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Veteran Honors Team

American Legion Post 725 is looking into forming a Firing Squad to render military honors to veterans at funerals and parades.

Larry Sunderland brought up this subject several meetings ago as he participated in a Black Powder Firing Squad at Memorial Day ceremonies. He and others were dressed in period costumes from the Spanish-American War. The black powder rifles gave a loud and awesome account of themselves. Many of the attending families and veterans were grateful for the military honors rendered.

Many veterans are passing to the Post everlasting and their funerals are attended by an honor guard and a flag detail. The full military hon-

ors also call for a firing squad of seven firing three rounds each. As our veterans age, there are fewer members to render honors and more veterans to whom the honors are due.

The Post created a committee to form a Firing Squad of eight persons; one to lead the formation and seven to carry rifles. The American Legion National Headquarters has a program by which we can acquire arms and ammunition. We need to acquire uniforms, boots, and other regalia to outfit eight people.

Would you be interested in joining our Squad? We need at least eight people but more people helps the team get ready and ensures at-

tendance at ceremonies.



Ceremonial Firing Squad in colonial uniforms.

To learn more, contact Larry Sunderland at (760) 780-8312.

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Membership Update

Our renewal rate for 2008 memberships is about 64% now and many of you have gotten your renewal in promptly. Thanks for your support.

The rest of you need to send in your 2008 membership renewal for \$35.00 to the Post as soon as possible so we can get all of our membership renewed.

Statistics are kept for our Post, our District, and our State with all areas competing for bragging rights.

The membership renewals are important for notifying Congress of the support the American Legion can bring to bear of issues concerning veterans all over the United States.

On the envelope you will find a message if you need to pay your dues for 2008. Please send your check to the Post and your new membership card will be mailed to you.

Thanks from the Officers of Post 725



Meeting Minutes



Meetings are important to pass information and to do the work of the American Legion.

Read about new projects coming along in Post 725.

The regular meeting of the American Legion Post 725 was called to order at 1900 on August 21, 2007 in VFW Post 2924 by Commander Stephen Bibler. Roll call was held and all officers were present. A quorum was present.

Minutes of last meeting of July 17, 2007 were read by Larry Sunderland and approved.

Joan Smith from American Mortgage Banc gave a presentation on Reverse Mortgages.

The Finance Officer reported balances of \$1,049.61 in Checking, \$1,574.15 in Savings, and \$6,000 in CD. CD has been moved to a bank, which has 5.3% interest.

Membership Chairman: Post has 74 members total. 34 renewals with a goal of 67.

Activities: Announced that the misspelled word contest on the newsletter has been cancelled due to lack of participation. Stated that the Post party was

cancelled also due to lack of interest. Hesperia Air Show on September 15 and Hesperia Days on September 22 is coming up soon and we are looking for member volunteers to man the American Legion Booth. A canopy has been donated to the post from H & E Hardware Store in Hesperia. Had a meeting for the organization of the 21-gun firing squad and is in the process to get organized. Another meeting is scheduled for next Monday 27 August at 1900 at Larry Sunderland's office. The Poetry reading was postponed due to a traffic accident and will be rescheduled.

There was no unfinished business.

New Business: Denny De Hay requested a reimbursement check of \$178.73 for expenses Incurred in setting up the Poetry reading and the Air show. Gordon Lee made a motion to approve and Ed Pack seconded the motion.

Commander Bibler requested a reimbursement check for costs incurred in sending out the monthly newsletter. Denny De Hay requested \$420 to spend on prizes for the Air show and Hesperia days events. Motion was made by Ed Pack and seconded by Clarence Love. It was decided that the post should send gift packs to local servicemen serving in the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. Clarence Love will head up the operation and investigate what should be in the gift packs.



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Here is what is planned for Hesperia Post 725 in the coming months. Please update your calendars and help us by participating.

Coming Events

SEPTEMBER

September 15th - Hesperia Air Show, TBA, The Post will have a booth and **we need volunteers to talk with the public. Contact Dennis De Hay at 947-0066 ASAP**

September 18th - American Legion Post 725 Business Meeting, 7:00 pm, VFW Post 2924

September 22nd - 23rd Hesperia Days - TBA, the Post will have a booth and **we need volunteers to talk with the public. Contact Dennis De**

Hay at 947-0066 ASAP.

September 28th – American Legion Post 725 Committee Meeting for Honor Guard, 7:00 pm, TBA

October

October 16th - American Legion Post 725 Business Meeting, 7:00 pm, VFW Post 2924

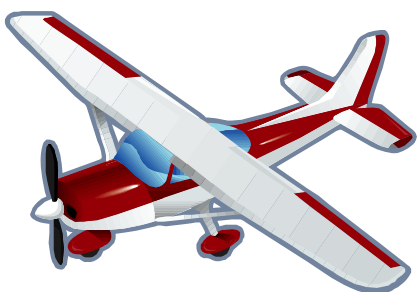
October 23rd – American Legion Post 725 Committee Meeting for Honor Guard, 7:00 pm, TBA

November

November 4th - American Legion 25th District Meeting, 10:00 am, American Legion Post 710, San Bernardino

November 20th - American Legion Post 725 Business Meeting, 7:00 pm, VFW Post 2924

November 27th – American Legion Post 725 Committee Meeting for Honor Guard, 7:00 pm, TBA



Hesperia Air Show Sept 15th



Hesperia Days Sept 22nd - 23rd



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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

Things are happening at the Post these days since Dennis De Hay got started as 2nd Vice Commander. Hats off to him for running with the Hesperia Air Show and Hesperia Days. I hope many of you will join us at these events so we can inform the public of our work, raise monies for veterans and invite other veterans to join us.

We have some things to expect in the future. Our local poet will be invited to voice his poems once again. We hope for a better turnout and that he doesn't meet with trouble on his way to us. We need other ideas from members on having activities that will either help

us support veterans locally or raise money to build a permanent post for us.

The Firing Squad is one idea brought forward by a member that will show our respect toward our fallen comrades and honor their memory. The families of these veterans will also benefit from the attention our presence can bring. So if you can be part of it, please sign up when the forms come around. More information will be given at the meeting on September 18th so come on down!



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