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The American Legion

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Post General Meeting Minutes of 16 September 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	P_
Adjutant Mike Stevenson	P_
Finance Officer Eric Motier	A_
Chaplain Joe Flores	P_
Sgt-at-Arms Mark Baca	P_
Asst Sgt-at-Arms Alina Diaz	P_
Judge Advocate Kevin Leahy	A_
Historian Ray Johnson	P_
Service Officer Art Haeussler	P_
Jr. Past Commander Bret Olson	P_
E-Board Dan Canright	P_
E-Board Pat Burgess	A_
E-Board Bob Braman	P_
E-Board Jerry Stephens	A_
E-Board Norman Linex	P_

Special Legion Family Guests (#)

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

Introduction of other guests
Robert Higdon and Todd Shelton

Adjutant

Roll call taken; we have a Quorum

Minutes from the last meeting were sent out to all Officers and placed on the Posts Website.

Request motion to accept. Passed

We have a request for volunteers to assist in the cleanup of Old Bonsall Bridge, they will also be recognizing Veterans and have goody bags. Good community event November 11th.

If you wish off these reports mailing list or if you want on this list, contact me.

1st Vice Commander

231 of new goal 379 that's 60.95%

Robert Higdon, USMC was accepted as a new member.

2nd Vice Commander

Requested a motion to get memberships list of names to add to weekly 50/50 drawing. Passed

On each Saturday there will be a drawing, but the winner must be present. If not present, the winnings will be carried over to the following week. Don't be the winner and not be there, could end up on wall of shame.

Finance

Received a monthly written report and last month was a good month for us. Please participate in events that are set up and come join us for a great meal.

House Chairman

Lots of events coming

20th Trivia Night

23rd Chili Cook Off

24th Bunco Night

30th Band Night

October

13th Navy Birthday

15th Poker Night

28th Halloween Party There is so much going on you need to check the Post calendar weekly which also gives you meal menu.

Historian

Ray Johnson briefed that today was the Air Force Birthday and we have 60 AF members. Yayy He also gave history on the USS Missouri along with background on the display we have of the USS Missouri (donated by Ray) He also wishes to have moved to a more prominent spot in the building. We also recognized that September 16th is the American Legion Birthday 1919

Auxiliary Unit 365

Raffle ticket for bar basket are going well but get yours and one for your spouse. Sponsoring Chili Cook Off. Need judges that can withstand hot and spicy chili. Also come and have some chili and you tell us which one is the best. Wreaths are coming and we always have a good turnout so this year most important because the wreaths have increased in your donation to \$17.00 each.

SAL Squadron 365

Sponsoring the Trivia nights and want everyone to come out and have a ball. Sponsoring Oktoberfest this year and have some great looking beer steins available for sale.

ALR Chapter 365

Not to be out done the Riders are sponsoring the Band Night, put your best shoes on and come and cut a rug.

Web Admin

There is a new Facebook Page under the name "American Legion Vista Post 365" Everyone is asked to help and go on Yelp and Google and leave a review of our Facebook page along with the Posts website, this only takes a few minutes of your time. Unlike me it takes forever to write about the great meals at the post, and the friendly faces that volunteer and service you. The camaraderie and new faces you meet.

Service Officer

Art wants you to know the Pact Act sign up is closing and you should be getting hot if you have not done your paperwork yet. VA is sending out letters for disability reduction. If you get a letter from VA go over it don't lose your benefits by throwing the letter away. DD 214 is the most important document you can have and don't forget about this document for your spouse. North County Veterans Stand Down, NCVSD, October 19-22, 2023, reminder they always need your assistance so volunteer. This is where we shine each year because of your help many Veterans get the help and a new start they need.

Old Business

Still looking into a military artifact that we can display.

Other Discussions

If you know someone that has a military transportation vehicle which could loan us for events coming up, please speak up.

Good of the Legion

We received a donation of a Special Forces Flag to display on our patio. Thank you

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 1055

Voted approval subject to corrections

Yes

No

Date

Corrections

Commander Signature

Adjutant Signature