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The American Legion

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Post General Meeting Minutes of 21 September 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 16 Officer Positions (Quorum is 9 members), (#) non-voting positions, (*) members that hold dual positions (P) present, (A) absent, (E) excused

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| Commander Brad Sakemi | P_ |
| 1st Vice Cmdr Tom Moore | E_ |
| 2nd Vice Cmdr Javier Collazo | P_ |
| Adjutant Mike Stevenson | P_ |
| Finance Officer Pat Burgess | P_ |
| Chaplain Joe Flores | P_ |
| Sgt-at-Arms Alina Diaz | P_ |
| Asst Sgt-at-Arms Vacant | _ |
| Judge Advocate Kevin Leahy | E_ |
| Historian Paul Krueger | E_ |
| Service Officer Art Haeussler | P_ |
| Jr. Past Cmdr Bret Olson | P_ |
| E-Board Joe Kuntz | P_ |
| E-Board Bob Braman | P_ |
| E-Board Jerry Stephens | E_ |
| E-Board Steve Miller | P_ |

Special Legion Family Guests (#)

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| VFW 7041 Cmdr Terry Moxley | P_ |
| ALR Director Nick Rota | E_ |
| SAL Commander Shaun Butler | A_ |
| Aux President Colleen Collazo | P_ |
| House Chairman Bob Braman | P_ |
| Web Admin Thom Holland | E_ |

Please attend all meetings or indicate your request for excuse to the Commander or Adjutant

Introduction of other guests

Vista Baseball Academy members

Dominic Camacho VBA

Meghan Freund VBA

Diego Camacho VBA

Cole Freund VBA

Members pitched a request to have Post sponsor a team, also showed film of same.

Jeff Mendez

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 new correspondences

1st Vice Commander

226 of goal 377 we are at 59.95 %

We have 4 new applicants to vote on Saturday, John Reeder Sr USMC, Aaron Gobidas USMC, Joseph Marciano USN and Patrick Hodge USN, motion to accept all 4 as new members

PASSED

2nd Vice Commander

Finance

Briefed that we had loss for the month.

Need events to help out

House Chairman

Briefed schedule for remainder of year, also asked if you have party or event to think about having it at Post

Historian

Gave highlights of events for the Wars start and ends which happened in September

Jag

Service Officer

Briefed programs for Veterans and advised that the draft is to be reinstated. Possibly for all genders in future

Art reminds everyone if you see someone with a veteran ballcap walking around ask them if they are members of the American Legion if not invite them to join us. These veterans should also be asked if they have applied for Disabled Veteran Benefits.

Above and beyond 100% disability there is SMC, Special Medical Compensation which has many steps also but loose of a limb can get you into this category. If you know someone that may fit this SMC category advise them to seek assistants.

Auxiliary Unit 365

Reminder of Early Bird Dinner which was yesterday but all should be signing up now for 2025

SAL Squadron 365

ALR Chapter 365

Poker Run is being scheduled for April 26th it's never to late to think about supporting and donating

Honor Flight is to arrive September 29th KSU 10:30 am to meet the flight and passengers. Marc Baca escorted his father, and they hope to see you all.

Web Admin

VFW 7041

Food Drive continues please support. Veterans which have little will surely appreciate your donations.

NCVSD

The North County Veterans Stand Down will be held October 17th to the 20th.

This event helps thousands of veterans every year and needs our help in volunteering with all areas of the event.

They also help immediate families including widows and their children. NCVSD assists veterans in education, tax services, dental and optical, legal, haircuts and shaves along with VA assistance in getting their benefits.

Don't stop there, they help with veterinarian services for the veterans' friends.

We would like to remind everyone we will have a booth there and as you wander around this area please wear your Legion hats and shirts.

If you wish to volunteer, seek out Art Haeussler. This is where we shine each year because of your help many Veterans get the help and a new start they need.

Old Business

Solar still being looked at we could use any help in subject.

Exterior of Building has started by pressure washing moving to next step, remind that we could use some volunteers

New Business

No new but we could use your help on any of the above subjects.

Other Discussion

October 13th is the Navy Birthday, and we will be having a special Breakfast for those service members, active, retired or just prior Navy. Goes from 0830 -1000 and is our Country Breakfast For 2 meals for the price of 1 meal so bring your guest and enjoy We will be doing same for November 10th the Marine Birthday.

Good of the Legion

Helping at the NCVSD could be a very good item for you.

Coming Events

September

25th Trivia Night 6-8

28th Rummage Sale 7-12 helps with Raise the Flag Campaign, drop off 21st-27th

29th Honor Flight returns, and we shall be meeting it

October

13th Navy Birthday Special Breakfast 0830-1000 special Navy price 2 meals for 1

25th Trivia Night 6-8

28th Halloween Party come dressed up and be scary, Oh! you are dressed up

November

10th Marine Birthday Special Breakfast 2 for 1 then in pm cake cutting ceremony

11th Veterans Day

28th Thanksgiving Meal

December

25th Christmas This is your chance to get off the naughty list

Our Next Meetings

E-Board 16 October

General Meeting 19 October

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

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 1046

Voted approval subject to corrections

Yes

No

Date

Commander Signature

Adjutant Signature