

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
4TH DISTRICT

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Meeting Minutes: General Meeting, March 7, 2009

Attendees: The roll call of Post's was taken and a quorum was confirmed. The Following Posts were in attendance: 16, 77, 91, 149, 155, 166, 225, 232, 236 and 284. The Meeting commenced at 10:10 PM. District Chaplain Chuck Ferguson read the opening prayer.

Guest(s): NONE, Past District Commanders John Rose and John Kaiserian were in attendance.

Minutes: From last District meeting was not read due to the absence of District Adjutant Bob Schmidt.

Correspondence: all correspondence read.

The following District Chairman gave their reports and reminded each Post to ensure that their reports are turned in on time to Department and to notify the District Chairman on the reports. **Americanism, Children & Youth, Boy Scouts, JROTC & Shooting Sports, Law & Order, Oratorical, School Medals and Boys State. Some Notes:** Oratorical Ben Ferrone won the Northern Area Oratorical Contest and will compete in the Department contest on March 14, 2009. Boys State briefing will be held on May 9, 2009 at Post #155, please ensure that all Delegates', Alternates and the Parents attend this meeting. There will be a light supper after the brief.

Membership – We are currently at 98.9% and 1st place in the Department. Membership Awards were given out to Posts 16, 77, 149, 155, 225, 232, 236 for achieving 100% +1 in membership. SAL Membership is at 103.23%.

-Department CDR Email was read.

-Gator Saver donations for CPR Training is requested from each Post; please give what you can.

-91st Annual Department Convention will be held from 25-28 June, 2009. The group rate is \$119.00 until March 31, 2009 if you call the Hotel now and the information in on the Dept website.

-Post Reports are cut one month due to the Department Convention is a month earlier, the 3th District CPR Training will be held at Post #16 on April 11, 2009 from 9-12, come early for Breakfast. CPR & CPR Addendum Reports are due to the Department by May 1, 2009.

-Post Commander Reports from the following present Posts: 16, 77, 91, 149, 155, 166, 225, 232, 236 and 284.

-**Candidates Call:** District Vice Commander Jay Conti & Bob Scott; District Commander Jerry Montgomery and Department SGT @ Arms Marie Kramer.

-Jerry Montgomery Reports that Department Vice Commander is still in the, Monroe Regional Hospital room 404 (352-351-7404) and is doing a lot better after surgery.

-District Commanders Reminders from the 4th District Newsletter and the Dispatch paper.

-Post Excellence Award would need to go through the District Commander and needs to be submitted to the Dept (Postmarked) by May 20, 2009.

-4th District gave a total of \$1,250 to the National Commanders Election Fund, good job.

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-John Rose reported the 11th Federal Court ruling that no student has to say the pledge of allegiance, this will certainly be challenged and for everyone to be aware of this.

Adjournment: Commander Jim Ramos, having no further business before the Committee, adjourned the meeting at 12:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jay Conti Sr.

Public Relations Officer

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