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The American Legion

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Post General Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2024

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	A_
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	E_

Special Legion Family Guests (#)

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

Introduction of other guests

No guests but read letter from past Chaplain David Plank, letter also had donation of \$1500. To Post in recognition of Joe Flores present Chaplain. Letter stated Joe Flores is a considerate individual that always steps up to assist others and many times took Planks place as Chaplain when needed.

Adjutant

Roll call was taken, we have a Quorum

Minutes from the last meeting were sent out to all and placed on the Posts website. Request motion to accept. Passed

No other correspondence

1st Vice Commander

Membership 349 of our goal 379 we are at 92.08 %

We have three new requesting membership, Motion and Passed, our new members are:

Greg Fahey, Army, Vietnam

Matt Haley, Navy, Desert Storm

Steven Nice Warner, Army, Desert Storm

Boys and Girls State were selected and will move forward, congratulations to the finalist.

Membership Reminder to all, you can sign up for a 3-year package and not be affected by the rate increase for 2025 which starts in July. Can not be done at Post level only online. Another avenue is you can become a Life member PUFL and avoid future increases. Make 2025 a good year. You must be a member in good standing to hold office, nominations for 2025 begin in April.

2nd Vice Commander

Finance

Read report, received written report Net income \$10,361.12

House Chairman

Ice Machine has been acting up, will need to replace soon, this is a large expense. Riders donated \$1,000.00 toward a new Ice Machine, presented by Joe Kuntz.

Historian

Addressed the 105th Anniversary of the American Legion. Commander read letter about the American Legion there is also a cake for celebration.

Jag

NR

Service Officer

6 new claims started, noted many unsure of importance of the DD214 form. All are reminded to get your DD214 and put it in a prominent place. Everyone should get all important documents together in one place for your loved ones just in case needed.

Once again check with a Service Officer at the Post, VA or DVA for any claims of toxic areas not a lawyer that is after your money. Areas are no longer one or two sites or war zones. Please check our web site under "Resources which has more information

Auxiliary Unit 365

Sponsoring Sip and Swap

SAL Squadron 365

ALR Chapter 365

Poker Run 27th of April. There is also a pistol drawing at this event. Please plan for this event, all are welcome and if you can they are always looking for volunteers and donations. Outside clean up to beautify area begins in April, check with a Rider.

Web Admin

Calendar has changed, check www.vistapost.org and don't forget to do a review of the site.

VFW 7041

Memorial Day is coming May 27th members are planning now. Get involved.

Old Business

Raise the Flag account has over donated what is in funds. Looking for donations for all the events

We are still looking for pictures and bio from our officers to put on the web. If you have not submitted, please send to Adjutant. You are late.

New Business

Just a reminder that April is the first nomination for our officers' positions at the post. If you really wish to get involved be at the April meeting. Input from you as an officer or board member helps the Post in the everyday tasks of running this great Post. We will be looking for individuals that can step up and take a position/office next year, so start campaigning.

Other Discussion

Side of building got hit with Graffiti, we will be removing today. Suggested to look into a repellent if this keeps up.

Vietnam Travelling Wall That Heals will be on display in El Cajon at Wells Park on March 23rd.

Riders are going down and invite all to meet them at 1200.

The Medal of Honor event is March 25th.

Both events should be looked into.

Good of the Legion

Vista Strawberry Festival Celebrating 13 years is Sunday May 26th from 8am to 6pm we will be involved this year as always. Tom Moore is heading up our efforts and we are always looking for volunteers so plan now.

March 29th we are looking for volunteers to assist in cooking for Steak Night.

Coming Events

March

23rd Pancake Breakfast local school is putting on

31st Easter Breakfast

April

6th 12-3 Sip and Swap

6th Movie Night 6pm Caddyshack

13th Karaoke Night

27th Poker Run 0830-1600, Pistol Raffle drawing 1500.

Remember our Web site 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 1050

Voted approval subject to corrections

Yes

No

Date

Commander Signature

Adjutant Signature