



VFW Post 7041

Vista Memorial Post 7041

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VFW Post 7041 General Meeting
Minutes of - October 14, 2023

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

Call to Order	10:00 am
Opening prayer	10:02 am
Attendance: 19 Members - Guests 0	

Roll Call of Officers - (P) present, (A) absent, (E) excused

P	Commander	Terry Moxley
E	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
E	Post Surgeon	Jerry Stephens
P	Officer of the Day	Ray Johnson
E	1 st Year Trustee	Daniel Canright
P	2 nd Year Trustee	Jonathan North
P	3 rd Year Trustee	Lora Wood

Call for pledge of Allegiance: Commander Moxley called the meeting to order. He called for a salute to the Flag. All present stood and saluted the Flag.

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

Draping of the Charter: A ceremony of Draping the Charter was performed by Chaplain Jose Flores in memory of Jerry Moore.

Membership Applications

No new applications were reported.

Reading of the minutes: Minutes were read aloud by Post Adjutant Mark Storsteen. One item was reported to be incorrect. It previously read Post 7041 Women Auxiliary and was corrected verbally corrected by Senior Vice Commander Bruce Mackamul to read Post 7041 Auxiliary. Item noted by Adjutant for correction.

Report of the Quartermaster

Bank Balance: \$47,811.94 as of 10/14/2023

Report of the Service Officer

Items covered were the continued awareness of the Camp Lejune issue. Litigation continues. He also shared that “Sharks”, lawyers to pray on unsuspecting Veterans for programs such as Camp Lejune and other benefits continue. He shared that we should all be aware and wary of those still many that are trying to take advantage of Veterans. Secondly Art shared the month of November is the 50th anniversary of the end of the Viet Nam war.

Comrade or a Family Member of a Comrade in Distress

Ray Johnson shared that Dennis M Coutts, an annual member has passed.

It was shared that Comrade Jerry Stephens is in distress. Thoughts and prayers were asked for.

Art Hauessler shared that Comrade Skip Martin has also passed away.

Committee Reports

Events

Upcoming events:

The Vietnam War Commemoration event on the USS Midway, in San Diego Harbor will be held on November 9th, 2023. The event is scheduled from 11:am to 12:30 pm. Preregistration is required. Web site for registration is https://vietnamwar50th.com/sandiego_registration/. Days events are on the USS Midway Museum’s calendar of events page, <https://www.midway.org/exhibits-activities/special-days/calendar-of-events/>

Unfinished Business

Mike Gervias shared some brief information about the upcoming deadline for the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen program. He reminded all that the deadline for submission would be October 31, 2023

Good of the Order: Saturday November 11, 2023 the Annual Lo-Country Shrimp Boil will be held Food served from 2pm – 5 pm. Ticket required. Sign up in the Club Room. Music will be part of the event as well.

New Business

A short presentation was made about Hannalei Elementary School in Vista for funds. A motion was made by Eric Motier, and seconded by Jose Flores to gift Hanalei Elementary School \$500 for the schools needs. A vote was taken and passed unanimously with aye votes. No nay votes were cast.

Special activities: No new activities were reported.

Our National Home Honored: \$30.00 was collected.

Good of the Order: The upcoming United States Marine Corps birthday was shared with members. A cake cutting event would be held celebrating the event.

Closing Prayer: Closing prayer was offered by Chaplain Flores at 10:420 am.

Meeting closed. Commander Moxley called for all to rise and salute the flag. All in attendance rose to salute the flag.

Next Regular Meeting: Commander Moxley announced the next meeting will be held November 11, 2023, .

Regular Business Meeting closed at: 10:43 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark H. Storsteen". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

**Mark H. Storsteen
Adjutant**