

MADERA UNIT 131
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General Membership Meeting
April 15, 2025

	Present	Excused
Betty Cox, President	x	
Jan Melhorn, Vice President	x	
Carol Stonecipher, Treasurer	X	
Mary Beth Stensgard, Secretary	X	
Mavis Graves, Chaplain	X	
Roxe Ann Teiper, Historian	X	
Pennee Lopez, Sgt. At Arms	X	
Sue Anderson, Member At Large		X
JoAnn Johnson, Member At Large	X	
Lynne Linn, Member at Large	X	
Sally Cady, Immediate Past President	X	

President Betty called the meeting to order at 3:03pm. We had 28 members in attendance. Opening prayer was given by Mavis Graves, Chaplain. Honoring POW/MIA chair took place. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the membership. This is My Country was sung by the members. The Preamble was recited by the membership.

The President reminded everyone to silence their cell phones.

Today's Agenda stands approved. Minutes from March 18, 2025 stand approved.

Treasurer's Financial Report – Carol reported the Unit has assets worth \$89,357 and \$23,602 is in a CD. Since there were no further questions regarding the report, it will be filed for audit. The budget for 2025-2026 was presented. JoAnn Johnson moved to accept the budget presented. Jeannie McGaughey raised an objection to the budget because she felt certain allocations for veterans were not included. Discussion followed. JoAnn withdrew her motion. The budget will be amended and looked at again next month.

President's Report: Betty asked for any first-time attendees. There was 1.

Betty advised we had the following totals for Volunteering for the month of March: 5,510.15hours; 2,120miles; \$29,306 in donations. Please continue to send your volunteer hours to ckissinger@cox.net.

Committee Reports

- A. **Chaplain's Report** – Mavis reported that 5 cards were sent for the month of March- 4 birthdays, 1 Thinking of You
- B. **Kitchen** – Jan Melhorn stated that lunches will conclude in 2 weeks. We will be using up what we have by having "Chef's Choice" as needed. Carl Hill has been helping out with dishwashing duties. His girlfriend was recently in the hospital. As a token of appreciation to Carl, Jan and others decided to send her a bouquet of flowers.
- C. **Children & Youth & Education** – Sally Cady explained the card making for veterans that we do with the students at Sopori School in Amado. They have concluded making cards for this school year. See Sally if you are interested in helping with this fun program. A pizza party at the school is being planned for April 25.
- D. **Fisher House** – Pat Dent reported that she will be taking items up on the second Thursday of the month. They especially need Kleenex and napkins at this time, but other items are welcome too. Please drop off all items on the Wednesday before. Pat explained what Fisher House was and what we do for them. **Please put your donations in the crate next to the white refrigerator in the kitchen – NOT IN THE AUXILIARY OFFICE.**
- E. **VA&R** – Barbara reported we had \$153 in March, \$784 in April for a total of \$940.
- F. **Poppies** – Betty read Judy's report stating that we collected \$48 from the cans in the bar this month. Sally explained the Poppy Mugs we have for sale. They are \$23/each. She also showed the wreath that is being raffled. Tickets are 3/\$5.00. The drawing will take place toward the end of May. There will be several opportunities to purchase tickets at various upcoming events. Carol Stonecipher has volunteered to help on the National Poppy Day. She will be taking donations on the day of her choice that week. Poppy making will occur this summer at the President's discretion. Judy had previously announced that she will conclude as Poppy chair in 2026. Roxe Ann Teiper expressed interest in taking over this position. If anyone else is interested, see Betty after the meeting.
- G. **Americanism** – No Report
- H. **President's Special Project**- See below under Meatloaf Dinner Follow-up
- I. **Tucson State Veteran Home** – Nancy Morrow reported the director, Sam is pleased with the participation of various auxiliary units and posts that help out there. They are in need of gift cards for summer activities, such as dining out. They are also in need of snacks for the Cinco de Mayo celebration. Nancy would also like to collect any cards such as: birthday, Valentines, get well or Christmas cards. You may bring them to the next meeting. Nancy appreciates all the help and donations.
- J. **Community Service** – No report
- K. **Membership Report** – Jeannie McGaughey – Jeannie reported that we have 585 members. 100%+ the person who won the gift card will be notified.
- L. **AZ Girls State** – Jeannie McGaughey explained the program. We are sending \$1,200: \$800 for the two girls we have sponsored and \$400 for the sponsored girl from Unit 7.

- M. **Communications** - Mary Beth reported that we received 2 items. Mary Beth read 1 thank you note from Sister Jose's Women's Center in Tucson, thanking us for the \$4,000 we gave them last month. The other was a newsletter from that Center explaining recent activities.

Unfinished Business:

- A. **Meatloaf Dinner Follow-up:** We made a net profit of \$501, which will go to the Dept. President's Special Project – P.A.W.S.S. A big thank you to all who helped.
- B. **Spring Tea Follow-up:** 44/48 tickets sold attended the event. We gained \$610 in profits and \$140 in tips. A big thank you to Codi Deeter for all of the delicious sweets she made, and for the table gifts. Thank you to the kitchen crew and all who made this a success.
- C. **Military Baby Shower:** Jan reported that the shower will be on May 17 for the 162nd Airwing. There are 30 moms. We will be collecting baby items until the first week in May. No diapers or wash/lotion.
- D. **Helmets for local schools:** These will be delivered in May.

New Business:

- A. **Elections for 2025-2026:** JoAnn Johnson has removed her name for Member-at-Large. Being there is one nomination per position; these individuals will be elected by acclamation.
- B. **Storage Unit:** Betty explained the need for storage of our auxiliary items. She has researched several companies in town, and has located one with the best deal. \$59/mo. for the first year. This is a 5X10 unit and climate controlled. Discussion followed. Ann Bracco moved that we accept this offer. This motion was approved.

Announcements: PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR POST

- A. **Hamburger's every Monday, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**
- B. **Taco Night – Wednesdays – 4:00-6:00 p.m. (Ends at the end of April)**
- C. **Queen of Hearts – Thursdays – 4:00-6:00 p.m.**

- D. **Slingo – First Sunday of the month at 2:00-4:00 p.m.**
- E. **BUNCO – Second and Fourth Sunday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.**
- F. **SWOOP- Mondays at 11:30a.m. (Will move to Wednesdays in May)**

Closing prayer was read, and President Betty gave her closing statement.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Stensgard
Secretary Madera Unit 131