

26 April 2023

## MINUTES PALM VALLEY POST 233 AMERICAN LEGION SPECIAL MEETING

OPENING: Conducted by Commander Caroline Merillat

QUORUM: A Quorum was attained as determined by Adjutant Jerry Grause. In attendance in addition to the Commander and Adjutant were Allen Straw First Vice, Roy Havekost Judge Advocate Bill Hyatt Sgt at Arms and E Board members Mike Morris and Lori Ringland. In addition the following District and State American Legion Officers were in attendance: 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander Lena Heredia-Perez, 5<sup>th</sup> District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Miguel Garcia, 5<sup>th</sup> District 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Joe Michele, 5<sup>th</sup> District Judge Advocate Troy Horsley, 5<sup>th</sup> District Sgt At Arms/District SAL Commander Walter Rasco, 17<sup>th</sup> District Judge Advocate Jim Carlin, Past Department Commander Omer Smith and Northern Area Commander Jim Bowers.

DISCUSSION:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Commander Caroline Merilatt announced that tonight's Special Meeting had been called to 1) Hold nominations for Post 233 2023-2024 Officers and Executive Board Members and 2) Hold a "Family Togetherness" Meeting with the Post Legion, SAL and Auxilary as directed by Florida Department Commander Eunice Butts.

At this point members of the SAL and ALA moved to the Post Pavilion, current 2023 membership cards for the 23 Post Legion members in attendance of the 233 Post Legion members were verified and Nominations for the following Officers/Executive Board were called for.

Post 233 Commander: Pete Lenio was nominated by past Commander Dan Wortmann.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: No nominations.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Ed D'Avi nominated himself after initially nominating himself for Post Chaplain.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander: No nominations.

4<sup>th</sup> Vice Commander: No nominations.

Sgt At Arms: Bill Hyatt nominated himself.

Finance Officer: Jerry Grause was nominated by past Commander Dan Wortmann. Jerry Grause declined the nomination.

Chaplain: No nominations.

Executive Board-1: No nominations.

Executive Board-2: No nominations.

Executive Board-3: No nominations.

Executive Board-4: No nominations.

Executive Board-5: No nominations.

It was then announced that a second round of Post Officer/Executive Board nominations would be held at the next Post General Meeting on May 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

- 2) At this point members of the SAL and ALA were invited back into the post and a “Family Togetherness” meeting was conducted by Northern Area Commander Jim Bowers. During this meeting improved communication, cooperation and participation/involvement were stressed. All members were encouraged to attend the May 10, 2023 General Meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:45 pm

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