

# American Legion

Post 519

MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting - 4/07/26 **April 2026**

UPCOMING DISTRICT 21 MEETINGS

MAY 17 - POST 742 - CORONA ( CHANGE OF LOCATION )

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

JUNE 25-28 - VISALIA CONVENTION CENTER

MEETING TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS

SAL'S 08:00

PCC. 09:00

TAL 10:00

## **JOHN PICKEN**

Meeting is about to open. All officers will take their stations, sergeant at arms. Please clear the hall entrance and close the doors. Stand at attention. Salute. 2.

Uncover for the opening prayer through the pow Mia ceremony.

## **Chaplain Crawford**

Our Father, who art in heaven, we hallow and praise your name. We praise You for this gathering in which we will unite with other comrades to further our programs in the American Legion. Guide us and direct us in our decisions that in all things, they may be pleasing, excuse me, pleasing in your sight, in your holy name, we pray. AMEN

## **JOHN PICKEN**

Before we go any further. Mike, would you grab those copies out of copier? I apologize. I meant to grab these. And there's one inside the copier. That's my original. Thank you.

Sergeant at Arms only, recover.

resolution 288 adopted at the 67th National Convention, encourages all American regional organizations to implement the empty chair Soma ceremony at all meetings as a continual physical symbol of the pow Mia's and the cause from which we stand, namely, their return or full accounting, the pow Mia empty chair is placed at all official meetings of the American Legion as a physical symbol of the 1000s of American pow Mia is still unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts involving the United States of America. This is a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity, the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty and a full accounting of those missing. Let us dedicate ourselves for this vital endeavor. Sergeant at Arms place the pow Mia flag on the chair you. Would you hand those out for me?

Please face the flag and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

## **Everyone**

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## **JOHN PICKEN**

Everyone recover. Please remain standing. Please join me in reciting the preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion slowly and in unison. . .

## **Everyone**

For God and country, we associate ourselves together, Constitution of the United States of America to maintain law and order, to foster and perpetuate 100% Americanism, to preserve the memories, to inculcate the sentence of individual obligation to the community, state and nation. Faculties are both classes and mass, to make a right and master might promote on earth, to safeguard and transition to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy, to concentrate and sanctify our conference by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

## **JOHN PICKEN**

Be seated. I now declare this meeting of the American Legion Post 519 Department of California, executive committee open for roll call, adjutant. . .

## **Allen Lane**

Commander - present.

Adjutant - present.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Ernie - here,

Second vice commander, Lee Wilson - Excused.

Third vice commander, Kevin - here

Finance officer - here

Chaplain Crawford - here

Service officer - here

Judge Advocate, Skip Burt - Here

Sergeant at Arms, Jeff Cole - Here

Historian James Snow - here

E Board, first year, Mike Beresh - here

E board, second year Doug - not present

E board, third year Ron Webster - here

E board, third year Rusanne - Excused

## **Allen Lane**

We do have quorum.

## **John Picken**

Thank you everybody for coming today. The only sorry I forgot to do the introductions.

Introduce our guest, please.

## **Jeff Cole**

We have a great presentation for everyone. Andrea Kline is here.

## **John Picken**

Great. So welcoming. District 21 meetings, I went out of order a little. Sorry, the meeting has a change of location. We were supposed to be doing this in Temecula, May 17. Meeting has been changed to Corona post 742, and again, in June we have the department convention, June 25 through the 28th Did I get those dates correct this time? June 25 through the 28th right.

Okay. As usual, the meeting times are, SAL at eight o'clock, PCCs at nine and tals at 10 o'clock.

Andrea, would you like to present you with. . . Andrea Kline . . .

### **Andrea Kline**

No, I'll just do it from here. District 21 is hosting a post training. So it's post operations committee. So for example, we've got elections coming up. I shared with Allen about this. It's at the Indio post on the 18th of April, and it starts for and it goes from 10 to one. It's three hours. John Hudson is going to do the training. Jesse will be there. Allen Mendoza will be there. And this training is set for the East region. So it's Indio, Hemet, San Jacinto, 519 Idlewild. And so right now, I think I have five people who are signed up most, and they're all from post 519, so if you're interested in going, let me know, because I have to get a list of John Hudson as far as this, who wants to go? So right now, I think I have Gordon going. I have Rusanne, I have John, I have Ernie. I think Allen is going to go. So just let me know. It's April 18 at the Indio post, and it's three hours.

