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# The American Legion

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## Post General Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2023

Proceeded with opening ceremony, Pledge, POW/MIA and Preamble of American Legion

Call to Order Commander Brad Sakemi Opening Prayer Dan

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	<b>Brad Sakemi</b>	Р
1st Vice Cmd	lr Tom Moore	Ε
2nd Vice Cm	dr Joe Kuntz	Α
Adjutant	Mike Stevenson	Р
<b>Finance Office</b>	cer Eric Motier	Ε
Chaplain	Joe Flores	Е
Sgt-at-Arms	Mark Baca	Α
Asst Sgt-at-A	Arms Alina Diaz	Р
Judge Advoc	cate Kevin Leahy	Р
Historian	Р	
<b>Service Offic</b>	Ε	
Jr. Past Cmd	r Bret Olson	Р
E-Board	Pat Burgess	Р
E-Board	Bob Braman	Α
E-Board	Jerry Stephens	Р
E-Board	Norman Linek	Р

## Special Legion Family Guests (#)

VFW 7041 Cmdr	Terry Moxley	Р
ALR Director	Marisa Kuntz	Α
SAL Commander	Shaun Butler	Р
Aux President	Colleen Collazo	Ρ
House Chairman	Eric Motier	Р
Web Admin	Shaun Butler	Ρ

Please attend all meetings or indicate your request prior for excuse to the Commander

## Adjutant

Roll Call was taken, we have a Quorum.

Minutes from the last meeting were sent out to all by email and placed on the Post website. Request motion to accept. Second and Passed

1st Vice Commander
293 of goal 379 we are at 77.31%
District 22 average is at 74.49%
Signed up 30 members this week We have Fracisco Holguin USMC GWOT requesting membership, voted and Passed Welcome Fracisco

2nd Vice Commander NR

#### **Finance**

Back log at present will have written report coming did give negative amount for the club room. Had a few plumbing problems which ran us about \$1300.00 however the Building Fund box was checked this month and donations were way up and covered plumbing cost.

## **House Chairman**

Thanksgiving Dinner was a sellout. Thanks to all our Volunteers. Did really good for Movie Night and great feedback, with better s'mores Christmas Parade had a good attendance. Rumage sale coming in January.

#### Historian

Space Force Birthday this month gave some facts about them.

#### Jag

NR however after action indicated the Bylaws state that meetings shall be held on the third Saturday of each month, Indicating no black months.

## **Service Officer**

NR

## **Auxiliary Unit 365**

Wreaths Across America going on right now several Rider members are representing the Post and helping lay Wreaths they are also honoring their own families and fallen riders.

Auxiliary had ribbon ceremony with the Chamber

January 20 Veterans Appreciation Dinner will be put on by Auxiliary.

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### **SAL Squadron 365**

Gave membership report, 64 with goal of 92 that's 2<sup>nd</sup> in District which really is 1<sup>st</sup> due to procedures of #1s shady count. Shaun said that not me. Hosting the New York, New Years Event

## **ALR Chapter 365**

NR however several Riders are at Wreaths Across America helping lay wreaths for their family and fallen riders.

Poker Run is set for 20 April. So, get ready to rumble.

#### Web Admin

Pictures from the Parade and other events are now posted.

## **VFW 7041**

NR

Terry wished everyone a Merry Christmas and New Year from the VFW.

#### Old Business

Painting of the building will start soon. January, if you have time, we need Leo's and Rembrandts, see Art H.

Flags and banners are in works. On the banners, if you have insight on wording and phrases please get with Shaun.

We are looking for a date to invite Terry Abby to address the Post, about the organization he represents. Possible after the next general meeting January 20<sup>th</sup>. Members of the Riders, Sons and Auxiliary should plan on attending. VFW members are also invited. This is about Veteran Recovery and Should not be missed, make this a great event. Starting at 1100

#### **New Business**

Rumage Sale is coming in January, keep your ears open for date also start your Spring cleaning right after New Years Day so you will have those goodies ready.

Terry motioned to donate \$250.00 to the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Committee which keeps the yearly event going to honor those heroes. In our area there are no longer any survivors of that attack. Motion second and Passed. Finance get with Terry for information.

#### Other Discussion

Global War Memorial is looking for recommendations on what this monument should look like. If you have ideas, please turn in by December 21<sup>st</sup>. Sorry for short notice but you can do it.

Mo brought up the length of some meetings. Debates are limited to 3 minutes by individuals no second time until all other members have had the floor. The last speaker is the motion maker. Bylaws Article X Section 2

Good of the Legion Items moved to above

**Coming Events** 

December

Wreathes Across America happened Dec 16th Saturday.

Movie Night is December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm lets make this another great event. Bring snacks or buy from post.

Post is closed for Christmas Dec 24 and 25 Merry Christmas everyone.

New Years Eve Dec 31 the Post will hold a New York Countdown Event 6-10pm there is a signup sheet at the bar.

New Years Day Jan 1 Special Dinner from 12-4pm

## January

Rummage Sale Coming so get ready. If you got a unwanted Xmas gift before you return it to the store, waiting in line for hours and hours. Bring it to the rummage sale no wait.

Never to early to announce the Riders Poker Run April 20th all day.

Items to Remember:
Our Web site www.Vistapost.org
Suicide Hotline is #988
Military and Veterans Crisis Line is 800-273-8255

Closing Prayer Dan Adjourned Time 1050

Voted approval subject to corrections Yes No Date

**Corrections** 

Commander Signature Adjutant Signature

These are the last minutes I'm going to do for the rest of the year. Mad Mike