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July Meeting Notes

The regular meeting of American Legion Post 725 was called to order at 1900 hours on July 28, 2009, in VFW Post 2924 by Commander Jim James.

Roll Call of Officers: The roll was called and a quorum was present.

Reading of Minutes: The minutes for the May 2009 meeting were accepted with corrections.

Committee Reports:

Finance Report: Finance Officer Gordon Lee reported the bank balances. His report was accepted as read.

Membership Chairman: 1st Vice Commander Love reported 25 members renewed. We don't have the official goal but the 1st Vice Commander expects 110%.

Post Activities: 2nd Vice Commander De Hay reported that our ammunition is unsafe and he has acquired replacement ammo. The problem affects semi-automatic rifles only. The Post

has signed up for Hesperia Days, scheduled for September 19-20th. He is working on getting our space. Dennis also started to organize a raffle and found that it is against the law.

Unfinished Business:

Finance Officer Lee sent the State of California a form and a check for \$20.00 to update the state's records of our organization.

Smoking Patio for VFW: A tabled discussion was reopened and the project no longer needs our support.

New Business:

Honor Guard: The Post needs a new American Legion Flag because it is getting frayed and it is too heavy for carrying in a parade. A motion was made to purchase a flag, flag pole, and other accessories. Discussion followed and the motion passed. 2nd Vice Commander De Hay will order the flag.

Other Orders: 2nd Vice Commander De Hay asked if anyone wished to order a Legion Cap carrier while his is making an order to the Department. He was told to order 10 of the carriers with the flag order.

Correspondence:

Commander James read a letter from American Hero Quilts asking for donations. These quilts are made and given to American Veteran's. After discussion, it was decided to not send any money but to support local activities.

A letter from American Legion 25th District was read to announce an Officer Training session is scheduled for August 29th at Post 324, Barstow, at 12:30 pm. Training for new officers would help in running the Post.

Memorial to Departed

Members: None

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Newsletter Costs

As with everything else, the cost of printing and mailing our Post newsletter is raising. Postage is now \$0.44 per member and printing has risen as well. The Post spends about \$60.00 each month on postal and printing.

One way to reduce our print-

ing and mailing costs is using email to distribute the newsletters. In order to do this, I need all members who receive this by snail mail to email the Post so I can add you to our email distribution list. It doesn't cost anything and if you wish to stop receiving email, a request is all it takes.

The Post will not give out your email address without your permission.

The Post email address is
CA0725@verizon.net

Thanks.



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Business for the Good of the American Legion:

Comrade Hicks briefed the Post about a fund raising dinner on August 29th by American Legion Sweet Hearts. Tickets are \$10.00 per person for a steak dinner. Comrade Hicks has tickets.

Comrade Hicks gave a report on the Paid Up For Life campaign. Currently a reduced rate can save the Post members money. The Post loses the per capita portion of the dues but more members can be life members. A motion was made to allow Post members to pay their PUFL based on a reduced rate of

\$20.00. Discussion followed and the motion passed.

Comrade Hicks, Section 7 Leader, has visited several Posts in the area. The Adelanto Post needs support because a change of leadership recently happened. The Apple Valley Post is working hard and they would like to have events with us.

Commander James showed the Post an award from the Relay for Life for Best Military Unit.

Commander James briefed the Post about a possibility for having space in the Hesperia Farmer's Market once a month. After discussion, it was decided

to have the Commander fill out the application and see what happens. A tentative date was set for August 12th.

Comrade Hicks reminded the Post about District activities coming up.

The meeting was closed at 2005 hours by Commander James.

Minutes submitted by Stephen Bibler, Adjutant

Coming Events

AUGUST

August 29th - District Leadership Training, Post 324, Barstow, 12:30 PM. Bring a copy of your Post ByLaws and a copy of the Officers Manual.

August 25th - American Legion Post 725 Business Meeting, 7:00 pm, VFW Post 2924.

SEPTEMBER

September 22nd - American Legion Post 725 Business Meeting, 7:00 pm, VFW Post 2924.

September 27th - American Legion 25th District Business Meeting, 10:00 am, Post 751, Newberry Springs. Contact

Adjutant Stephen Bibler for more information.

OCTOBER

October 27th - American Legion Post 725 Business Meeting, 7:00 pm, VFW Post 2924.

NOVEMBER

November 8th - American Legion 25th District Business Meeting, 10:00 am, Post 299, Chino. Contact Adjutant Stephen Bibler for more information.

November 24th - American Legion Post 725 Business Meeting, 7:00 pm, VFW Post 2924.



First Eagle Scout

Troop 725 received our first Eagle Scout Travis Rothwell on July 18th. Travis replaced all of the worn out signs at Liddle Creek. So as you could see on the picture, there were many signs that we

helped him build and paint. While we were at Liddell Creek, we helped him put the signs in where they needed to be. We will be giving him a gift and memory by giving him an Eagle and a

plaque. We are giving it to him because he earned it and because he is our first eagle in the troop.





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Veterans Still Serving



We're on the web at
www.mysite.verizon.net/ca0725/index.htm

American Legion Post 725 was chartered in 1977 and it has been serving the Hesperia area and the High Desert ever since.

The Post meets regularly and supports Veteran Rehabilitation Programs at Loma Linda VA Hospital and at the Victorville VA Clinic. We also are called upon to help families of deployed veterans when they need something done. We help veterans no matter if they are members or not.

If you wish to publish an article in the newsletter, send it to the Post via email or snail mail. The addresses are listed on the left. Anything of interest to our members would be appreciated.

Back Page Notes

We are back at publishing the newsletter for the Post. Any help with articles would be appreciated.

Boy Scout Troop 725 now has it's first Eagle Scout, Travis Rothwell. Congratulations to Travis and to the Troop.

Officer Training is happening on August 29th at Barstow. This event is sponsored by the 25th District to help new officers learn their positions. Contact Adjutant Steve Bibler for more details.

The 25th District Meetings will be held in September. These meetings are open to all American Legion members as business is conducted for Posts all over the County of San Bernardino.

Come out, meet with us, and then stay for lunch.



I got to get a new computer. This keyboard is hurt9ing my fingers!