### **John Picken**

thank you. Thank you. Appreciate it. John Hudson, Instructor of that class. He's a really good instructor. He's got a lot of good stuff to go on with. Okay, executive board, April 18, Saturday the 18th. Okay, I believe our executive board minutes from last meeting were posted on the website. I need a motion to approve.

### **Speaker**

I'll make the motion.

### **John Picken**

Bernie makes the motion. Jeff's second it. Any discussion? All in favor, any opposed? Any objections passes! Okay, officers, reports, we're going to move right through this today because we don't have Lee Wilson to spend 45 minutes on it. Okay, I'll give my report. I'm gonna give a brief district 21 summation of our meeting in March. One of the main things that came up was discussion of the Riverside veterans court. The mission of the Riverside county veterans court is to provide an interagency, collaborative treatment strategy for veterans in the criminal justice system who suffer from PTSD, traumatic pain, brain injury, psychological issues, sexual trauma, mental health or substance abuse problems as a result of having served in the armed forces, the eligibility requirements for these people United States military service veterans who, one, have a criminal case and two, qualify for admission under the California Penal Code Section 1170.9 PC, okay. It goes on to say that basically, they have a separate court for us who decide they want to break the law and get into trouble on misdemeanor cases. Felony is not so much.

If you know anybody who might be suffering from an ailment that might qualify them, if they went to court, they could be transferred to the riverside veterans court. The other thing that was brought up was an introduction of Chris Yates. Chris Yates is running for National Executive Committee. He's a Marine, very put together gentleman, knows his stuff, so he's looking for district 21 to support him in his run for National Executive Committee.

We also had an introduction of Vic Martin for the area five. I didn't write down what he was going for. He was presented by department commander David Brambilla because comrade. Martin was unable to be present. Also was discussion of state bill 694, the veterans benefits Protection Act. This is signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on February 10, 2026, authored by Senator Bob R choleta and co sponsored by Attorney General Rob Bonta, this law aims to protect veterans and claim sharks unaccredited companies that charge excessive fees for assistance with Veterans Affairs disability claims. A lot of people out here claim that they can do what our VSOs do for a fee that we don't need to be paying fees to these organizations

when we have VSOs and Veterans Administration who will assist you in getting your benefits. That's what this bill is for, is to stop that sharks basically taking your money. The only other thing, or two things, we held nominations for district 21 with the following being nominated for commander al Mendoza, running unopposed. First Vice is our own, Andrea Kline and Jennifer Turpin. Second Vice again, our own, Andrea Kline, district 21 executive board at large, our own, Amado Salinas and Ernest Meeker are running against each other. District 21 executive board east, yours truly got nominated. Okay? Those elections will be May 17, a few days after our own election.

Here a couple of announcements that were passed out the ALR at post site five two is holding a baked potato bar on May 1. The city of Perris is holding a rods and rails event at the Southern California Railway Museum on June 13. And those were pretty much everything that was covered in that district meeting. Anybody? Any questions? Clark, how do you vote? Okay, at the May 17. May 17, each post will have X number of delegates assigned by how many members we have, and we just hit 700 so we get 50 per one delegate per 50 members, plus two. So we're going to be right around 13 or 14 delegates as commander, and anybody else who shows up there will caucus decide who we're going to vote on. Okay? And as it happened, at the special election we had. We were split. It was eight and seven at a time, eight for Andrea and seven for me, for the E Board east.

We'll do the same sort of thing. So whoever wants to come and show up at the district meeting, pledge your vote to one side or the other. That will be what I will say at the when they have the election. Here, it's going to be at Corona on the 17th. That answer your question. Okay? No, mail in ballots. No, no. I wish. Okay. Adjutant, do you have any report for us? Sir, nothing to report, sir. First Vice Speaker,

### **Ernie Meeker**

nothing to report at this time, sir.

### **John Picken**

Second Vice Wilson, he is excused, by the way. I didn't know if you got that. He's not here. Third place, Kevin Koch. . .

### **Kevin Koch**

Commander Sir I do have a considerable report today for a change, for boys, girls state, we do have five candidates selected and approved to go. They're in the system. There are two candidates from Desert Hot Springs High School. There are two candidates from Palm Springs High School and one candidate from Rancho Mirage, one male and four females. They're all outstanding candidates. We have three backup candidates, one male and two female. We're one of the only posts in the district that has alternates put in. We have paid the district 5000 for our five candidates. That was approved, and I believe we approved, was it 1000 or 2000 1000 each candidate, yeah.

