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The American Legion

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Post General Meeting Minutes of **July 15,2023**

Proceeded with opening ceremony, Pledge, POW/MIA and Preamble of American Legion

Call to Order Commander Brad Sakemi

Opening Prayer Joe Flores

Roll Call of Officers 17 Officer Positions (Quorum is 9 members), (#) non-voting positions, (*) members that hold dual positions (P) present, (A) absent, (E) excused

Commander Brad Sakemi	P_
1st Vice Cmdr Tom Moore	E_
2nd Vice Cmdr Joe Kuntz	A_
Adjutant Mike Stevenson	P_
Finance Officer Eric Motier	P_
Chaplain Joe Flores	P_
Sgt-at-Arms Mark Baca	P_
Asst Sgt-at-Arms Alina Diaz	E_
Judge Advocate Kevin Leahy	P_
Historian Ray Johnson	P_
Service Officer Art Haeussler	P_
Jr. Past Commander Bret Olson	P_
E-Board Dan Canright	P_
E-Board Pat Burgess	_
E-Board Bob Braman	A_
E-Board Jerry Stephens	P_
E-Board Norman Linek	P_

Special Legion Family Guests - Kristi Thomas, Ken Dewoody, Trish Dewoody, Samantha Garibay, me-Esther Gallardo Davis, Sally Garibay, April Gallardo, David Gallardo, Laura Charavrin, Mike Davis

VFW 7041 Cmdr	Terry Moxley	P_
ALR Director	Marisa Kuntz	A_
SAL Commander	Shaun Butler	P_
Aux President	Colleen Collazo	P_
House Chairman	Eric Motier	P_
Web Admin	Shaun Butler	P_

Adjutant

Roll call taken, we have a Quorum

Briefed minutes from the last meeting which were sent out to all Officers and placed on the Posts Calendar. Request motion to accept. _ Passed

Contact from: Maria Galvan from the VETART.org Vista is a free art program for Veterans, spouses and family something to look into.

Food4warriors will be at Post August 4, 2023 11-12 looking for volunteers to help pass out food and preregistered Vets/families who are in need. Register/Volunteer at www.food4warriors.org

Cherie Mondrella with Dogspot@gmail.com is Vice President of DogSpot a doggy daycare in Oceanside. Looking for Veteran with PTSD to be recipients of rescue dogs which the owner Carlene King will be training for 4-6 weeks a \$4600. value and will be approx. \$600. to the Veteran. More to come on this but if you know someone please speak up. A Husky is in training now.

1st Vice Commander

At present we stand at 376 members our goal is 502 that's 74.9%. We have another Veteran to be a member Rick Riewer, US Marine, served 1971 - 1975, honorable discharge Motion to accept for membership Voted and Passed Welcome aboard.

The end of membership year is upon us. If your card reads 2023 it's time to renew your membership.

2nd Vice Commander

Finance

Eric gave brief on our funds, June is our lowest month with a total of 7k loss, Turned in full report Motion to accept pending audit Passed

Historian

Ray briefed and showed a film he made on the Army presentation, Outstanding job. Part of brief was that the last Army Veteran that held position of Commander for our Post was 21 years ago. Mostly Marines have assumed this position. Today Brad Sakemi is our Commander, USA. Great film ask to view it. Also, Ray put link out

<https://youtu.be/8SDBsH6-C7Q>

Jag
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Auxiliary Unit 365

Judy passed word that at AL baseball game our post will be honored and stated items like parking are free. Get out and support our baseball team

SAL Squadron 365

Closed out 2023 with 86 Members. They want to start the new year with a bang, get cracking.

ALR Chapter 365

Prior it was stated that all goals the chapter had were achieved. New year new goals.

House Chairman

Check the web for events and menu

Our 4th of July event went very well. God bless America

Cucuy's MC has bike nite coming August 16th from 6-9

July 23rd Bunco sign up at bar now.

VFW 7041

Terry and Ray have visited the Vietnam memorial that we are trying to get here. When they ask for assistance, please step up this would be a great item for our Post.

Web Admin

Go to our web site and check out the calendar and the events for times and dates it's a great wealth of information

Service Officer

Once again briefed on the importance of a Veteran having their DD214 available for it is the most important document you will have as a Veteran.

PacAct is very important if you think you qualify get and file for it.

Suicides are up again if anyone knows someone of if they/you just want to speak to someone the phone is #988 and it's is private. More information is on our website.

Old Business

Parking lot bids and grants are being looked at

New Business

Reminder for all members that 2024 dues are being accepted. If unsure of your status check with 1st Vice. You can do online which can save you gas. Or pay for life membership which saves time and gas.

Other discussion

Good of the Legion

Remember our Web site www.Vistapost.org and Suicide Hotline is #988 and the Military and Veterans Crisis Line is 800-273-8255

Closing Prayer Joe Flores

Adjourned Time 1100

Voted approval subject to corrections

Yes

No

Date

Corrections

Commander Signature

Adjutant Signature