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The American Legion

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Post General Meeting Minutes of April 20, 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	A_
Adjutant Mike Stevenson	P_
Finance Officer Eric Motier	E_
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	A_
E-Board Jerry Stephens	P_
E-Board Norman Linex	P_

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	E_
Web Admin Shaun Butler	A_

Introduction of other guests

Amanda Rigby, representative for the Mayor of Vista and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) read Vista's Proclamation for honoring Vietnam Veterans and dedicating March 29th as Vietnam Veterans Day.

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

Asked for assistance with getting information for the Consolidated Post Report which is due 1 June. Passed out to some members items to research and attempt to get back by May 15, next E- Board

Requested check to be mailed for Convention Delegates dues from finance. We have only one delegate going out of nine able to go. If you wish to go, please notify Adjutant by May 15th

1st Vice Commander

356 of goal 379 we are at 93.93 %.

Reminder of dues increase on 1 July and the new 3-year plan to pay dues online which will not have increase in it.

We have a new spot for the Strawberry Festival with better visibility and speaking of visibility ask all to wear AL covers (HATS) while attending the festival. Good PR

We have one new membership to vote on coming Saturdays meeting Kevin Olson USAF Motion to accept Passed, Welcome Kevin Olson

2nd Vice Commander

Finance

Report shows we did fair with minimal loss. Gross profit 24k and expenses was 28k leaving loss of 4k. Still behind on the Raise the Flag funds, we possibly should find ways to raise funds.

House Chairman

Reported Movie night will start at 7 pm because the sun is out longer.

25th of May will be Padres at Post very cool event

This Saturday Cucuys had their bike event

No burgers for the next two Saturdays, Sorry

Historian

Ray indicated that the Web site and the email address portion that he has had for so many years, which was an outstanding job done, will need assistance as he no longer is able to take on responsibility. "It's Time", were Ray's words.

Jag

Service Officer

Had 5 new claims.

The Supreme Court has taken on and weighed in on a couple of Veteran items. Asked to streamline VA benefits and look at lawyers that take advantage of members looking for settlements of lawsuits.

Auxiliary Unit 365

Karaoke Night May 18th

SAL Squadron 365

ALR Chapter 365

365 Poker Run will be next Saturday 27th with gun raffle drawing at 1500

They ask that the parking lot be empty of cars for this event to maximize room for vendors and motorcycles.

Riders announced that they would be hosting Movie Night on Saturday June 1st starting at 2000. They will be inviting other motorcycle groups as this will be a Bike Movie Night and "Easy Rider" will be showing.

Web Admin

Looking for individuals to assist with the web site, if you are interested, please inform us soonest.

VFW 7041

Briefed about Troop 709 and motioned would like to see a \$500.00 donation to their new events. Discussion about funds and Terry and Ray each donated \$100.00 toward the cause. Motion Passed.

Old Business

Painting of Building will be happening Art indicated the lower half should be done before next meeting. Anyone that would like to assist see Art.

Board members still need to put in Bio and Pictures for the website. We will hold off until after the next election to get new members but start working on your bio.

New Business

Art stated we have been donating 2 bikes for the Vista Strawberry Festival and would like to do it again. He will get bikes for that event.

Javier stated that District 22 is looking for someone from 365 to be their 1st Vise. It was agreed that the Post members would endorse this person.

Other Discussion

The Commander read what the American Legions definition of Americanism is.

Good of the Legion

It was discussed that recyclable items, cans and plastic bottles from the membership be brought in and sent for recycling. These funds would be put into the Raise the Flag Campaign. These are not items from the Post they are from our members. For separation there will be two trash cans donated for collection. We ask all members to assist in this easy way to raise money.

We are looking into an item, which is donated to us, to raffle off for raising funds. If you are aware of a item or can get one donated bring up to the boards attention.

Coming Events

April

27th 365 Poker Run w/gun raffle

May

4th Movie Night 7pm

5th Cinco de Mayo

12th Mother's Day "don't you forget it"

18th Karaoke

26th Vista Strawberry Festival

27th Memorial Day

June

1st Bike Movie Night

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

NOMINATION FOR NEXT YEARS OFFICERS

AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING, MAY 18TH THE SECOND ROUND OF NOMINATIONS AND THE VOTING WILL HAPPEN

INPUT FROM YOU AS AN OFFICER OR BOARD MEMBER HELPS THE POST IN THE EVERYDAY TASKS OF RUNNING A GREAT POST, FOR YOUR FELLOW VETERANS.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS, NO EXPERIENCE NECCESARY, LEARN ON JOB, THAT CAN STEP UP AND TAKE A POSITION/OFFICE NEXT YEAR.

**COMMANDER BRAD SAKEMI
1ST VICE TOM MOORE, JAVIER COLLAZO
2ND VICE NO NOMINATIONS AS OF YET
FINANCE PAT BURGESS
HISTORIAN KEVIN LEAHY
SGT OF ARMS ALINA DIAZ
ASSIST SGT OF ARMS NO NOMINATIONS AS OF YET
CHAPLAIN JOE FLORES**

EXECUTIVE BOARD 4 POSITIONS NOMINATIONS

**1 JAVIER COLLAZO
2
3
4**

THE FOLLOWING ARE POSITIONS THE COMMANDER APPOINTS BY RECOMMENDATION

**ADJUTANT
JAG
SERVICE OFFICER**