

**Dem Vets
MINUTES
July 11, 2012
Regular Stated Meeting**

SOCIAL

Social Time was held from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

OPENING

President Lawson Stuart called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

President Stuart described the “Ceremony of the Chairs”, a tradition of the four chairs at the meeting where no one sits. They honor the POW/MIAs, those who have died in service to the country, those wounded in service to the country and those currently serving the country and unable to be present for the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

A roll of members present was taken by Olga Trevizo.

PRESENT

Lawson Stuart
Olga Trevizo
Rick Guerrero
Andres Ramos
Cres Vellucci
Chris Parker
Paul Woods
Kim Mack
Terry Schanz
Guy Strahl
Nick Cronnenwett
Scott Sanders
Rob Kerth
Michael Seaman
Natalie Rojas
Karen Bernal
Ty Redhouse
Kerri Asbury

GUESTS

Caleb Fasos
Thomas Dodson
Jemeson Parker
Sacramento Psychiatric Service Dogs

(Guests continued)

Becca Bettis, The Soldiers Project (Sacramento)

Benjamin Phillips-Lesenaña

Mariko Yamada

A quorum was present.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes from two previous meetings were approved (April and June). Motion passed and minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was not any correspondence to be considered. The address of the Post Office box for the club was read by President Stuart as “P.O. Box 162863, Sacramento, California 95816.”

REPORTS

No business.

BUSINESS

UNFINISHED - None.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Sarah Torley, President of Sacramento Psychiatric Service Dogs gave a presentation on the mission, function and services of her organization.

Becca Bettis, The Soldiers Project, gave a presentation on the mission, function and services of her organization here in Yolo, Placer and Sacramento counties.

M/S/D/C

For DemVets to officially support Sacramento Psychiatric Service Dogs.

M/S/D/C

For DemVets to officially support The Soldiers Project.

Speaker

Caleb Fasos: F-35 Presentation, Department of Defense

M/S/D/NC

F-35 Support by DemVets.

NEW BUSINESS

M/S/D/C

Endorsement of AB 2058 9CDP resolution to reform how voter registration is done).

- 1) Endorsement of AB 2058

2) Add name of the DemVets Club to support of the resolution

Speaker

Karen Bernal: Creation of the US Department of Peace

M/S/D/C

Club support of resolution

M/S/C

Handbook approved.

Platform Meeting was held per Mario Guerrero. It was explained what was discussed at meeting.

M/S/C

To Approve Platform

M/S/S/C

Bylaws revision

Gavel passed to Rick Guerrero for M/S/D/C

Endorsement of Lawson Stuart as a candidate for Fire Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Endorsement Hearing/Vote

Candidates left the room. President explained process. Deliberations took place after candidates and their representatives spoke. Voting occurred. Vote count certified by Andres Ramos and Cres Vellucci.

Sacramento City Council, D2

Rob Kerth, Endorsed

Sacramento City Council, D4

Joe Yee, Endorsed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ty Redhouse: 3rd Annual Veterans Appreciation Picnic.

M. Seaman: Music In The Park, Navy Band, Howe Avenue Park.

S. Sanders: Veterans To Get Rid of Dan Lungren/Take Down Dan Lungren.

A. Ramos: Wellstone Kickball Event.

R. Guerrero: Green Dems Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM. Meeting adjourned by President Lawson Stuart.