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## *The American Legion*

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### Post General Meeting Minutes of May 18, 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

<b>Commander Brad Sakemi</b>	P_
<b>1st Vice Cmdr Tom Moore</b>	P_
<b>2nd Vice Cmdr Joe Kuntz</b>	P_
<b>Adjutant Mike Stevenson</b>	P_
<b>Finance Officer Eric Motier</b>	P_
<b>Chaplain Joe Flores</b>	P_
<b>Sgt-at-Arms Mark Baca</b>	P_
<b>Asst Sgt-at-Arms Alina Diaz</b>	P_
<b>Judge Advocate Kevin Leahy</b>	E_
<b>Historian Ray Johnson</b>	P_
<b>Service Officer Art Haeussler</b>	P_
<b>Jr. Past Cmdr Bret Olson</b>	P_
<b>E-Board Pat Burgess</b>	P_
<b>E-Board Bob Braman</b>	P_
<b>E-Board Jerry Stephens</b>	P_
<b>E-Board Norman Linex</b>	E_

### Special Legion Family Guests (#)

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

## **Introduction of other guests**

### **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**

**Thanks to all that had input for the Post Consolidated Report. I took all the information and submitted the report last night. Again, Thank you.**

### **1st Vice Commander**

**We are at 359 memberships of goal 379**

**Advise all members that dues go up on 1 July 2024. Wise move would be to go online, ONLY, and sign up on the new 3-year site. This will eliminate the rise in dues until 2027. If you prior with another post, you can still due the 3 years but it can't be transferred to us. The best way is to transfer to 365 then do the 3 years.**

**We have request for new member Lonny White, Navy, Vote taken Passed Welcome Lonny Strawberry Festival is 26<sup>th</sup> still have a few slots to fill on helping, see the clip board at the bar.**

### **2nd Vice Commander**

**NR**

### **Finance**

**Received Monthly Report on net income.**

### **House Chairman**

**See Events below.**

### **Historian**

**Ray has reminded us that he will not be doing then Web site and needs individual to step up and assume this role. Ray says Thank You all for the 11 years he has been doing this job. We will be working on getting the Adjutant, me, to take over the correspondence part of the job Ray assumed and always did an outstanding job. Thank you very much Ray. Your shoes will be hard to fill.**

### **Jag**

**NR**

### **Service Officer**

**Wishes to remind all that you can check web site for VFW they post weekly congress items.**

**Art informed us that he is stepping down as Service Officer as of 1 June so here again we need someone to request to the Commander that they would like to assume these duties.**

**Art has done a great job, and his professionalism will be missed. Thank you very much Art.**

## **Auxiliary Unit 365**

### **SAL Squadron 365**

**SAL need to send a representative to all Post meetings to give updated report.**

### **ALR Chapter 365**

**Had their elections last night and they were installed last night Nick Rota has assumed duties as Director of the Riders, Jim Sliffe to the Vice Director, with Colleen Collazo to Secretary, Steve Kuhn holds his billet as Treasurer with Butch Rafferty taking over the SGT at Arms. If you see them don't forget to shake a hand or two. Congratulations.**

### **Web Admin**

**NR**

### **VFW 7041**

**NR**

### **Old Business**

**Painting of outside area is pending paint. Soon**

### **New Business**

**See attached election sheet at end of this report.**

### **Other Discussion**

**Javier Collazo has informed us that he will be going to the State Convention and would like to be assigned as a Delegate. A vote was taken and passed and are Officially Endorsed as Post Delegates. We now have Chris Yates and Javier Collazo as our Post Delegates to this year's Convention. Adjutant to get with State to correct our Delegate report.**

### **Good of the Legion**

**The Commander would like to see how many would be interested in a once a month Walk thru Vista. There is a signup sheet at the bar for interested people and it would be cool if during the walk we had some clothing that identified us as American Legion 365. This is open to all, even our partners from VFW.**

**We have acquired a Pit Boss BBQ to raffle off to help raise funds for our Raise the Flag Program. We have had enough donations for the BBQ that is Strife now pure profit. The drawing will be July 4<sup>th</sup> we will announce soon when tickets will be available.**

**All Board members are to turn in a short bio of themselves along with a past service photo to the Adjutant by the next General Meeting. This can be done by email or turn in. At the next General Meeting we will be taking photos for the web site. Contact the Adjutant if there are questions.**

## Coming Events

### May

25<sup>th</sup> with new equipment, we have Padres at the Post 16 ft screen starts at 6

26<sup>th</sup> Vista Strawberry Festival

27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Vista Civic Center at 10am

### June

1<sup>st</sup> Bike Movie Night “Easy Rider” will be playing on the big screen, how cool is this event

12<sup>th</sup> E-Board Meeting with present and newly selected board members

14<sup>th</sup> Flag Day

15<sup>th</sup> Next month’s meeting and installation of the Posts Officers see below.

16<sup>th</sup> Father’s Day Don’t forget to tell him he is authorized to buy that new motorcycle.

Remember our Web site [www.Vistapost.org](http://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

## 2024 – 2025 American Legion Post 365 OFFICERS

**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 THESE INDIVIDUALS TO PRODUCE GREAT THINGS IN THE NEXT YEAR.**

**COMMANDER BRAD SAKEMI  
1ST VICE TOM MOORE  
2ND VICE JAVIER COLLAZO  
FINANCE PAT BURGESS  
HISTORIAN PAUL KRUEGER  
SGT OF ARMS ALINA DIAZ  
\*\*ASSIST SGT OF ARMS OPEN POSITION  
CHAPLAIN JOE FLORES**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD 4 POSITIONS**

**1 JOE KUNTZ  
2 BOB BRAMAN  
3 JERRY STEPHENS  
4 STEVE MILLER**

**THE FOLLOWING ARE POSITIONS THE COMMANDER APPOINTS BY YOUR  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ADJUTANT MICHAEL STEVENSON  
JAG KEVIN LEAHY  
SERVICE OFFICER OPEN POSITION**

**The installment of all board members will be at the meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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