And out of that we want to take, they have a packet that's now heavily pushed for the for the event, shirt and photographs and all that 50 up front. So they're really, if they get that, it's 150 and if we take their shirt money out of that, it's only about 100 as it is. So we're good to go there. Tim did a great job at district 21 compared to the chaos last year. The new system without paperwork, but actually the online registrations much smoother, finally getting where they need to be.

The one thing that came up, Tim got pushed on him at district 21 from department that they had an outstanding candidate that they approved from La Quinta High School, and they wanted us to fund it, since Coachella Valley, and since we originally said we would take more than five, we wanted eight or more or so, and they were really tight to get it. I said, Well, if

they gave him a number from the district, from this department, he had his own number, not coming out of our numbers, we would fund the \$1,000 so I went out on a limb and told him that, and if it doesn't get approved by us or the sons who had 4000 and wanted to chip in, then I will cover that. And then after I talked to the gentleman, he's not in Coachella Valley. There's two la quinta high schools. He's in Orange County, outstanding kid, and we're doing our mission and supporting him. But Tim didn't know that.

Nobody knew he until they talked to him. It's like, No, it's not us. I would like to contact their district to see why they couldn't pay for him. And then it turns out the number the department gave didn't work for the online registration, so Tim had to give another post, extra one, which would have been one of our alternates going. So it kind of hurt us in the long run that one of our alternates didn't go, but still an outstanding candidates going. So tonight, I would like to ask us to approve for that person an additional \$1,000 to pay for him going, and I will ask their district. I will ask the sons and seeing if the sons can also pick up part of our \$1,000 for the spending money insurance. So I would like to put that to a vote if I could make a motion. So I'd like to make a motion that we spend and send a sixth candidate from La Quinta High School \$1,000 to may have six candidates go to boys, girls,

**Unknown**

I'll second the motion.

**John Picken**

Any discussion? Jeff?

**Jeff Cole**

should be 1200 if we are giving spending money.

**John Picken**

that's true. To add the 200 like, you would amend it to 1200

Okay, also, that's on. Maybe the motion should include the fact that if you do get reimbursed from his district, it's null and void for here, correct? We get repaid Any other discussion on that, all in favor, any opposed, Any abstentions, passes. . .

**Kevin Koch**

and the next thing, I cannot count. We approved 1000 for the top two students in history, eighth grade and all the middle schools. I miscounted the middle schools. We actually have one additional so even though we approved 1000 I'd like to ask for an additional 200 to do all the middle schools in Palm Springs make that motion. So I'd like to make a motion to give a American history award at their honor ceremonies. If most of them do have them, where we present money to the top two students, \$100 each in eighth grade American history.

**Ernie Meeker**

I'll second the motion.

**John Picken**

Any discussion I have a question, Garth does that money come out of our community Funding for membership, comes out of membership. Alright, so it's not really too big a hit. Any other discussion, I. All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions passes.

**Kevin Koch**

Okay, next I got for Junior ROTC at area high schools, Palm Springs and Cathedral City

dropped their air force Junior ROTC. The Marines are doing fine. If they do not have an officer, they're supposed to have an officer and enlisted. They are actually active duty as instructors, plus teachers. But there's two enlisted Marines there, and I approached them and talked to them and said a let us know we would be willing to look into buying you a Space Force flag full and flags if you need them. They're all tattered out in front of the school. And also, there are awards. And do you get them from another source? Are you giving them? If not, contact me and we'll figure out how to get your cadets. Well, they went to national, apparently, and asked about it, which went to state, which came down to district, which came down to John. I'm like, really full circle. Yeah, so and

### **John Picken**

I forwarded it to him.

### **Kevin Koch**

I will, again, I don't know. Again, I will talk to them. It's like, look, I'm in the district. Let me know, and we'll work, because I'm close friends with their principal, Martino come so just inform you on that. I'm finding out on scouts, they have their district area meetings on the first Thursday of the month, and some came up at the last minute. I wanted to go, but I want to get a handle on what's going on and how many posts, and to get our posts to advertise, or do they plan on dying, or what's going on? Yeah. So with the middle schools, it's going to go fast I teach, so I'll probably be asking if they do have ceremonies for volunteers to go with the uniform cap, to hand the money at the honor ceremony during the daytime, for those that are available to volunteer a little time.

