Also called for more people to volunteer to work with the CRC vets. Any time spent will be greatly appreciated. Sunday 5th at Rio Linda is the District 6 meeting. Same as Super Bowl Sunday.

17. **For the good of the legion:** Call for members to help another member move on Sunday 29th. Riders Club volunteered. Move was successful.

18. **Yountville fund raiser continues.**

Certificate of recognition from California State Senate was presented to Post 233 for outstanding support and service to veterans, their families, and the community.. Certificate was from senator Richard Pan, 6th district state senator, awarded Dec. 4th, 2016

**Chaplin - Thad Brown - Closing Prayer**

**Sargent - At - Arms - Doug Phillips - Recover POW/MIA flag**

**Next General Meeting Feb 23 7:00. Meal at 6:00.**

This meeting was adjourned at 2028hours.