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The American Legion

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Post General Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2025

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		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	P_
E-Board	Steve Miller	P_

**We had a full house of Members and Guests
Thank you for attending and helping
You should come and help also**

Special Legion Family Guests (#)

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

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

Guests

**Representatives from the Dane Foundation explained their support and goals
Reps from the Veterans Center also explained their center, what they do and invited all of us**

Adjutant

Roll Call was taken, we have a Quorum.

Minutes from the last meeting were sent to all by email. Request a motion to accept. Motion and Passed

No other Correspondence

1st Vice Commander

321 of goal 377 we are at 85.15 % We plan on calling members that are in rears for the last 2 years. If no phone there is email and of course good old US Mail. This list will be in the office so please anyone that can help with phone calls step up. If you were a recruiter, you know how to do this, step up.

We have 3 new members to vote on they are: Matthew Brown USMC, Robert Suttman Navy, and Juan Garza USA Motion to accept all 3 as new members Passed.

2nd Vice Commander

Finance

Month in rears -\$8552.00 but some were Taxes and a donation otherwise we did better then the month before.

Keep the events going

Question on funds if we are in rears so bad why we are donating so much, answered that yearly we had gains, this report is monthly. Asked if all could get report. We will speak to finance to see if we can give a small direct report on a monthly.

House Chairman

Gave events coming for next 3 months See below in Events

Historian

Gave us knowledge of this month is Eyes of March and what it means, also today is the Birthday of the American Legion when, where it started and their goals then. Good report. Our 2nd Vice also stepped up and supplied a cake to celebrate this event. You missed a good piece of cake if you weren't here.

Service Officer

10 new cases/claims

We all should pay attention to the Veteran organizations, AL, VFW, DAV, VVA and others, that are in Washington now fighting congress for support to all Veterans.

Art also stated the Post members should get involved with service personnel transitioning from service life back to civilian life.

This man is working his azz off for so many assisting all Veterans to connect with VA matters.

Auxiliary Unit 365

Supporting the Chili Cook Off, they need more to sign up to get our tongues hot. Make a effort to make Chili and win the prize.

Presented a check from the Wreaths across America for our support. Look at it as a rebate for your donations.

SAL Squadron 365

Supporting Raffle basket and Honor Flight Returning. Reminder that anyone can go down and meet the Veterans that are coming back. Art Haeussler our Service Officer will be coming back off that flight. That is a great reason to join this event.

ALR Chapter 365

Poker Run April 26 and if you can volunteer, please step up now.

The Riders lost a valuable loved member that we all will miss. Ken Cross, member of the Post and the Riders, always had a smile for everyone. Sorry my eyes are tearing up while typing. Ken, my brother in arms, I'll miss you. If you wish to attend services, contact any member of our Riders.

Motion to donate \$500.00 in Ken's name to the Wounded Warriors program, this motion Passed.

Web Admin

Ray Johnson reported that our site is up and doing good and he added over 300 members email to the list on MailChimp giving about 655 members on the list to receive reports and status flyers.

If you don't get reports we may need your email address, submit it.

VFW 7041

Memorial Day is May 26th, and the VFW is starting to organize a event.

Old Business

Boys and Girls State is set up with 6 delegates and 1 alternative, paperwork is done, and they head out in June.

New Business

Had company come down and gave us advice and recommended adding 4 new taps to the bar. Cost would be \$2000.00 but with the new taps we can add your favorite draft. Motion to accept the bid and have them add the new taps. Discussion on room to have these new taps and plumbing, all were addressed in estimate. This motion, Passed

Other Discussion

March 25th at 1100 is Medal of Honor Recognition Day, here in the Old Pioneer Cemetery in Vista is one of the first recipients of the HOH. Groups are now keeping up maintenance for this area, you should take time to go out and visit

Coming Events, you need to Support

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Chili Cook Off March 22 12-3

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Karaoke Night is April 5th 6-10 come sing and have fun

Poker Run April 26th 8-4

Honor Flight Returns April 27th

Strawberry Festival is coming and is always a winner

A Dance group is planning on a Military Burlesque themed show for the membership Standby.

Next Meetings

E-Board meeting is April 16th

General meeting is April 19th

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

Input and ideas from any member is always accepted

Remember our Web site www.Vistapost.org, pass information around.

Closing Prayer Joe Flores

Adjourned Time 1020

Voted approval subject to corrections

Yes

No

Date

Commander Signature

Adjutant Signature

Something new I'll try for you is the next page which is only the events. You can pull the last page off and save it on your refrigerator.

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