And lastly, I had to take a deep breath and cool down when there was some email traffic, the commander sent out an email to the board, and Amato responded about the charges about that he put forth in December, never being addressed. And according to the Administrative Manual, it should be handled in a certain time frame. And we did not do that. We were getting conflicting information from district, but I've been a part of that process in the past, and originally, the chaos we were having, I said, we want to hold a special meeting and try to discuss it. But I wasn't in the timeframe for a special meeting, and that's not how it should be handled. There is a procedure.

So I talked to the commander and said, Look, this is the procedure, and there's supposed to be he is supposed to have a three person board that looks at it if there's merit before it even looks at the facts or anything. And he recused himself. Ernie recused himself because they were involved. And I thought nobody to have a problem with Lee Wilson and I, and then skip had been the JAG in the past, and so the three of us, and so we actually met late, but we did meet at the post in January, and we had an hour and a half meeting, and we unanimously decided on both cases that were before us, that Both were founded without both were serious, but both were founded without merit. And I informed all parties after that for both cases that that was what was found. And at first, Amado said, Well, you had couldn't argue that Lee and I were impartial and with skip, and I'm like, Look, it was unanimous.

It's done, you know, and I will write it up. I haven't gotten a chance. And then he said, well, the commanders, I'm going to change my mind about filing it. And I said, Well, if you are, let me know, and I will write it up then. So I was a little upset when he did the email saying I haven't heard an answer, because, yeah, he did, and he knew there was a hearing, and it wasn't founded. So I will now write it up and get it signed by Lee and skip and myself and give it to both parties and vote cases. So I just wanted to inform everybody, but I kind of had to take a deep breath after seeing all that. It's like. You know, things have been done. That's all I have to say.

**John Picken**

Sir. Appreciate your candor. Thank you very much. Going to Circle back to the ROTC stuff, I looked online. They want four different things from us. They want a presentation folio. No big deal, a blank Legion citation form. And then those are inexpensive. They're like three bucks piece. they also wanted us to provide ROTC scholarship, excellent medals with ry bars, and also military. Excellent metal with right bar. One of those is not in stock, so we're going to have to see what we can do about that. I'd like to make a motion, or get a motion that we provide up to 150 bucks. Let's do 200 to purchase in the near future. Those items through American Legion flag and envelope. Again, they're not in stock here. Hopefully Kevin and I talked about this. We'd like to see if we can get it by the end of the school year. So we'll push through trying to get that taken care of.

**Kevin Koch**

I'm sorry. Thank you, sir.

**Ernie Meeker**

I'll make the motion to do that second.

**John Picken**

What was you said? 250 200 200 it's fine.

**Kevin Koch**

200 Okay, show the metals. Up to 250

**John Picken**

Okay, I need a second on that, it was Garth seconded.

Any other discussion. Again, this would probably come out of our membership. So again, 250 Okay. Thank you. Any other discussion, all in favor? Any opposed. Thank you very much. Okay, finance. Officer, different, you have anything for us?

**Garth Gilpin**

Sir the information I'm passing out is the profit and loss statement for the first three months of our calendar year, the gross sales for the bar \$77,000 taking a change out some of the format a little bit maybe gross income was \$34,900 and we had the building operation, expense, pest control, water, all that was 30,000 so the first three months of the year, the actual income, gross profit From the bar area, canteen area, was \$5,729 page two picked up at the top. I didn't yell the line at the SBA loan accrued interest. That's that's a finalized item. The SBA loan has been paid in full. All interest that was due has been paid. So that number will no longer affect us. So we have a net operating income of \$4,443 for the first three months, donations and other income. We had our first check from measure J came in \$63,900 we've already spent 58,000 of that, basically on the kitchen equipment getting procured. So we can hopefully start the project in June.

The information is being sent to city planning department for approval. Supposedly, it's a The only difference we're doing is two grain issues, and it's very common, and hopefully it's a rubber stamp type issue. The total other income is \$34,000 for the first three months. And community outreach. We've spent \$10,000 on community outreach. Boys, girls. State was 5200 we had the PS to 29 palms, which is the marine base at Christmas time.

There's an organization that gets transport, transportation from the post back to the airport and an airport back. To the post. When they Marines, we arrive. And so that was, that was \$2,500 this year.

So our total outreach was 2900 the membership net, after we pay all the yearly in the state dues with net at 1087 so our net other income was \$31,000 and coupled with a 4400 from above, first three months, we have \$35,000 profit. Last page is our bank accounts. We have \$150,000 in the bank, 24,000 for the bar and lottery operation, membership has 37,000 which is where the money will come from. For Boise State, our various funds, measure J there's 17,000 in the bank.

