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The American Legion

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Post General Meeting Minutes of 19 August 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	P_
2nd Vice Cmdr Joe Kuntz	P_
Adjutant Mike Stevenson	P_
Finance Officer Eric Motier	P_
Chaplain Joe Flores	P_
Sgt-at-Arms Mark Baca	A_
Asst Sgt-at-Arms Alina Diaz	P_
Judge Advocate Kevin Leahy	P_
Historian Ray Johnson	P_
Service Officer Art Haeussler	P_
Jr. Past Commander Bret Olson	P_
E-Board Dan Canright	A_
E-Board Pat Burgess	A_
E-Board Bob Braman	E_
E-Board Jerry Stephens	P_
E-Board Norman Linex	P_

Special Legion Family Guests (#)

VFW 7041 Cmdr	Terry Moxley	P _
ALR Director	Marisa Kuntz	P _
SAL Commander	Shaun Butler	P _
Aux President	Colleen Collazo	A REP P _
House Chairman	Eric Motier	P _
Web Admin	Shaun Butler	P _

Introduction of other guests Todd Shelton

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

Correspondence Boy Scouts from Vista 747 request to interview Veterans from past conflicts. Interviews will go to Veteran History Project in the Library of Congress. Terry Moxley will head up the group, please if you have some good stuff volunteer it's for Sept 16 at noon. See Attached.

VA Clinic in Oceanside is looking for volunteers as little as a couple of hours or 1 day per week to help. Karen Bowman is contact. See Attached

1st Vice Commander

The State hasn't caught up for 2024 in publishing numbers, but we have 194 members paid for 2024. Please take care of your 2024 membership asap.

If it's a financial reason/problem, see 1st Vice or the Adjutant.

We also have 7 members we voted on Passed

2nd Vice Commander

Setting up a 50/50 chance to win sign up during week at the bar and each Saturday the drawing will happen. Must be present to win so if you are not it rolls over to the following week. I expect to win on the third week and take home a bundle.

Great fun get some

Finance

July was a good month we made profit. Let's go

Historian

Ray gave us the happenings from the past. A lot happened in the Past Augusts Purple hearts the 7th , VJ Day the 14th , Aviation day today and a bunch more.

**Jag
No Report**

**Auxiliary Unit 365
No Report**

**SAL Squadron 365
Membership rising, everyone please get your 2024 membership taken care of.
To assist in this the SAL will be following the Riders in getting Poker Chips to give out a
encouragement to join.
Sponsoring Trivia Night Aug 23rd**

**ALR Chapter 365
Poker Chips are designed and will be ordered soon, Challenge to think outside the box like
this, implement to get new members.**

**House Chairman
Trivia Night Wednesday Aug 23rd 6-8
Karaoke Saturday Aug 26th 6-10 If you can do it in the shower, you can do it at the Post.
Poker Night Sept 9th 3-6 with a \$20. Buy in Don't fold, raise you're a member of 365 you can't
lose.
Karaoke Night again Sept 16th**

**VFW 7041
Reported that the Vietnam memorial present owners asking a lot so project is back burner.**

**Web Admin
Asking for reviews through Google and Yelp. Go online and submit that you had a great meal,
met another hero this people read and think...I think I will go there and have fun.**

**Service Officer
Pact Act applications are behind. Don't give up yours is next I'm sure.
Our website has more and more good information added all the time. You can get your answer
there.
Female Veterans have the same benefits as male Veterans so pass it on.**

Old Business

**New Business
TAP is program for members of the service when getting out at Camp Pendleton proposed we
have volunteers to go down and brief what the American Legion can do for them. We should
have a short film to get each brief standard. Will need volunteer to be in film. Motion to move
forward and get set up. Motion Passed. This will help membership.**

New Business Cont.

Proposed we investigate getting a military artifact for the Post such as tank, mortars, or go big and get a helicopter. This would show our community we are a Veteran Organization. Several avenues we could check out to get this rolling. Motion to start investigation. Passed

Other Discussion

Good of the Legion

Wish to recognize:

Art Haeussler for the work he does day after day to assist our Veterans and the information he passes along.

Joe and Marisa Kuntz for the chairs they got from the “55 Yard Line Sports Bar” which went to our back patio.

Jose Flores received a donation from former Chaplain, David Plank asking that a plaque be made in memory of Jose’s brother, a 50 year mentor of the American Legion.

Attachment 1

Contact Terry Moxley if you are interested, Tmoxley572@gmail.com

My name is Lucas Smith. I'm currently working on my Eagle Scout Rank in the Boy Scouts program, and I'd like to visit with some volunteers for my Eagle Project on Saturday, September 16.

My Eagle Project is interviewing veterans who were actively participating in a foreign war or operation, including (but not limited to) Vietnam, Korean, WWI, WWII, Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Global War on Terror, and Operation Restore Hope. These interviews are 30- to 45-minutes, with two scouts asking guided questions. The interviews are then sent to the Library of Congress, which will store them online on their Veterans History Project website (here: <https://www.loc.gov/programs/veterans-history-project/about-this-program/>).

I'm looking to interview about 20 veterans, but I'll also be going to other American Legion outposts nearby throughout the month to gather more interviews. Of course, more interviews are always welcome.

Would it be possible for my volunteers and I to come around noon on September 16? And if we do, is there a quiet space in or around the building that we could use for the interviews?

Please CC my father at askrobsmith@gmail.com on any reply email.

Thank you for your time.

Yours in Scouting,

Lucas Smith

Troop 747 in Vista, CA

Outdoor Ethics Guide

Attachment 2

Contact Karen Bowman if you are interested. mikabowman@cox.net

The VA Clinic in Oceanside is in need of volunteers. If you can donate 1 day or a few hours a week, please go to the following website: www.sandiego.va.gov

Click **Volunteer or Donate**

Go to **Resources** and

Click **Orientation Materials**

For assistance call: **(858)642-3267**

Thank you,

Karen Bowman

VFW Auxiliary 7041

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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

Adjourned Time

Voted approval subject to corrections

Yes

No

Date

Corrections

Commander Signature

Adjutant Signature