



VFW Post 7041

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VFW Post 7041 General Meeting
Minutes of - 9 December 2023

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

Call to Order	10:00 am
Opening prayer	10:04 am
Attendance: 9 Members - 0 Guests	

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

P	Commander	Terry Moxley
A	Senior Vice Commander	Bruce Mackamul
P	Junior Vice Commander	Mike Gervais
P	Adjutant	Mark Storsteen
P	Quartermaster	Eric Mo Motier
P	Chaplain	Jose Flores
A	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	
P	2 nd Year Trustee	Jonathan North
P	3 rd Year Trustee	Nora Wood

Call to order: Call to order was made at 10:00 am by Commander Terry Moxley.

Call for Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Terry Moxley called for a salute of the Flag. All members that were present stood to salute the flag. Then all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Commander Moxley then called for the Officer of the Day to verify membership of those present. Officer of the Day Ray Johnson reported that all members present were entitled to remain.

Opening Prayer: An opening prayer was offered to all present.

Roll Call: Commander requested the Adjutant call roll call of Post Officers. Roll call officers were made and results reported to the Commander.

Membership applications: No new applications were brought to the order of the Post.

Reading of the minutes: Commander Moxley shares the minutes of November's Post Meeting Minutes have been posted. He called for a motion to accept the minutes as posted. Ray Johnson made the motion for approval and was seconded by Art Haeussler. A call for approval by all was made by saying Aye. No opposition was made. The Minutes stand approved as posted.

Report of the Quartermaster:

Eric Motier gave a general summation of the expenses and income for the month. A net income for the month was reported as \$208.92.

Committee Reports: Eric Motier gave a brief presentation of upcoming events for Christmas and New Years activities.

Service Officer reports: Art Haeussler shared that he had 12 new cases, two were female veterans. He shared that there have been a lot of meetings with subcommittees. He reports the VFW now has a first ever female National Commander. There is a basic call for improvement in the claim process. He shared an ongoing challenge for claims are what are called "Claim Sharks". Those who try and get money unscrupulously. Methods to try and limit that. He continued to encourage members to be in touch with others. Reach out to those that you may know are in need. A phone call, or e-mail. He shared details about how the Vet Center in San Marcos was a good resource for Vets as well. Lastly, he shared some information of the North County Stand down. 636 Veterans were assisted through the event.

New Business: Paul Krueger was petitioned by officers of November's meeting for temporary replacement of the 1st Trustee position. Formal motion for this will be held at this December meeting.

National Home Honored: \$28.00 was collected.

Old Business: Nomination for Trustee. Paul Krueger was petitioned by officers of November's meeting for temporary replacement of the 1st Trustee position.

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The call for replacement of the 1st Trustee position was formally made. Paul Krueger is the current nominee. The motion was made by Eric Motier and seconded by Joe Flores. Commander Moxley called for approval of the nomination of Paul Kreuger. All present voted Aye. No Nay votes were made. Paul Krueger is our new Trustee.

A **motion** was made by Ray Johnson for \$250 to the Pearl Harbor Experience to help with their expenses. The organization provides a memorial in Oceanside yearly on Pear Harbor Day to remember those lost lives on December 7th, 1941. Seconded by Art Haeussler. A call for a vote of approval was made. All present voted Aye. No Nay votes were recorded.

A **motion** by Eric Motier was made for \$250 for the North County Vet Center, San Marcos for their Christmas party. Motion made by Eric Motier, and seconded by Art Haeussler. A call for a vote was

made. This in favor by saying Aye. The vote for approval was unanimous. No Nay votes were recorded for this item.

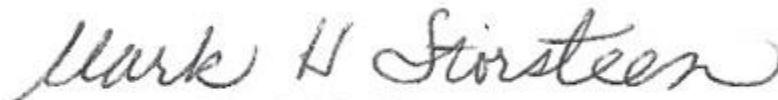
Eric Motier also shared that recently an active-Duty Marine who has been in the process of transitioning out of the Marine Corps is heading back to New Jersey. Eric reports this young man who became known as Donnie whose last name is Donnelly assisted on Thursday night dinners for example. He helps wherever needed. A **motion** was made by Eric Motier and seconded by Joe Flores to award "Donne" \$250. The call for a vote was made. All present voted Aye. No Nay votes were made.

Closing Prayer: The closing prayer was given by Joe Flores.

Announcement of Next Meeting: January 13, 2024 at 10:00 am.

Regular Business Meeting adjourned at 10:46 am

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark H. Storsteen".

Mark H. Storsteen
Adjutant
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