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The American Legion

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Post General Meeting Minutes of 16 November 2024

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

Call to Order 2nd Vice Javier Collazo

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

Commander Brad Sakemi	E_
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	V_
Judge Advocate Kevin Leahy	E_
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	E_
E-Board Steve Miller	P_

Special Legion Family Guests (#)

VFW 7041 Cmdr Terry Moxley	P_
ALR Director Nick Rota	E_
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 other guests

No Guests but Marc Baca spoke about the Honor of taking his dad on the Honor Flight to DC and how they treat and cater for the Veterans. Gave thanks for the last Flight which we donated over 10k for the event. Most of the donations were from what Marc collected and from the Riders. Hoping to be able to get donations for the next Flight on 25-27 April 2025.

Adjutant

Roll call was taken, we have a Quorum

Minutes from the last meeting were sent to all and placed on the Posts website. Request motion to accept. Passed

1st Vice Commander

We pulled the latest info and as of today we have 256 of our goal of 377 we are at 67.9 %
Juan Rocha, USMC request for membership, Motion Accepted Passed

2nd Vice Commander

Finance

Pat sent in Annual Audit Report to State,

Pat motioned to raise the amount of donation for Wreaths Across America to \$1700. This would give us 100 wreaths. Noted this amount is from the Post and does not include our Riders, Auxiliary, Sons and the VFW donations. Motion, Second Passed
Report shows a loss of \$3740.62

House Chairman

Chairman was out but feels when credit card receipts come in we should be doing good this month

Historian

Gave report on Veterans Day origin

Jag

Service Officer

had 9 new cases 1 being female, Reminder that everyone should look at their benefits and ensure you are getting what you rate. Don't forget to have a DD214 handy for relatives. Others are noting that Veterans are committing suicide at a growing rate. If you suspect that someone may need help, please speak to them and get them help. Look for signs.

Auxiliary Unit 365

Organizing events like Vistas Parade we should have two trucks to ride in and if walking to pass out candy meet at parade start. December 7th
New Years Eve party, the sign up is at the Bar.

SAL Squadron 365

Burgers served on Veterans Day at no charge and had more than anticipated. Thank you, they will be trying to make this an annual event.

Shaun has been working to get their Charter paperwork completed, looking good to receive soon.

ALR Chapter 365

Poker Run coming in April, always could use assistance.

Working on membership dues should be in by December, make sure you are up to date with your parent unit.

Riders Christmas party is on December 14 and as always will have a White Elephant event and all are invited to attend. Wrapped items are from \$25.

Toys for Tots boxes are awaiting your donations of a new unwrapped toy or book in our building. Fill them up. You will be doing something important for the community. It's the little upcoming veterans that matter.

Web Admin

VFW 7041

Food Drive was a great success and had many donations that helped.

Old Business

Rick Batson continues painting the building and everyone loves it but he could use help, get with him if you can assist. Rick also indicated he would like to see a spot on the side wall to accept signatures or logos of those that support us.

Plaques for Lowes is in the works and the plaque for the Engineers is done and ready to present. The presentation will be at the Battalion soon arrangements are in the works.

New Business

Other Discussion

Motion for a donation to the Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance event of \$250. We are encouraging all to attend this event, which is December 7 at 0930 at the Little Fishing Pier in Oceanside. Ray Johnson always attends so join him. All members of the Chapter have passed so it's fitting to keep this event going, Motion, Second, Passed

Good of the Legion

Noted that the American Legion Post in Fallbrook is on verge of shutting down. Membership will be directed to join us or Post in Escondido. The reason for the shutdown is because of lack of members participation.

Meetings for December are
E-Board Meeting is 18 December 2024
General Meeting is 21 December 2024
All are invited to attend

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 Pass this information around, you may not need it but others might.

Closing Prayer	Adjourned Time			
Voted approval subject to corrections	Yes	No	Date	
Commander Signature		Adjutant Signature		