



**Sons of The American Legion, Squadron 354**  
**8071 Whitaker Street, Buena Park, CA 90621-3527**  
**(714) 521-1179**

**Minutes of Sunday, August 14, 2011**

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm by Commander, Ron Garcia

Meeting to be recorded, no objections.

Officer roll call: Present: Commander, Ron Garcia; First Vice/Finance Officer, Tim Bourret; Second Vice, Craig Rowe; Adjutant, Benjamin Ziering Sgt. At Arms, Roy Copeland Historian/E-Board, Greg McGraw; Judge Advocate, Mike Stipke; Chaplain, Larry Cuneo; Asst. Chaplain, Al Steele; E-Board, Ray "Brow" Svitak;

Excused: E-Board, Carmelo Antolin; Advisor, Jeff Van Beekum  
Blessing by Chaplain, Larry Cuneo

Sgt. At Arms: placed the POW / MIA flag on empty chair

Pledge of Allegiance & Preamble: Led by Commander - Ron Garcia

Commander asked for 30 seconds silence for departed comrades

**Officer Reports:**

Adjutant: minutes of 7/10/11, motion to suspend reading of the minutes Brow, Seconded, Larry approved.

Commander: nothing to report

First Vice: 2012 cards are here, as of 8/10/11 23 paid, in to Department

Finance Officer: bank balance \$4,218.59, Hotel Raffle \$130.00

Chaplain: Larry Burkholder passed away a couple of weeks ago

**Old Business:**

Motion to purchase additional T-shirts, Brow to check on darker blue

Friday dinner, 8/19/11, Larry, Ron, Ben & Roy to help

Silverado Days, 10/14 - 10/16, booth \$300.00, prizes-pick up, try for "coin" booth, motion to pay \$300 by

Mike Stipke, seconded by Nick, approved. Volunteers: Nick

New Members: Dave Fuson - motion to accept Brow, seconded Brian, approved.

**New Business:**

VA Hospital visitation, Roy

VFW Food Bank, Roy

Correspondence: none

Announcements: from newsletter

For The Good of The SONS:

Closing Prayer by Chaplain, Larry Cuneo

Sgt. At Arms, retired the POW / MIA flag and the Flag

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm

Respectfully submitted, Benjamin Ziering



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**Minutes of Sunday, September 11, 2011**

**Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm by Commander, Ron Garcia**

**Meeting to be recorded, no objections.**

**Officer roll call: Present: Commander, Ron Garcia; First Vice/Finance Officer, Tim Bourret; Second Vice, Craig Rowe; Adjutant, Benjamin Ziering; Sgt. At Arms, Roy Copeland; Historian/E-Board, Greg McGraw; Chaplain, Larry Cuneo; E-Board, Ray "Brow" Svitak; E-Board, Carmelo Antolin; Advisor, Jeff Van Beekum**  
**Excused: Judge Advocate, Mike Stipke; Asst. Chaplain, Al Steele;**

**Blessing by Chaplain, Larry Cuneo**

**Sgt. At Arms: placed the POW / MIA flag on empty chair**

**Pledge of Allegiance & Preamble: Led by Commander - Ron Garcia**

**Commander asked for 30 seconds silence for departed comrades**

**Officer/Committee Reports:**

**Adjutant: minutes of 9/11/11, motion to suspend reading of the minutes Brow, Seconded, Larry approved.**

**Commander: SONS District 29, moving slowly;**

**First Vice: 2012 cards are here, as of 9/7/11 36 paid, in to Department**

**Finance Officer: bank balance \$4,212.56; Friday, 8/19/11 profit \$149.87, T-shirt deposit \$100.**

**Bills to pay, reimburse Mary, motion by Brow, seconded by Larry, approved**

**Still working on getting Challenge Coins**

**Still working on getting check & application back from District 29 for Chili cook-off**

**Donations to: Spinoza Bears & St. Jude Children's Research Hosp. - \$250 each, motion by Brow, seconded by Craig, approved**

