



VFW Post 7041

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VFW Post 7041 General Meeting Minutes of 12 August 2023

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

Call to Order	10:00
Opening prayer	10:06
Attendance: 15Members - 3 Guests	

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 Gervias
P	Adjutant	Mark Storsteen
P	Quartermaster	Eric Mo Motier
P	Chaplain	Jose Flores
P	Judge Advocate	Bruce Mackamul
P	Service Officer	Art Haeussler
P	Post Surgeon	Jerry Stephens
P	Officer of the Day	Ray Johnson
E	1 st Year Trustee	Jonathan North
E	2 nd Year Trustee	Daniel Canright
P	3 rd Year Trustee	Lora Wood

Call to Order: Commander Terry Moxley called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. A brief break in the meeting was called to introduce the Three Visiting Guests. VFW Auxiliary District President, Diana Kulhanek and District Senior Vice President LeAnn Brown. A brief presentation about their role and partnership with our organization. Secondly, Judi Leonardi shared information about the American Legion State Baseball Championship. She shared that the combined contribution of VFW Post 7041 and MOC Pump Tent 40 were the 2nd largest contributors in the state of California donating more than \$6800 dollars for the players & families for transportation and lodging during the tournament. A big thank you was shared to all.

Next, Commander Terry Moxley then called for verification of membership. All present shared their membership card/information. Ray Johnson and Art Haeussler reported all members present were authorized to be so.



Commander Moxley authorized members to be seated after verification of their membership by the Officer of the Day and Service Officer.

Call of prospective members: Commander Moxley called for introduction of prospective members. Paul Krueger, John Peterson and Todd Shelton were welcomed. Todd shared his affiliation with the Marine Corps League, in Oceanside, and additionally associated with an American Legion Post of Oceanside.

Opening prayer: An opening prayer was offered by Chaplin Jose Flores.

Call for Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Moxley called the members present to attention to Salute the Flag. That was completed and members remained standing. The call for Opening Prayer was made.

Post Charter: The Post Charter was recited by Commander Terry Moxley. Opening ceremony completed.

Reading of the minutes:

Meeting minutes for our July 2023 meeting are posted on our Post website. Commander Moxley stated If there are no corrections to the Minutes, they'll stand as approved.

Application for membership.

Report of the Quartermaster:

The Quartermaster shared the following:

Income:

Donations:	88.00
Kitchen Post Dinners:	5,406.35
Membership Dues	81.00
Other Income	23.40

Total Income:	\$ 5,598.75
Gross Profit:	\$ 5,598.75

Expenses:

Donations/Contributions	2,141.13
Kitchen Purchases	2,853.12
Kitchen Expense:	93.60
Total Kitchen Purchases	\$2,946.72



Other expenses	240.00
Professional fees	30.00
Total Expenses	\$5,357.85
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$240.90
NET INCOME	\$240.90

House Committee Reports: Ray Johnson reported many events are upcoming. Plans are for Karaoke again, Texas Hold-em September 9th, and a Chili Cook-off on September 23rd. More information will be on the Post Website, VistaPost.org.

Mike Gervais shared information about this past year’s participation in the National Youth Scholarship Program. The two programs were Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy, of which Michael Corcoran and Rachel Harder participated. He shared highlights and specifics of the programs and encouraged us all to continue to be involved. Deadline for papers to be submitted to our Post no later than October 31, 2023. November 1, 2023, is too late. The deadline is very specific. There are additional guidelines if anyone is interested.

He additionally shared information about Sexual Trauma. He shared that a claim for this type of trauma doesn’t have to be explained to a Service Officer. Paperwork that potentially gets submitted is handled by the VA, not a service officer. Appropriate agencies and staff will be arranged by the VA. For this type of claim he shared one does not have to share information with anyone not known. Professionals are who one gets assigned to get information, not just anyone. When/if you intend to file here is a 12-month window to do so.

Service Officer reports:

Art Haeussler shared the Deadline for Agent Orange PACT Act was extended to accommodate late claims. He also shared that female members are eligible too. He shared that we shouldn’t forget about the women that served as well. Share information with those you may know that aren’t aware of their benefits too. Sexual trauma cases should be addressed as well. He shared military serving in conflicts in the Middle East has benefits too. Share with those you know to help get them started with getting good information. He also shared that there are Non-profit groups that can help Veterans. One specifically is Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission. Other benefits are local, like the free ceramics and pottery class mentioned in previous meetings.

A call from Mike Gervais was made to recognize Comrade Art Haeussler for his diligent efforts to help others when information about benefits and programs is in question. He was thanked publicly for his efforts.

Comrade or a Family Member of a Comrade in Distress: Chaplain Flores reported no one known in distress.

National Home: \$92.00 was collected, reported by Art Haeussler.

Unfinished business: Commander Moxley shared new information about the Vietnam Granite Monument that has been discussed at meetings recently. He shared that he and Ray Johnson had met with Barry Graham, the owner. Terry stated he decided to step back a little bit. He and Ray didn’t have a good feeling about Mr. Graham and his intentions. Tim Herrington and Mark Boca also met with Mr. Graham Terry reported. He shared that Mark works with a construction company. A



second meeting was held. Tim Harrington met Mr. Graham. The decision was made not to go ahead with the program. Mr. Graham wanted total control of the project. He also shared that there were others interested in the project. Terry's decision is not to participate in the acquisition of the stone. The Riders group is not participating either.

Next item. Previously was a proposal for air conditioning of the kitchen. A quoted price for a three-ton air conditioning unit, a heat pump is available. With a equipment cost of \$1395. Electrical installation would run about \$200 and be done by Bob Braman, an American Legionnaire. The proposal is for \$1600 for the purchase of the equipment and installation of the unit. Ray Johnson made a motion for approval. It was seconded by Eric Motier. A call for discussion was made. Lora Wood asked if we are going to ask the other organizations that use the facility to pitch in. Terry Moxley shared, probably not. Not right now. He shared that we are the primary group that uses the kitchen the most, so it makes sense. No further questions were raised. A call for a vote was made. All present voted Aye, no Nays. The motion carried.

Two Motions were made electronically this month. First to send \$50 to District 1 to go towards the VFW dinner on Friday night for the San Diego Stand Down. It was approved.

Secondly, we had a request from a Veteran to help pay for his SDGE and back tuition payable to National University of \$477. Approval to pay the SDGE bill was made electronically. A discussion of this matter to pay the National University bill was held at the meeting. Details were shared with those present about his situation. A vote was taken, and the decision was not to pay for the tuition fees to National university.

Events: Several prospective events were shared by Ray Johnson of the House Committee.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Good of the Order: A brief discussion was offered by Dan Leja prospective member that the City of Carlsbad is asking for input for their Veterans Memorial Park. More information to follow.

A question was made by Janiece Jordan of if our post does member appreciation for members. Information was offered that the wall in the entrance hallway serves that purpose. More details will be shared in future meetings.

Peter Lachn took a few minutes to share that he was returning after a long absence from the post. He shared he was first welcomed by Bruce Macknamul many years ago. He said he had been busy with taking care of his wife who had dementia. She passed recently. He posed a question on whether the Post participates with funeral homes like Allen Brothers. The answer was no, not generally. A celebration for a VFW Post member can be done here. There is no charge for a memorial service to the family.

Closing Prayer: Commander Terry Moxley asked Chaplin Juan Flores for a closing prayer. Members present participated.

Commander Moxley asked the members to recover and face the Flag, asked for a hand salute.



Next Regular Meeting: The next regular meeting will be Saturday September 9th at 10:00 am.

Regular Business Meeting adjourned about 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark H. Storsteen

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