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## *The American Legion*

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### **Post General Meeting Minutes of April 19 2025**

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

**Call to Order Commander Brad Sakemi      Opening Prayer Jerry Stephens**

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.

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

#### **Special Legion Family Guests (#)**

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

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

## Introduction of Other Guests

Judy representing American Legion Baseball spoke of this years challenges  
Gredo from Post 229 and new elected Director of District was also present

## Adjutant

Roll Call was taken, we have a Quorum

Minutes from the last meeting were sent to all by email. Request motion to accept, and passed.

Correspondence from District pertaining to Scouting, we already have what they are asking

## 1st Vice Commander

335 of goal 377 we are at 88.86% Hoping to reach 100 soon. We also send out over 100 emails for individuals that are behind in dues and asking what they are going to do. Mail and phone calls are next if no email address is noted.

## 2nd Vice Commander

I'm sorry I missed what you said.

## Finance

This month it is -555.00 that's a minus so help us and come see us, **plan a party or any event will help financially.**

## House Chairman

**Poker Run coming the 26<sup>th</sup>** all are invited to this event. Always use some help come on down anyway and enjoy yourselves.

Mother's Day is May 11<sup>th</sup>. Someone has a mother and wants to plan an event for her, **GO AHEAD, make her Day.**

We will have a Memorial Day Event

## Historian

Battle of Lexington and Concord was today in 1775 also referred to the shot heard around the world. And if you live near Camp Pendleton you know that the noise can travel far.

## Jag

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## Service Officer

9 new cases, a note that VA is going to the Internet so need to watch which link you tag on, might not be who you want.

Art will be busy this weekend. He is a member of the Honor Flight so he will be back on the 27<sup>th</sup>. **Thank You Art** for your service in Vietnam and in the Navy.

## Auxiliary Unit 365

## SAL Squadron 365

Where did you go? I know they are planning on going down to meet Honor Flight.

## **ALR Chapter 365**

**38 members so we could use your help on the 26<sup>th</sup> for the Poker Run**

**Riders are going down on 27<sup>th</sup> to meet the Honor Flight, what a great idea.**

**27<sup>th</sup> Art Haeussler is coming back on the Honor Flight it's a nice way to say thank you for your service in Vietnam by joining us and see him get off the plane. Art don't trip coming out of the plane, it would be so embarrassing, and we all will be watching.**

## **Web Admin**

## **VFW 7041**

**Memorial Day is coming soon. More information will come out on separate correspondence.**

## **Old Business**

**Quick comment about the 4 new taps that are coming, paid for and waiting on approval.**

**Yummy**

## **New Business**

**25 Awards will be presented to members of Vista High School by Terry and others. These students deserve some recognition.**

**The Strawberry Festival is the day before Memorial Day. We do have a booth, and we are always looking for individuals to help at the stand. Sign up at the bar.**

**Reminder when you visit the Strawberry Festival, wear a shirt, cap or something that says AL Post 365. Yes, I'm asking you to be an advertising billboard for the Post. You will be there anyway may as well show them who you are. You might even get asked about the Post.**

**Art will be supplying bikes as he has in the past. Now this needs a round of applause.**

**Separate sheet for nominations for Officer Positions is on last page.**

## **Other Discussion**

**Pat made motion to up our donation to the American Legion Baseball from \$1500. to \$3500. an increase of \$2000. This motion Passed**

## **Good of the Legion**

**Jason Myer requested members to tape their service history which will end up in the National Library of Archives. Great way to establish your history for your grandkids.**

## **Coming Events**

**There is only one event that counts and that is the Riders Poker Run, you need to come down, bike or no bike and fill the place up. Get some raffle tickets and see if you can win a great gift item. There is also a gun raffle, you could walk out as Jessie James with a cool basket of goodies and a 45 strapped to your waist.**

**April 27<sup>th</sup> is the return of Honor Flight  
For all you European's VE Day  
Mother's Day don't you mess this one up  
Strawberry Festival  
Memorial Day**

**Next Meeting  
E-Board Meeting is May 14<sup>th</sup>  
General Meeting is May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**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](http://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 Jerry Stephens**

**Adjourned Time 2030**

**Voted approval subject to corrections**

**Yes**

**No**

**Date**

**Commander Signature**

**Adjutant Signature**

**NOMINATION FOR NEXT YEARS OFFICERS**

**AMERICANISM • BOYS STATE • CHILDREN & YOUTH • SCHOOL AWARDS • BASEBALL • COMMUNITY SERVICE  
VETERANS SERVICE • HOSPITAL CARE • GIRLS STATE • ESSAY CONTEST • SOFTBALL**

**AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING, MAY 17TH THE SECOND ROUND OF NOMINATIONS AND THE VOTING WILL HAPPEN**

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

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS, NO EXPERIENCE NECCESARY, LEARN ON JOB, THAT CAN STEP UP AND TAKE A POSITION/OFFICE NEXT YEAR.**

**COMMANDER TOM MOORE  
1ST VICE  
2ND VICE EDMOND ARGUELLO  
FINANCE PAT BURGESS  
HISTORIAN PAUL KRUEGER  
SGT OF ARMS ALINA DIAZ  
ASSIST SGT OF ARMS RAY JOHNSON  
CHAPLAIN**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD 4 POSITIONS OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS**

**1 MICHAEL MARIANDE  
2 BOB BRAMAN  
3  
4**

**THE FOLLOWING ARE POSITIONS THE COMMANDER APPOINTS BY RECOMMENDATION AFTER THEY TAKE OFFICE ON JUNE 21ST**

**ADJUTANT  
JAG  
SERVICE OFFICER**