**Silverado Days, Oct. 14-16 - Brian; Registered, all is good, need volunteers, sign up after meeting, SONS brochures are here, have access to brochure holders, Banner, ordered Legion Brochures**

**T-Shirts - Brow**

**Have 11 left - \$10.00 each ( 3 XL, 4-2XL, 4-3XL), order 10 (5 med, 5 lg. same color)**

**Carmelo wants 2X**

**SONS Cooking: - Tim & Mary, anyone have any suggestions, ideas or want to be chef for the night?**

**Friday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, Chicken Stroganoff, need at least 7 volunteers, discuss food**

**Saturday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> - Pot luck food, 160<sup>th</sup> will be here on the patio**

**Sunday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> - Oktoberfest, SONS bring sauerkraut & sides - any suggestions?**

**Friday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> - Mexican Dinner (Enchiladas), discussion**

VA Hospital visit, with Auxiliary – Roy (Johnny Laird)

1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. of every month, missed Sept., next is Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, who is going?

Discussion about SONS getting schedule for when SONS can have a time of their own, may be better for SONS to go with Auxiliary.

Chaplain: Nothing to report

**Old Business:**

Pins are here (samples) - order year pins for paid up members, who qualify and have a Uniform cover

Motion by Craig, seconded by Brow, approved

Have new SONS coin, order 10, sell \$10. each, motion by Craig, seconded by Ben, approved

SONS hats are here (Brow & Stephen) \$21.00 each

T-shirt is here (Stephen) \$14.50 each

**Fundraiser ideas:**

Motor cycle contest – Roy (chairman)

Old car show – Craig (chairman)

**New Members:** None

**Fundraiser ideas:**

Motor cycle contest – Roy

Old car show – Craig

**New Business:**

Gift Card for Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> - \$50., motion by Brow, seconded by Ben, Sign card

Certificates of Appreciation: Phil, Dave, Ed–Residence Inn, Margie, Michele

Sunday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> - Oktoberfest, SONS bring sauerkraut & sides - any suggestions?

Post clean-up - Sunday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>

Nomination of Officer - Judge Advocate, Brian nominated

8-Ball tournaments - Mike Larter, discussion to restart tournaments with other Posts

SONS Uniform Covers - anyone want to order? Approximately \$43.00 each

Today is Patriot Day - 9/11 Remembrance, 10 year anniversary, moment of silence observed

Mike Stipke situation, Brian, Trial manual needed

**Correspondence:** St. Jude Hospital

**Announcements:** from newsletter

Brenda Hoover doing better

**For The Good of The SONS:**

Closing Prayer by Chaplain, Larry Cuneo

Sgt. At Arms, retired the POW / MIA flag and the Flag

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Ziering



# **Sons of The American Legion, Squadron 354**

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**Minutes of Sunday, October 9, 2011**

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm by Commander, Ron Garcia

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Officer roll call: Present: Commander, Ron Garcia; First Vice/Finance Officer, Tim Bourret; Second Vice, Craig Rowe; Adjutant, Benjamin Ziering; Sgt. At Arms, Roy Copeland; Chaplain, Larry Cuneo; E-Board, Ray "Brow" Svitak; E

Excused: Historian/E-Board, Greg McGraw; Judge Advocate, Mike Stipke; Asst. Chaplain, Al Steele; - Board, Carmelo Antolin; Advisor, Jeff Van Beekum.

Blessing by Chaplain, Larry Cuneo

Sgt. At Arms: placed the POW / MIA flag on empty chair

Pledge of Allegiance & Preamble: Led by Commander - Ron Garcia

Commander asked for 30 seconds silence for departed comrades

Officer/Committee Reports:

Adjutant: minutes of 9/11/11, motion to suspend reading of the minutes Brow, Seconded, Mike, approved.

