



VFW Post 7041

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VFW Post 7041 General Meeting
Minutes of 13 May, 2023

Respect to the Colors, Opening Prayer and Reading of the Charter

Call to Order	1000
Opening prayer	1003

Attendance:
9 Members - Guests 1

Roll Call of Officers - (P) present, (A) absent, (E) excused

P	Commander	Terry Moxley
P	Senior Vice Commander	Bruce Mackamul
P	Junior Vice Commander	Michael Gervais
P	Adjutant	Mark Storsteen
P	Quartermaster	Eric Mo Motier
E	Chaplain	Jose Flores
P	Judge Advocate	Bruce Mackamul
P	Service Officer	Art Haeussler
	Post Surgeon	
E	Officer of the Day	Ray Johnson (Acting)
P	1 st Year Trustee	Jonathan North
E	2 nd Year Trustee	Lora Wood
P	3 rd Year Trustee	Daniel Canright

Membership Applications

None

Reading of the minutes:

Minutes were posted to the VFWPost.org website. A motion was made to approve them as posted to the web. It was seconded. Vote to approve unanimous.

Report of the Quartermaster

Total Income - \$9042.19
Income and Expenses: \$3414 income from donations.
 Kitchen Post Dinners \$4839.00. \$389.00 in membership dues, Total income \$9,042.19
 Expenses: Bank Fees: \$0.09, Kitchen Purchases \$8,204.14, Professional fees \$12.50.
 Total Expenses: \$8,216.00 - Net Income: \$825.46



Report of the Service Officer: Art Haussler shared that he had nine new claims, one of them a repeat. He shared information about the PACT act. It's an ongoing program for Vietnam Veterans. There is a final date for application for benefits which is October 1, 2023. He shared the benefit if approved is retroactive to August 2022. There is also extended eligibility through Vet Centers for the Coast Guard and National Guard units and Reserves.

San Marcos reports they have PTSD educational classes now on Wednesdays from 10:30 to noon. He shared as he does often to use the vistapost.org website for additional information. He also shared some information about Suicide programs and that we should look to help if we can. Mark Storsteen has additional information from Art if you are interested in learning more. The Post website is a good resource for answers, and organizations as well.

Comrade or a Family Member of a Comrade in Distress

Ray Johnson's wife passed recently. Terry Moxley reports that he has spoken with Ray and has requested to be excused from today's meeting.

Committee Reports: Nothing new to report.

House Committee Chairman reports: Nothing was new to report.

Post prayer: A prayer from the acting Chaplin was offered to all.

Events

Upcoming events:

Participation in the upcoming Vista Strawberry Festival was shared. A joint booth with the American Legion is available for us to participate. Tom Moore is point of contact. (910) 545-0683

Unfinished Business

None

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Mark Storsteen to donate \$250 to Boy Scout Troop 709 in support of their Summer Camping events. The motion was seconded, and a discussion was entertained about the motion. Janiece Jordan offered that we entertain that the Boy Scouts help with events - for example - events at the Post - for the gift of \$250.00 to the Scout Troop. She went on to say that they should do something for the gift, not just "get" it. With the discussion complete it was agreed by those present that this should be a condition for the "gift." Terry Moxley shared they had helped with events for The American Legion.

The **motion** to gift the Boy Scout Troop 709 was then brought up for vote and passage was unanimous.

A **motion** was made by Terry Moxley to appoint Jerry Stephens as Post Surgeon. The motion was seconded and passed with all members present voting aye!.

Terry Moxley then shared that all Service Organizations are required to up-date our By-Laws. A Copy of the new bylaws has been given to members via e mail. Please review and report to Mark Storsteen or Terry Moxley if you find error or conflict. If none then we will vote on them at the next meeting in June. They are then sent to the Department of California and then on to National for approval.



Terry Moxley shared that he represented our post at Vista High School for the Air Force Junior ROTC award presentation, known as pass and review and Change of Command Ceremony. A **motion** was also made to donate \$250 to the Air Force Junior ROTC to assist in getting new flight equipment and manuals for the organization. It was seconded and passed.

. A third item was presented by Terry Moxley. He states that it has been brought to the attention of several officers of the post to change the name of the Post back to "Vista Memorial Post" from Sgt. Major Ralph E. Gibbs, Jr. I would like to hear from you in this matter. If it is desired to change the name, then we will draw a document, disseminate it to the Members and vote on it at a future meeting.

Terry Moxley also shared that Ray Johnson had come upon an article in the Union Tribune about a Vietnam War Memorial found in a Ramona storage yard. The article shared what the Memorial Stone was about. More information will be shared in June 2023's meeting. Ray Johnson will be in attendance and share more information

Special activities: None:

Our National Home Honored: Collected \$28.00

Good of the Order

We have attained 100% MEMBERSHIP for the year.

Many thanks to Mo for processing the new Member applications.

During the month of May, Burger King locations in San Diego are fundraising to support VFW's Unmet Needs Program. Burger King is encouraging guests to donate \$1 or round-Up the purchase to help support the grants to Military and Veteran families.

There are 6 locations that participate in San Diego, but none in North County.

Closing Prayer: Given by acting Chaplain: 10:44 am

Next Regular Meeting

Saturday June 10, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

Regular Business Meeting closed at: 10:46 am

Respectfully submitted,



**Mark H. Storsteen
Adjutant**