As of the first month, I wrote a check for 12,000 finalize the purchase of the kitchen equipment. The building account has \$49,000 in it. Color Guard has 46 baseball 13,000 and riders, 4000 so any questions on the finance report?

**Allen Lane**

is it officially secured for the kitchen equipment? Or are you doing that?

**Garth Gilpin**

It's all secured.

**Allen Lane**

Oh, great, great.

**John Picken**

Any other discussion? Well, first of all, I need a motion to approve.

**Ernest Meeker**

I'll make the motion to approve.

**John Picken**

Ernest makes a motion any second. Jeff Cole makes a second, any discussion on the finance report, all in favor of approving the Finance Report? Aye, any opposed? Any abstentions, passes, go ahead and talk about measure J go right ahead. . .

**Garth Gilpin**

we're getting quotes for the roof, for the air conditioning, quotes on the fence. The payment schedule is \$63,000 every three months. We all have the first one, the next one would be May 15. To secure the projects in the order that we need to have them done. In other words, we'd like the air conditioning and the roof done by summer. So what I've done is the I've talked with PNC Bank, they want one more item from the accountant doing the federal income tax, and when that's completed, I'll give it to the officer loan officer PNC Bank, and we would borrow against those three coming checks to be sure we fund and pay our contractors on time. So that's, I don't know, say, just something that we got to have it done by summer, and the way to do it is be sure we have the cash to pay the contractors. So proceeding with that.

**John Picken**

Any questions on measure J?, any questions? Okay? Thank you very much. GARTH appreciate it. Chaplain, you have anything for us,

**Chaplain Crawford**

sir,no, commander, I'll nothing to report at this time.

**John Picken**

E, board one. Beresh? Nothing. E board two. Crones not here. Anthony is not here. E board three. Webster, No, thank you. Judge Advocate, Burt no, Moving right along, service officer lane?

**Allen Lane**

nothing to report at this time.

**John Picken**

Sergeant at arms, Cole,

**Jeff Cole**

just that the all our dinner will be back on for this month.

**Allen Lane**

Okay, do you have a date for that?

**Jeff Cole**

It's the fourth Monday of the month, 27th I believe. Yes, 27.

**John Picken**

and historian snow, nothing at this day, nothing. We're just moving right along. Okay, let's do the House Committee. Earnest Meeker?

**Ernie Meeker**

House committee report, sir, we had four upcoming event requests that we approved in the parking lot, somebody, one of our members, broke the wall, and we're getting replaced. We're roof repair estimates from Castro. I'm sure either Garth or John will report on this, the parking lots. Lights in the parking lot have been replaced.

We had leaking faucet that we replaced and fixed. A member has donated. Tools for the toolbox we replace the salad cooler refrigeration unit in the office or in the kitchen that was paid for by major major j so that's pretty much it for the summer months, we are looking at food Trucks when we do our renovation in the kitchen. I I think that is it. Thank you very much.

**John Picken**

Might as well stand up and talk about membership.

**Ernie Meeker**

We are doing. Let me get this pulled up for four. Our membership is durable, really good. We have 693, is our total as of right now, we need to get 43 more new members to make 100% if we can get each one of you to get out there and bring in one member, we will make our 100% By the middle of June or April or May, and we've got, I think, eight or nine in the wings that all I need to do is get them and put into the system. So if anybody knows any one that wants to join, please send them my way, or go ahead and sign them up. I think that's it.

**John Picken**

Thank you very much. Good job. Appreciate it. We're getting close at 100%

**Ernie Meeker**

do you want the numbers? We have 60 new members. 87 paid up for lives. 529 members paid 17 transfers. I've got a couple more in the line for transfer from post 1000 our total members are 693 our goal is 736, and we are 94.16%

**John Picken**

Your committee? You got anything for us?

**Speaker**

Sir, nothing.

**John Picken**

Okay, all right. Well, that takes care of the committee reports. Since we have another guest, I forgot to mention Gordon's here, just kind of snuck in. I'm gonna allow it. You have anything you want to bring up while we're here?

**Gordon**

No sir.

**John Picken**

okay, all right. All right. So old business, Castro roofing wants 4600 and some change to do a repair on the roof. The first bid we got from care roofing was 47,318 but that's a complete re roofing job, including a \$12,000 upgraded 10 year warranty. We're still trying to find maybe one other person to bid on doing this. It was brought up previously that maybe we should look at the full roof repair. I mean replacement versus the repair. So we have a long lasting roof to last however long we're still around here. We're still working on that upcoming elections. Next week is our final nominations. At that time, I'm going to be looking for an executive committee to run the election.