Commander: SONS District 29, moving slowly;

First Vice: 2012 29.75% in to Department

Bills to be paid: District 29 Chili cook-off, check destroyed; have new SONS coin, \$10.00 each, reimburse Mary, motion by Brow, seconded by Larry, approved

Chaplain: Post Commander, Ed Borgman in hospital

Silverado Days, Oct. 14-16 - Brian; Need volunteers, sign up after meeting,  
F 5-12pm, SA 12-12, SU 12-10pm, Legion not interested.

T-Shirts - Brow

Have 11 left - \$10.00 each ( 3 XL, 4-2XL, 4-3XL), order 10 (5 med, 5 lg. same color)

Ordered 5 medium & 5 large

SONS Cooking: - Tim & Mary, anyone have any suggestions, ideas or want to be chef for the night?

Friday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> - Mexican Dinner (Enchiladas), discussion

Thursday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Dinner

Friday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> - Turkey Stroganoff, Brian discuss oven in kitchen need repair

VA Hospital visit, with Auxiliary - Roy

Nothing new, 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. of every month, Oct. 6th, next is Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, who is going?

Fundraiser ideas:

Motor cycle contest - Roy (chairman), nothing to report

Old car show - Craig (chairman), waiting for call back

**New Members:** Anthony Codisport, Henry Gallegos, Charles – motion Ben, seconded Mike S

**Old Business:**

SONS hat are here

Oktoberfest, today, Sunday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> - SONS bring Sauerkraut & sides

Post clean-up - Sunday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>

Nomination of Officer - Judge Advocate, no election as office has not been vacated

SONS Uniform Covers - anyone want to order? Approximately \$43.00 each

**New Business:**

Sydney, need discipline advisory committee to set rules & guidelines, formal review process

Correspondence: none

**Announcements:** from newsletter

Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> - Surprise 40<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Clint Quadrozzi, pot luck

Bar-Be-Que on the Patio - Every Sunday, 3 pm – Donny taking a break, charcoal will be available

9-Ball - Every Sunday, 4pm

Commander's Breakfast – most first Sunday 9-11am

Military Night - First Friday of every month

Movie Night - Second Tuesday of every month

Birthday Night - Fourth Friday of every month

Friday Dinners: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday by Auxiliary, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday by SONS, 4<sup>th</sup> Friday by Legion, please be here for dinner (to support our 3 organizations) and sign up for Dinner early so the cooks know how many dinners to plan for

Sunday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> - Oktoberfest

Finance Officer: bank balance \$4,212.56; Friday, 9/16/11 profit \$86.04; still working on getting Challenge

Coins; District 29 Chili cook-off, our check has been destroyed;

Donations to: American Legacy. - \$250, motion by Sydney, seconded by Mike S.

For The Good of The SONS: Sydney, Karen Killen, Post 176 passed away;

Post 716 wants to have a pool tournament

Closing Prayer by Chaplain, Larry Cuneo

Sgt. At Arms, retired the POW / MIA flag and the Flag

Meeting adjourned at 3:47 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Ziering

Notes from November 13, 2011

Discussion about everyone not present

Silverado Days: we went in the hole, Brian will review at the next meeting

SONS T-shirts: the medium and large shirts are here, \$15.00 each

Cooking: Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, dinner, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>

Fundraiser: Ed has 2 hotel certificates, it was decided to start the ticket sales



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Minutes of Sunday, December 11, 2011

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm by First Vice Commander, Tim Bourret

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Officer roll call: Present: First Vice/Finance Officer, Tim Bourret; Second Vice, Craig Rowe; Adjutant, Benjamin Ziering; Sgt. At Arms, Roy Copeland; Chaplain, Larry Cuneo; Historian/E-Board, Greg McGraw; Advocate, Mike Stipke; E-Board, Ray "Brow" Svitak

Excused: Commander, Ron GarciaAsst. Chaplain, Al Steele; E-Board, Carmelo Antolin; Advisor, Jeff Van Beekum

Blessing by Chaplain, Larry Cuneo

Sgt. At Arms: placed the POW / MIA flag on empty chair

Pledge of Allegiance & Preamble: Led by First Vice Commander - Tim Bourret

Commander asked for 30 seconds silence for departed comrades

## Officer/Committee Reports:

Adjutant: minutes of 10/9/11 & notes of 11/13/11, motion to suspend reading of the minutes Brow, Seconded, Mike, approved.

