

**David F. Lilley, Post 14,  
Puerto Vallarta and Banderas Bay  
The American Legion, Department of Mexico  
Executive Committee Meeting, 3 October 2013**

**M-I-N-U-T-E-S**

12:00 Meeting called to order by Commander Dennis Rike.

**Invocation** Dennis Rike

**Sick Call** Fred Riley has had another stroke and is not doing well. He was visited by Dennis Rike and Ron Abbe.

Ed Carzier was in need of home oxygen. The Legion was able to provide him with a tank of oxygen.

Gary Stackhouse had knee surgery at Lakeside Medical. His surgery was covered 100% under his Blue Cross/Blue Shield policy and honored by Lakeside Medical.

**Guests**

Bob Davis, Retired USN. Guest and new member.

Jeff Dana, USN, Guest

Russell Waller, associate member.

Tom Egan, Vallarta Today.

Santini Bracho, Director/Editor, Vallarta Today.

Tom Egan and Santini Bracho were interested in information relating to the community relation projects that the American Legion is involved in for a newspaper article.

**Membership Introduction**

**Committee Reports**

**Department of Mexico** (Ron Abbe) Membersip is up 50%.

**Finance** (Jim Mawdesley) Funds were provided to Ad Dalebout for medical expenses as approved in the September 17, 2013 general membership meeting.

T-Shirt money for Dennis Rike is available.

**Community Relations** (Dennis Rike) The Navy League is assisting the Legion with designing and making signs for placement on the highways in and around Puerto Vallarta. The American Legion and The Navy League have 100% support from the local government. The placement of the signs is still to be decided.

Brian Caldwell has donated and tools to the American Legion. We are still in need of power tools. Ron Abbe says he may have some power tools that he could donate. Norm Deveroux donated \$1000 pesos for the purchase of power tools. Dennis Rike picked up a weed whacker, wheelbarrow and paint for maintenance projects. We now have a warehouse in Aurora (behind Sams) to store our tools and supplies in. The facility is locked and has 24 hour security. Brian Caldwell also has a truck he is willing to donate to the Legion. It is in need of some maintenance, battery and mexican plates.

Jay Sadler facilitated the making of Community Relations Plaques which will now be placed at all of our community service projects. They will also be given to individuals for recognition their support for our projects, ie The Pub Crawl and school donations.

**Membership** (Ron Abbe) We have 3 membership renewals and 4 associate renewals for a total of \$3500.00 pesos.

**Health and Welfare** (Dennis Rike) There will be a memorial service next month for Doug Huffman. The date TBA.

Sponsorship of the Pop Warner Football in US was approved in the September 17, 2013 general membership meeting. There is a suggestion that the youth members be asked to work on community relation projects in exchange for sponsorship.

Dennis Rike placed an article in the American Legion News and has received positive feed back. **A fellow Commander wrote regarding the story recently published in the P.V. press and quoted “*Absolutely AWESOME!!! Makes me proud to be an American Legion Member*”.**

There was a community wide request for food donations for the victims of the Acapulco floods. Unfortunately, we missed the date for the donations. The food will be given to DIF for distribution as well as \$1000 pesos donation from The Navy League, a \$1000 peso donation from The American Legion, \$400 pesos donation from Jim Moffitt and \$150 from Tom Woods. Total donations **\$2550**.

We had difficulties with the person contracted to make the blue golf shirts. Dennis Rike requested a refund for the order and is working on a new source.

A new dye was approved for labeling our shot glasses for the Legion. The new design will include, American Legion, Post 14, Puerto Vallarta, Mx.

Jay Sadler made his yacht available last Sunday for American Legion business. Dennis Rike took Ab Dalebout out to thank him for all of his hard work on behalf of the Legion.

Don

Bollinger has donated a computer to the American Legion for raffle. Tom Woods will check the computer out to make sure it is in good working order. Tom Woods will also handle the raffle to sell the computer.

There was a suggestion that we place photos in the various businesses that sell legion items instead of displaying the items because of the lack of available space.

We encourage everyone to fill out emergency contact forms for next of kin notification.

We have a "go to man" volunteer, Rudy Garcia, who will help any and all.

Department report and presentation from the Department of Mexico was sent to the Executive Commander. The main focus is to help Veterans. The report contains all the things we do to help Veterans and our community relations. This report will be sent to all members. The meeting with Kelly Trainer was very productive. It resulted in good publicity for the American Legion and increased relations with the US Consulate.

Dennis Rike presented a review of all the Legion's community projects.

- \* **Banderas Bay Initiative**
- \* **Jay Sadler Project**
- \* **Torpedos**
- \* **Roma Kids**
- \* **Busca Un Amiga**
- \* **DIF**
- \* **His Will His Way**

We are open for suggestions for events for a Christmas fundraiser. Example, organize a dinner to raise funds.

We also need to organize the event to take toys to Busca Un Amigo for Christmas. There will be a fundraiser Friday, October 4, 2013 at the Galleria Casino at 8:00 PM. A \$100 Pesos donation is required to participate. All proceeds will be used for purchase of needed supplies for Busca un Amigo.

**Good of the Legion** Ab Dalebout is leaving for 2 years. There will be a going away/appreciation party for him Friday, October 11, 2013 at Monchi's bar.

**Service Officer Report** (Cheryl Kehler) Assisted service member with 10% disability who was requesting re-evaluation for possible increase. Provided information on Lakeside Medical Facility to another member. Provided information at the meeting for opting out of ACA.

Anyone interested in getting the Army Times, Navy Times or Coast Guard Times may do so by contacting Ganett Publications. Information for Ganett is available on line.

**50/50 Raffle** \$375.00 pesos

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM

Respectfully,

/s/ Cheryl Kehler, Service Officer,

Recording