



# VFW Post 7041

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VFW Post 7041 General Meeting  
Minutes of - 10 February 2024

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

Call to Order	1000
Opening prayer	1004
<b>Attendance:</b> <b>11 Members - Guests 1</b>	

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

P	Commander	Terry Moxley
P	Senior Vice Commander	Bruce Mackamul
E	Junior Vice Commander	Michael Gervais
P	Adjutant	Mark Storsteen
P	Quartermaster	Eric Mo Motier
E	Chaplain	Jose Flores
P	Judge Advocate	Bruce Mackamul
E	Service Officer	Art Haeussler
E	Post Surgeon	Jerry Stephens
P	Officer of the Day	Ray Johnson
E	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee	Lora Wood
P	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee	Jonathan North
P	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee	Paul Kreuger

**Call for the Pledge of Allegiance:** Commander Terry Moxley called the meeting to order. Then asked for a pause for introduction of a guest speaker. Martin Veprauskas a candidate for United States Senator made a brief introduction of his bid for office. The meeting resumed after the outside speaker finished. The pledge of allegiance was recited by members present.

**Opening Prayer:** A Prayer was offered by acting Chaplain Ray Johnson.

## Membership Applications

No new memberships were reported.

## Reading of the minutes:

Minutes for our January 2024 meeting were read verbally by Post Adjutant Mark Storsteen. A call for approval of the minutes for January was made. All present voted Aye to the motion. No Nay votes were recorded. The motion carried.

### Report of the Quartermaster

Profit /loss for January 2024.

Total Operating income was reported as \$8,403.23. Other expenses and income were reported to those attending the meeting.

### Report of the Service Officer

Art Haeussler was absent. Terry shared some information about VFW Priorities for 2024. Mark Storsteen has a printed read out of the basic information he shared. Connect with him if you'd like to know more.

### Comrade or a Family Member of a Comrade in Distress

No reports were made

**Committee Reports:** No new committee reports were made.

**House committee:** Eric Motier reported seats for the Super bowl event were still available. He shared the cost and availability.

Secondly, he shared information about the upcoming Valentines Day Dinner. It will be held Wednesday, February 14, 2024. A prime rib dinner. Details at the Bar. Next information was shared by Ray Johnson is the upcoming Movie night in March. The movie "Secondhand Lions" is planned for the event. Future movie plans are for the first Friday of each month. It was also discussed that the event may be suspended during summer months. As daylight gets longer, we may have to suspend the event through the summer months and return as it gets dark earlier. A possible solution may be presenting the movie inside the bar. More discussion about this at future meetings.

### Events

#### Upcoming events:

**On the 24<sup>th</sup> of February** a Rummage sale is planned at our Post. Starts at 8:00 am to about 3 pm. Items that don't sell will be donated to the DAV.

National VFW priorities want to reform the dysfunctional federal budget process because the Department of Defense gets money and it's not allocated. It's useless. They weren't to improved education benefits through increased online allowances. Also, to crackdown on unaccredited claim consultants. More information to follow.

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### Unfinished Business

Eric Motier shared an update on the purchase of the Trager BBQ Grill. Investing he suggests a different model. He found one for about \$999 instead of \$1500. It has the basic things we need and at a reduced cost. The approval cost of \$1500 for the other BBQ will cover the cost of this one. He will make the necessary purchase with funds we have authorized previously.

### New Business

Ray Johnson made a brief presentation about the "Cootie" organization to members present. He shared that if you're interested in connecting with one of its members Secondly, he shared that he has been involved with the "license plates" that are throughout our building identifying. Posts, Chapters and other organizations associated with us. Your home Post may be on one of the rafters. Take a look he suggested to see if your post is one of many that are up in the rafters. He asked to be contacted if a member's post/chapter isn't recognized to let him know. He'll follow up on getting one for your representation here at the VFW/American Legion Post.

**Our National Home Honored: Collected \$ 45.00**

### Good of the Order

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**Correspondence from several organizations** over the last couple of months was presented by Mark Storsteen. Gold Star Wives asking help to assist surviving spouses. No suggested amount was made. Other items our contribution to Wreaths Across American program was made. \$250 was donated to that organization.

**Notes from the District One meeting** that Terry Moxley attended. March will be a two for one month. Members who are behind in membership can make their one-year payment and get made-up for last year and pay for this coming year.

**An update for our National Home program** is still very vibrant. Existing homes are under consideration for upgrades for Wi-fi and other upgrades. More information will be available from Mark Storsteen if you're interested.

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. Ray Johnson presented Commander Terry with a check of \$500 from the "Cootie" organization to help with the purchase of the Trager BBQ pit.

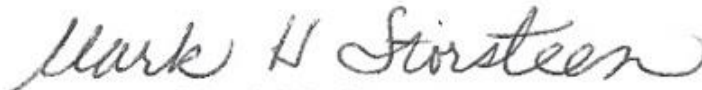
Closing Prayer: Given by acting Chaplain: 10:27 am

Next Regular Meeting

Saturday March 9, 2023 @ 10:00 AM
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Regular Business Meeting closed at: 10:29 AM

Respectfully submitted:



Mark H. Storsteen

Adjutant

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