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Post General Meeting Minutes of November 18, 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	P _
Chaplain Joe Flores	P _
Sgt-at-Arms Mark Baca	P _
Asst Sgt-at-Arms Alina Diaz	P _
Judge Advocate Kevin Leahy	P _
Historian Ray Johnson	P _
Service Officer Art Haeussler	P _
Jr. Past Cmdr Bret Olson	P _
E-Board Pat Burgess	P _
E-Board Bob Braman	P _
E-Board Jerry Stephens	P _
E-Board Norman Linex	P _

WOW!!!! ATTENDENCE WAS GREAT  
WAY TO GO, KEEP IT UP

Special Legion Family Guests (#)

VFW 7041 Cmdr Terry Moxley P \_

ALR Director	Marisa Kuntz	P_
SAL Commander	Shaun Butler	P_
Aux President	Colleen Collazo	P_
House Chairman	Eric Motier	P_
Web Admin	Shaun Butler	P_

Introduction of other guests

No guests today

### **Adjutant**

Roll call was 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

No Correspondence

### **1st Vice Commander**

264 with goal of 379 @ 69.66%

New Veterans who request Membership    Mark McNamara Army 77-98    Voted in  
    Richard Correia Navy GWOT    Voted in  
    Paul Hoffman Navy, Vietnam    Voted in  
    Welcome to the best Post in  
    America/California/San Diego area    Yep that's us

### **2nd Vice Commander**

Reported the Flags have been donated for the roof.

Reported that the rosters are almost done, and the drawings will begin soon. There is a \$5. 50/50 for each member    Stand By....

### **Finance**

Report read 25k in 22k out, 5k in and 5k out but \$600. loss.    Written report accepted and Passed subject to audit

### **House Chairman**

See Events

### **Historian**

Ray gave a brief on Pearl Harbor and the event which he hopes you all will attend, Why Not on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Little Fishing pier in Oceanside.

### **Service Officer**

6 new claims.

Reminder that DD 214s are very important to have readily available for your family.

Final Honors use to be non-profit no charge, however now they are with a price of \$1000.

This is super important for your loved one that are left behind that would like this event. Make sure you leave your family with guidance.

Suicides for each branch of service were given in hopes you spread the word and watch fellow veterans.

Bill 726 helps veterans with 100% disabled you can help get it to pass by calling or writing your representatives.

### **Auxiliary Unit 365**

Hosting Events

### **SAL Squadron 365**

Hosting Events

### **ALR Chapter 365**

Briefed on Riders Christmas Party with White Elephant Type Gifts Bring wrapped gifts and join in on the fun.

### **Web Admin**

Yelp gave us honors, to keep this up please if you haven't sent in a review do so. Sorry send in an outstanding review.

### **VFW 7041**

Terry wishes to thank everyone for supporting VFW and their efforts.

### **Old Business**

## **New Business**

Motion to Paint the Building Per a design by Art with blue on bottom and red on top Passed.  
Motion to request Banners from where Mark Baca works. Discussion was we can have as many as practical but only two displayed at a time. Banners would be for Events/ Meals/ etc... We will watch wording on banners, but we will be indicating "Community Welcome" These Banners are donations from Mark's work/Boss. This Motion Passed. Well deserved Thank You Mark.

## **Other Discussion**

Vista Parade we have two trucks that need decorating for the Parade, please help with this task. The trucks/flatbed will help those who need to ride and want to be in the parade just see the man in charge of the trucks. The Parade is from 1pm to 3pm starts at the Wave Waterpark finishes at the roundabout on Pala Vista.

Toys for Tots was blended into our participation in the Vista Christmas Parade. We will have a Toys for Tots donation box on our float/truck for those that would like to bring a unwrapped gift and donate. If you miss this portion after the parade at the Post from 3pm to 6pm we invite the whole community to come by with a unwrapped gift for the kids and you will get a voucher for a free hotdog/chip and a drink. By the way these trucks are lent to us by Mark's Boss. Come one come all let your hearts flow.

## **Good of the Legion**

Karen reported Wreaths across America, we are contributing 314 wreaths as a Post. Thanksgiving is sold out, great job everyone.

Mo would like to bring in Project Recovery, Terry Abby, to speak to the Board and other members on what they do as a group, which is to recover Veteran MIA belongings and get them back to loved ones. This was unanimously accepted as someone we would like to hear speak. Mo will coordinate.

## **Events**

### **November**

**Karaoke Nov 18th 6-10**

**Thanksgiving Dinner Nov 23rd 2-330**

**Dan Canright's Celebration of Life Nov 26th 2-4**

**Trivia Night Nov 29th 6-8**

**December**

**Christmas Parade Vista Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1-3**

**Pearl Harbor Remembrance at Little Fishing Pier starts 0930 Dec 7th.**

**Army vs Navy Football game Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 1200, come see the game**

**Movie Night Dec 9th starts 6pm what a great idea, support and you could see more.**

**Karaoke Dec 16th 6-10**

**Post will be closed for Christmas Dec 24-25**

Remember our Web site [www.Vistapost.org](http://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