I'd like to have three, maybe four, people who are not running for an office to volunteer to help out. Right now, the tentative times for that, I believe, is going to be from 11 to five, as we've done in the past. We've had it basically in all day because of the demographics of our members. As people drive away from Desert Hot Springs, but they don't want to stick around for a long time, so they'll come down early in the morning. Also all depends on the weather. Just keep that in the back of your mind. Also, at the next meeting, we're going to try and pass our bylaws.

We need to have a two thirds vote at the last general membership, we inadvertently approved without having the proper two thirds majority of our bylaws. Some people throw up a little hissy fit about that, but we're going to try and get with the proper rules of our election, okay? Two thirds majority, and after discussing this with other district members and other posts, if we don't get the two thirds, it goes to the next meeting and then the next meeting. Okay, so just want to keep that in mind for everybody.

Is there any other old business I've forgotten here? What's the date of the elections? Our election is. Oh, the election is going to be May 12, as the second Tuesday. Okay?

New business. There's no other old business to discuss. Okay, new business I already talked about the district 21 Oh, does anybody know a Walter Paul? He is a 50 year member of this post, and I cannot locate him. The address we have for him in our files is Alabama, but he members post here. Somebody once told me that he was living in banning I got to figure he's

probably got to be in his late 70s, early 80s, if he's still around. I have a 50 year certificate from national so I'm trying to locate him.

If I can't find him, I'm gonna send it to his original address we have, but I'm afraid he's not going to receive it. So I'm just being upfront with everybody, letting know what's going on. So national sends out these things for 50 Year, 60 year, 7075, 8085, 9095, or 100 years. I'd love to see 100 year membership. I did give one of these away last year. A 50 year membership. Gentleman comes in every Friday for lunch. His wife, she's because she passed away last year. You know. Okay, yeah, Marty, nice guy. Super nice guy. So that's what I'm looking for on that. We already mentioned the new lights. We most mentioned the used the new cooler. Oh, here we go. I received an email, and this is going to be up to the board here if they want to do this, from the USO. Apparently, the USO center in Saudi Arabia was destroyed during the conflict. They are asking for donations which they will get matched by them. It says they matched emergency donation there are more than 50,000 US service members in the region. They need support now, more than ever, if I get approval, we can click on their website and send a donation via the internet. I'd love for somebody to make a donation or a motion that we send some sort of money to them.

**Allen Lane**

I'll make that motion.

**John Picken**

How much would you like to send?

**Allen Lane**

How much were they asking for?

**John Picken**

Well, they don't. They're just asking for donations. This would probably come out of community or out of vote, membership, where does the post begin? It's, it's a USO in Saudi Arabia, and apparently it was destroyed during the conflict.

**Allen Lane**

Is the request coming to us? Or generally?

**John Picken**

To the general list, basically went out to all people who are on the USO emailing list?

**Allen Lane**

I don't think \$1000 seems too much? I make a Motion for a 1000

**John Picken 44:25**

motion for 1000, second the motion? Second. Discussion, no discussion. All in favor, aye! Any opposed? motion passes. Thank you. I will follow up on that. And I had on here national and department request to support to Jr OTC, which we talked about, and we're going to take care of, is there any other new business? anything our guests would like to bring up? Andrea, you got anything for us? Gordon? okay, if there's no other new business, Oh, okay, for the good of the American Legion?

If there's nothing else for the good of the American Legion, please uncover.

Chaplain. Will you offer a closing prayer, Please?

**Crawford**

Our Father, in departing from this hallowed place, touch our hearts, search our consciences, go with us and use what we might preserve. Go with and use us that we might preserve our nature and our nation. AMEN

**John Picken**

Amen, recover, sergeant at arms, please recover the pow Mia flag till we meet again? Let us remember our obligation to our country can be fulfilled only by the faithful performance of all duties of citizenship. That service to the community, state and nation be ever a main objective the American Legion and its members, let us be ever watchful of the honor of our country, our organization and ourselves, that nothing shall swerve us from the path of justice, freedom and democracy. The Please face the flag and salute.

I now declare this meeting of the American Legion Post 519 Department of California, Executive Committee Meeting adjourned. Thank you very much for attending.

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Minutes by Allen Lane