



VFW Post 7041
Vista Memorial Post 7041
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VFW Post 7041 General Meeting
Minutes of November 9, 2024

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

Call to Order	10:00 am
Opening prayer	10:00 am
Attendance: 7 Members - 0 Guests	

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

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

Membership Applications

No new applications were presented.

Reading of the minutes:

The minutes were posted on the VFW Post 7041 website, VISTAPOST.ORG. No corrections were offered. Minutes stand as posted.

Report of the Quartermaster

Beginning Balance: \$47,702.24, Revenue \$6,349.40, less expenses of \$5,851.21. Balance \$48,200.43

Report of the Service Officer

Art Haussler shared the importance of reviewing the VFW, American Legion and DAV web pages as they have action items . They are pre-written letters that you can enter your name and service number and send in. Your participation provides feedback to Congress and other organizations. He additionally shared Senate Bill 656, Veteran Improvement, the Commercial Driver License Act of 2023. The bill aims to change the rules for the Secretary of Veteran Affairs to approve commercial driver education programs for Veterans education assistance. Its purpose is to fund training in those jobs can be covered by the GI Bill now. Next, the VA has determined they will pay for caskets in the ground. The VA has learned cemetery inventories are getting filled quickly. Many have been dropping down inside their place of interment because of erosion. The VA will absorb the cost to fix the problem. Thirdly, the 700th Veteran of the Korean conflict has been recovered. An additional item of discussion was radiation exposure in Uzbekistan. This affects a younger group of Veterans. There isn't a lot of history to share yet, but the VA is working on the issue. Please watch our website to be aware of these and many other issues. The American Legion is doing the same thing, keeping apprised of issues in all regions inclusive of Washington D.C.

Comrade or a Family Member of a Comrade in Distress

No comrade has been reported as in distress at this time.

House Committee Reports

Thanksgiving dinner will be prepared and served starting at 14:00 hours. Sign-up sheets will be at the bar for attendance and volunteers to assist with the event.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Community Activities

The Northwestern Health Food Drive was held. It was a success food collection event. Food and money were contributed to the organization. Other events Happy Honda Dealers of Sean Diego County offered gasoline to fill cars for Veterans on Veterans Day. Locally gas was provided at the Mobil Gas Staton on Sycamore Avenue, Vista. Commander Moxley shared that at our recent District One Meeting a program was for the adoption of Deported Veterans for Christmas. Post 7420 Don Diego, are the inspiration and major participants of this program. They want to help repatriate Veterans who were not given US citizenship as promised when they enlisted in the US Military. Next item, a new look to the exterior of our building. Rick Batson has painted the American Legion and Women's Auxiliary logo on the exterior of our building in several locations for all to admire and share. Lastly, Pearl Harbor day will be celebrated December 7th at the Oceanside pier for all to attend. Event starts at 9:30 am.

A local celebration event for Veterans Day was held in the city Vista. We were presented a plaque for recognition of our service by the City of Vista.

Our National Home Honored \$19.00 was collected.

Good of the Order

Burger day at the Post. Some of the American Legion will present "Burger Day". Free meal to Veterans will be provided free of charge.

Marine Corps Birthday. The celebration is November 10th, 2024 2:00 p.m. here at the Post. A cake cutting event will be presented here for all to participate in the celebration.

The VFW provided a final day luncheon at the North County Veterans Stand Down in Vista. Thanks to all who all who helped make a success.

Closing Prayer A closing prayer was offered by Chaplain Flores.

Next Regular Meeting

December 14, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

Regular Business Meeting closed at: 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Mark H. Storsteen
Adjutant**