



# American Legion Auxiliary - East Palo Alto Unit 472

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Department of California's and the Nation's First Electronic Unit

January 14, 2010

General Meeting: Opened at 7:00 PM (PT) by President Linda Workman

Attendance: Katy Farr, Bea Waggett-Brunner, Valerie Hardy, Raylene Merino, Susan Middendorf, Lou Thompson, Ashlie Simpson, Mary Martin, Elizabeth Hardy, Angela McCoy, Jerry Heskett, Nancy Brown Park, Yoko Igawa, Michele Miller, Kerry Finley, Joyce McLeod

- 1. Minutes** of October 8, 2009 were approved by those present. Text from November 12, 2009 was approved by those present.
- 2. Treasurer's Reports** for October 8 and November 12 placed on file audit.
- 3. Officer/Chairmen Reports**

The following reports published to the Unit web site prior to the meeting: Executive Committee, Chaplain, Girls State, Historian, Membership, Musician, National Security, Newsletter, Past Presidents Parley, Public Relations.

Additional reporting as follows:

*President* :: President Linda thanked members who sent her their hours of service. "It was amazing to see what all of you have done."

*Girls State* :: Chairman Val reported that in addition to the report for GS, she wanted to add that at this time she has heard from only one school, Fairmont Prep. All the other schools have not responded. She and Nancy will be calling on them in the next few days to light a fire!

The Department GS committee is holding a raffle. The tickets are \$1 each and the prize will be drawn at the convention for \$500 1st prize, \$150 2nd prize and \$100 3rd prize. The early bird drawing was held at DEC for a prize of \$250. Nancy moved and Val seconded for the Unit purchase \$50 in raffle tickets to support the Department Girls State program's needs for supplies. Motion carried. The Post donation will be used to pay for the tickets.

San Mateo Unit 82 may need help in doing the interviewing and selection of Girls State candidates. President Linda and Nancy will inquire about Unit 472 assisting.

*Poppy* :: Chairman Jerry reported that the Unit ordered 1,000 poppies which should arrive in March. She encouraged each member to participate in distributing during Poppy Days in May. To date only 4 members have purchased poppies. Several members indicated they will be ordering poppies.

President Linda reminded members of the Poppy Blanket Drawing. The information is published to the web site. "We need your help! We are trying to raise funds for the Unit. I am asking that you purchase tickets for the fleece Poppy Blanket. They are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. I have been selling tickets at the 26th District meetings and the San Mateo 8 & 40 meeting. I will be taking the tickets to the Department Mid-Year meeting and the Departmental Pouvior (mid year meeting). If you wish to purchase tickets either go to the

web site and post the amount you wish to donate on pay pal or send a check to Lou Thompson. Lou will notify me of who has purchased tickets and I will add your name to the drawing. The drawing will be held at the May District meeting, just in time for Poppy days. I hope you will consider sending in a donation and taking a chance on this Poppy Blanket (double bed size).”

*Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation* :: President Linda reported that she purchased the Holiday gifts for the 10 vets that we were assigned at Menlo Park for a total cost of \$162.35. Lou moved and Mary seconded to pay Linda for her expenses. Motion carried.

*Legislative* :: Chairman Nancy reported that she received information today and will pass it on regarding Legislation and the healthcare bill and how it could effect veterans. TAL is worried about what is happening behind closed doors.

**4. Unfinished Business**

None

**5. New Business**

It was moved by Lou and seconded by Mary to make a presentation to Department President Norma DuVall during District 26 visitation, January 16, 2010 of \$198 to her special project, *Operation Mend Caregiving Fund – Healing the Wounds of War*. Motion carried. The funds come from the advertising in the Unit newsletter.

It was moved by Mary and seconded by Nancy to give permission to the Secretary/Treasurer to purchase \$44 in stamps. Motion carried. This expense is not budgeted, therefore, requiring a vote of the membership.

**6. Announcements**

*District Meeting* :: Department President Norma DuVall to Visit District 26 on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at 11 AM at Pacifica Post 328, 555 Buel Avenue, Pacifica. [Map It](#) Lunch will follow the meeting. President Linda will prepare the lunch with help from Unit 472 members in attendance.

**7. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM (PT)

Lou Thompson (Signature)