

VFW Post 7041 Vista Memorial Post 7041 1234 South Santa Fe Ave, Vista Ca., 92084-7202 Tel: 760-726-0472 <u>VISTAPOST.ORG</u>

VFW Post 7041General Meeting Minutes of – August 10, 2024

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

Call to Order	10:00	
Opening prayer	10:01	
Attendance:		
Members -28 Guests - 3		

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

Ρ	Commander	Terry Moxley
Ρ	Senior Vice Commander	Bruce Mackamul
Ρ	Junior Vice Commander	Mark Storsteen
Ρ	Adjutant	Raymond Johnson
Ρ	Quartermaster	Paul Krueger
Ρ	Chaplain	Jose Flores
Ρ	Judge Advocate	Bruce Mackamul
Ρ	Service Officer	Art Haeussler
Е	Post Surgeon	Jerry Stephens
Ρ	Officer of the Day	Bruce Mackamul
Ρ	1 st Year Trustee	Lora Wood
Ρ	2 nd Year Trustee	Jonathan North
Ρ	3 rd Year Trustee	Steve Miller

Honored Guests

District 1 Commander- Wendy Calderon – U.S. Navy Post 5887 District 1 Sr. Vice Commander Chris Ingraham – **U.S. Marine Corps** Post 1924 District 1 Jr. Vice Commander Duane Mitchem – U.S. Navy Post 9327

Membership Applications

Motion made by Adjutant Ray Johnson – 2nd by Chaplain Jose Flores to accept Dan Prentiss as a transfer to Post 7041. Motion Approved. Welcome aboard Dan!

Reading of the minutes:

Minutes approved and posted on website.

Report of the Quartermaster

Quartermaster Paul Krueger reported a balance on hand of \$41, 936.75

Report of the Service Officer

Art Haeussler reported that 14 new claims were filed during the past month. A recent event at the Fallbrook VF hosted by The Forgotten Sons M/C brought 4 more claims, 2 from female members (Although this may seem odd, many of our female military members are not aware that they are eligible for many of the benefits).

Art also talked about H.R.542 - Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act of 2023. More information can be found at: <u>https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/542</u>

Comrade or a Family Member of a Comrade in Distress

Chaplain Jose Flores reported that Don Baker is out of the hospital and back in the tender caring arms of Martha, his wife. Don and Martha are Auxiliary members – Martha's Dad was a Korean War Veteran.

Committee Reports

The upcoming Bingo event and Texas Hold'em Tournament have been canceled. Ray was asked to update the website and calendar.

Unfinished Business

Jonathan North is donating 100+ toys to the DAV.

New Business

Motion to donate \$500.00 by Bruce Mackamul. 2nd by Lora Wood. **Motion Approved** to Shephard Evan, a volunteer who works in our kitchen on a regular basis. He is going to school in Wyoming on a wrestling scholarship. Thanks to Shephard for all his hard work.

Motion for \$445.00 by Ray Johnson 2nd by Lora Wood to pay for plumbing repairs in Post Men's Room. Motion Approved

Motion by Ray Johnson 2nd by Bruce Mackamul to donate \$100.00 to the Oceanside Marine Corps League for the Bar-B-Que to be held August 24th. **Motion Approved**

Community Activities

Our National Home Honored

Good of the Order

District 1 Commander Wendy Calderon spoke to the membership about the upcoming Audit, the importance of keeping By-Laws current, and also the House Rules being updated periodically as needed.

District 1 Sr. Vice Commander Chris Ingraham spoke to the membership about the National Home in Michigan. He thanked our Post for the ongoing donations we make on a monthly basis. Bruce Mackamul added the fact that MOC Pup Tent 40 also takes a monthly collection at each Scratch that is also sent to the National Home.

District 1 Jr. Vice Commander Duane Mitchem talked to the membership about eligibility and membership drives for the VFW.

One of our members has recently had a book published. Discarded: A true Account of Abandonment, Abuse, and Control Became a Journey of Finding Purpose. The book can be found at: <u>https://www.dogoodgetgood.net/services</u> and at Barnes & Noble bookstores.

Veterans Legacy Golf Tournament which benefits Chula Vista Veterans Home will be held October 4th at Chula Vista Golf Course

The District is planning a Barbecue to commemorate the 125th Birthday of the VFW Details are forthcoming.

The Annual North County Stand Down will be held October 17-20 at Glen Oak Ranch. We will be providing the lunch (more info on this will be presented at the September meeting.

Closing Prayer 11:00pm

Next Regular Meeting

September 14, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

Regular Business Meeting closed at:

Respectfully Submitted,

Adjutant