



VFW Post 7041

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VFW Post 7041 General Meeting Minutes of - January 13, 2024

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

Call to Order	1000
Opening prayer	1005
Attendance: Members - Guests 0	

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

P	Commander	Terry Moxley
P	Senior Vice Commander	Ray Johnson
P	Junior Vice Commander	Michael Gervais
P	Adjutant	Mark Storsteen
E	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	Lora K. Wood
P	2 nd Year Trustee	Jonathan North
P	3 rd Year Trustee	Paul Krueger

Membership Applications

3 are reported by Quartermaster Eric "Mo" Motier. James S. Fitzgerald, Dan Foncello, Navy, and Mark A McNamara Army/ Silver Star. A motion was made by Eric Motier to accept the members as read. It was seconded by Jonathan North. A call for approval from the membership was made. A members present voted Aye to accept the new members. No nay votes were recorded. The motion carried. .

Reading of the minutes:

.The minutes of the last meeting are posted on line at <http://VistaPost.org>. If there are no corrections the minutes stand approved as posted.

Report of the Quartermaster

Profit Loss was \$25109.55

Report of the Service Officer . Art Hauessler reports there is a major focus on women veterans. Reports show that women Veterans comprise of 15% of our active duty military and 18% of guardian reserves. The VA has been confusing female veterans as spouses and dependents instead of looking at them as individuals. The focus is not to identify an outreach program. They will look at all the homeless figures as well as a separate united for all homeless. Next President Biden signed the National Defense Act. It's the largest pay increase in 22 years. It is 5.2% and the total defense package was \$886 Billion. Next is Camp Lejune. Art shared we have been talking about it on and of through the past year. . The VFW has partnered with two law firms to address the issue. The criteria is to have a minimum of 30 days at Camp Lejune, whether working there, stationed there, or on and off the base for 30 days. Now there is a fund that you can go through with the Camp Lejeune involving a lawsuit. He shared that there is a request to remembers the VFW Nation Home program that has been in place since 1925. Its to help the families and Veterans during difficult medical times. He reported he had **seven new claims, one was a female batter claim**. Her service was 1981 to 1985 and never knew she had that. Our focus should be to try and see who else is out there that we can help withing the community. Secondly Art shared a program called Grants for Arts Projects: Briefly Support from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) supposes a program that they share "The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) supports the nations art sector with grant opportunities so that together we can help everyone live more artful lives." The program will be available for us in the City of Vista. (copies of the program highlights will be provided at the February meeting.

Comrade or a Family Member of a Comrade in Distress

None were reported

Committee Reports

No committee reports were made.

Events

Upcoming events:

No new events were reported

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Bruce Mackamul shared information that the Trager Smoker BBQ we have is in disrepair. A replacement is a good option as it would cost more to repair it that get a new one. An estimated Replacement cost is between \$1000 and \$1,500. Eric "Mo" Motier made a motion to authorize purchase of a new Trager Smoker. It was seconded by Jose Flores. A call for a vote was made. All present voted aye. No nay motions were recorded. The motion carried. An investigation of true cost will be made and presented at the next meeting to complete the purchase.

Our National Home Honored: A prayer was offered. Collected \$ 45.00

Good of the Order

Nothing reported.

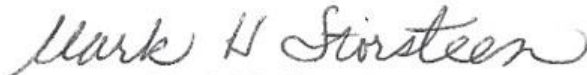
Closing Prayer: Given by acting Chaplain: 10:32 am

Next Regular Meeting

Saturday February 10 @ 10:00 AM

Regular Business Meeting closed at: 10:33 am

Respectfully submitted:



Mark H. Storsteen

Adjutant

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