First Vice: 11/23/11 29.75% in to Department

Finance Officer: bank balance \$4,789.22; Thanksgiving, 11/24/11 <\$35.00>; Friday, 11/25/11 profit \$50.00; still working on getting Challenge Coins; District 29 Chili cook-off, our check has been destroyed; have new SONS coin, \$10.00 each; reimburse Mary \$100.00 for T-shirts

Donation to: Special Olympics, \$250, motion by Nick, seconded by Craig

Chaplain: Post Commander, Ed Borgman passed away, after meeting carpool to viewing, reimburse Mary \$61.42 motion Craig, seconded by Mike

Silverado Days, Oct. 14-16 - Brian; did not make a profit, thank you for your help.

T-Shirts: Brow, we have medium & large, \$15.00 each

SONS Cooking: - Friday Dinners:

anyone have any suggestions, ideas or want to be chef for the night? Nate to do Jan. dinner

Friday dinner, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> - Rigatoni and red meat sauce

Sunday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Dinner

Sunday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> - Black eye peas and cornbread + other soups

VA Hospital visit, with Auxiliary - Roy (need SONS support or go with Auxiliary)

1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. of every month, was Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, next is Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, who is going? Mike L, Nick, Nate

Craig, 5 Star would like to go to VA, request help to cover gas expense, tabled

## Fundraiser ideas:

Motor cycle contest - Roy (chairman), nothing to report, tabled

Old car show - Craig (chairman), waiting for call back, tabled



**Old Business:**

Continuous year Pins are here (samples) - will order soon  
SONS hats (ball cap) \$21.00 each, have 1 available, can order more  
National SONS T-shirt \$14.50 each, can order more  
8-Ball tournaments - Mike Larter (this is not an official SONS function), tabled  
SONS Uniform Covers - anyone want to order? Approximately \$43.00 each

**New Members:** Charles Recio, Sal Negrette (Brow); Nicholas Lawrence, (Nathan Lawrence)  
Transfer from Squadron 72, Anaheim: Frank Siebert (Ray), motion Mike S., seconded by Brow

**New Business:**

Certificates of Appreciation, Hotel drawing  
Nate, discuss Children & Youth project, Marshal Arts training/wrestling, trying to get equipment donated, has volunteers to lead  
Jerry Dow has started 3-Ball on Wednesday's at 6:30 pm  
SONS Hotel Opportunity drawing

**Correspondence:** none

Tim: Thank you letters from: St. Jude & American Legacy  
Larry has letter from Ronald MacDonald House

**Announcements:** from newsletter

Bar-Be-Que on the Patio, Every Sunday, 3 pm, Donny taking a break, charcoal will be available  
9-Ball - Every Sunday, 4pm  
3-Ball - Every Wednesday, 7 pm  
Commander's Breakfast - most first Sundays 9-11am  
Military Night - First Friday of every month  
Movie Night - Second Tuesday of every month  
Birthday Night - Fourth Friday of every month  
Friday Dinners: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday by Auxiliary, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday by SONS, 4<sup>th</sup> Friday by Legion, please be here for dinner (to support our 3 organizations) and sign up for Dinner early so the cooks know how many dinners to plan for  
Post clean-up - Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, today, next one Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, don't know what time  
Children's Christmas Party, Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 1pm  
Christmas Eve Commanders Eggnog party, Saturday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 3pm  
New Year's Eve Party, Saturday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, advanced ticket sales \$9.00 each

**For The Good of The SONS:** Pat Ochoa, Cypress 295 passed away; any idea when Ron will be back?  
Anything new with Mike S.? Post is working on it.

**Closing Prayer** by Chaplain, Larry Cuneo

**Sgt. At Arms,** retired the POW / MIA flag and the Flag

**Meeting adjourned** at 3:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Ziering