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The American Legion

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Post General Meeting Minutes of 19 October 2024

Proceeded with opening ceremony, Pledge, POW/MIA and Preamble of American Legion

Call to Order Commander Brad Sakemi

Opening Prayer John

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

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

Special Legion Family Guests (#)

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

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

Introduction of Guests

Adjutant

Roll call was taken, we have a quorum

Minutes from the last meeting were sent out to all and placed on the Post website.

Correspondence Received from District 22 invite for all members to attend San Diegos

**Veteran Parade on 11 November. Invite for a Veteran to speak at retirement home takers
contact Commander**

1st Vice Commander

**238 of goal 377 we are at 63.13 %. We would like to get up to 75.5 % by January. If you know of
Members that have not renewed contact them under the Buddy Program**

2nd Vice Commander

NR

Finance

For the month we had \$577.45 to the good

House Chairman

**Bob reported he fixed the pool table; it needed a magnetic que ball to stop following the other
balls. He also fixed security lights, so they are off during the day. Other repairs are under way
if you see something get hold of Bob.**

Passed along events.

Historian

**Passed along he went on trip in Europe and saw historical war sites from WWII. He brought
back a piece of the metal runway that was put up to help win the war.**

Jag

**NR but he recommended that we look at getting a roster that would assist in the Buddy
Program to contact members. Great idea.**

Service Officer

**Helping at NCVSD which does so much good to help Veterans in areas like dental, vision,
haircuts, legal you name it they help. The Stand down is over for this year, but he wishes to
remind all that we are here to assist and serve our Veterans in the community year long.**

Spoke on VA Benefits that we all should be aware of, and the loop holds in Congress.

Reminder that the draft is coming back.

He had 12 new cases with 3 updated claims.

Art is one hell of a busy guy, acknowledge him if you see him. Thank you, Art

Auxiliary Unit 365

Halloween party prep underway

Reach out America is starting up as always, we will be doing wreaths.

SAL Squadron 365

Cooking Burgers on Veterans Day November 11th from 1200 – 1500 and possibly longer

ALR Chapter 365

Pistol Raffle drawing on November 10th at 1500 it is still time to get tickets from any Rider Member or from the Bartenders.

The Riders have set out Toys for Tots Boxes around the post and wish you would fill them with new unwrapped toys. Another task and reason to come to the post.

Web Admin

NR

VFW 7041

Food Drive still going on please bring items to donate

Old Business

There will be no Special Marine Birthday breakfast at the Post, the Aux will not be able to do this type of event. Regular breakfast will be on going.

Big shout out for Rick Batson as he painted the outside of the post. Great Job Rick!!! Come be the post and see his handy work.

Solar Power for the Post was discussed, and we are going to request a grant and is tabled until that is done.

7th Engineer Battalion, that painted the parking lot, would like us to come to their Battalion area to present the thank you plaque we have for them. All are welcome to be present.

New Business

Looking at a plaque for Lowes Escondido for their donation of the paint and their proposal to totally donate everything needed for the beautification around the stage area. This was a motion for approval of plaque and permission for their proposal, Passed.

Motion for the Christmas Parade on December 7th in Vista where we will again enter with goodies, cost for entry is \$60.00. Motion Passed. We could use volunteers to assist in setting up. Contact the Commander.

Other Discussion

Good of the Legion

Would like to see all members get involved in the Buddy Check Program. If you know of any member that needs a push to renew their membership, get pushing. Bring in new Veterans to become a member when you meet them.

Coming Events

October

25th Trivia from 6-8

28th Halloween Party

November

10th Marine Birthday Ceremony at 1400 and Pistol Drawing at 1500

11th Veterans Day

28th Thanksgiving

December

25th Christmas

Our Next Meetings are:

E-Board Meeting November 13th

General Meeting November 16th

INPUT FROM YOU AS AN 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 John

Adjourned Time 1140

Voted approval subject to corrections

Yes

No

Date

Commander Signature

Adjutant Signature