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The American Legion

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Post General Meeting Minutes of 21 December 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

Commander	Brad Sakemi	P_
1st Vice Cmdr	Tom Moore	P_
2nd Vice Cmdr	Javier Collazo	P_
Adjutant	Mike Stevenson	P_
Finance Officer	Pat Burgess	E_
Chaplain	Joe Flores	P_
Sgt-at-Arms	Alina Diaz	E_
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	P_
E-Board	Jerry Stephens	A_
E-Board	Steve Miller	P_

Special Legion Family Guests (#)

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	P_

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

Introduction of other guests

Michael Mariande

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. Motion Passed

Correspondence

Letter from Fallbrook High School requesting we take over their rewards program which was being done by Fallbrook Post.

Thank you letter from WWII Pearl Harbor Remembrance for our donation.

1st Vice Commander

275 of 377 goal we are at 72.94%.

New Members Steven Garza US Army and Michael Mariande US Navy both accepted into Membership.

It was discussed about members of the Fallbrook Post, which can go to Escondido or to us as new members. This could take up to a year for their Post closure, so no big thing I don't know why I even typed this in. Filler, I guess.

2nd Vice Commander

Finance

Board to convene and consolidate funds to better manage

This last month was property tax time -\$3628.96 which put us behind with total of -\$5666.78

House Chairman

Decorated outside of the building Merry Christmas

The painting of the building is still working.

Reminder that everyone, this means all using the facility needs to fill out a **usage form prior to any event going on the calendar. If not done prior the event will not happen.**

Historian

Gave nice story of WWI events during December in Europe

Jag

Service Officer

8 new cases, reminder that most Female Service Members don't apply for everything they could and rate. If you know someone, please encourage them to apply.

Reminder that you can go to numerous web sites like VFW and DAV and get government updates

Tricare has open enrollment going and you should be signed up for VA Health Care

Auxiliary Unit 365

Will be doing a Roaring 20 Casino Night on 31st signup at the Bar

Thank you, go out to everyone that helped out on the Thanksgiving Day Event

SAL Squadron 365

Now getting own supplies for Burger on Saturday, new items could be coming, support this event if you are hungry

ALR Chapter 365

Poker Run scheduled April need volunteers

Web Admin

VFW 7041

Old Business

Boys and Girls State is on horizon we normally have 6 candidates with a possibility of 6k in expense.

We could be picking up candidates from Fallbrook next year. However, we still only send 6 candidates forward. Letters to local High Schools about the program will be sent out soon.

New Business

Other Discussion

We are required to check membership cards for all patrons as we are a Veteran facility.

Discussion about the cons for doing this to members and brief members. Incentives were also discussed but giving out drinks will not happen. When cards are checked and they don't have a card, incentive to get cards will be encouraged.

We will be putting up signs, warning that this will begin 2025. Guest books will be available to sign your guests in.

Please bring your membership card with you. If you have not gotten your membership renewed for 2025 do so soon. An easy way to show card without packing it around is to have the Legion+ app on your phone it has your card and other information. Pass this information off to your fellow Legionnaires.

Good of the Legion

Congratulations go out to Tom Moore and Brad Sakemi for furthering and achieving their new milestone in their education. If you see these two future Einstein's, be sure to congratulate them. Our new member Michael Mariande also reached this goal.

Big Thank you to Haywood Bagley for his donation to the Post

Coming Events

31st Roaring 20 Casino Night

Next Meeting

E-Board Meeting is 15 January 2025

General Meeting is 18 January 2025

This is the last General Meeting report I'm going to do this year 😊

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.

Closing Prayer Joe Flores

Adjourned Time 1100

Voted approval subject to corrections

Yes

No

Date

Commander Signature

Adjutant Signature