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The American Legion

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Post General Meeting Minutes of May 17, 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 8 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	E_
Adjutant	Mike Stevenson	P_
Finance Officer	Pat Burgess	E
Chaplain	Joe Flores	P_
Sgt-at-Arms	Alina Diaz	P_
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_

Special Legion Family Guests (#)

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

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

******* Before any business was conducted the Draping of Our Charter and Prayer for Haywood Bagley was conducted

Adjutant

Roll Call was taken; we have a Quorum.

Minutes from the last meeting were sent to all by email and on website. Request motion to accept. **PASSED**

Correspondence

Ray Florez requested a delegate position

Javier Collazo requested a delegate position and 1st Vice

American Red Cross request they have blood drive at Post. This will be granted after logistics are completed.

1st Vice Commander

340 of goal 377 we are at 90.2 % Letters went out to prior members that were not contacted by phone or email

3 new members: Carlos Sandoval, USAF, Homer Atkinson, USN Dan Geisler, USAF We are getting more Air Force members, go out find some more.

Reminder about the Strawberry Festival on 25th of May. We still need volunteers, sign up at the bar.

2nd Vice Commander

Finance

April put us 6k in the hole, mostly due to lack of events and people at bar. Compared to last year's same time frame we are behind, again because of events and lack of attendance.

House Chairman

Strawberry Festival 25th

Memorial Day carry over to post 26th

Country Boil 21st

Celebration of Life Haywood Bagley

Historian

May is Military Appreciation month, taken because Memorial Day, Arm Forces Day and VE Day all fall in the month of May

Jag

Service Officer

14 new claims, 3 family losses that he is working on, one being Haywood Bagley. Please see new business.

Survivors Program is important please read website entry

Auxiliary Unit 365

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

71 members

They have wreaths for sale made from poppy flowers, Very Nice see any member

SAL Squadron 365

83 members

ALR Chapter 365

40 members

Poker Run was a success wishes to thank all.

Web Admin

VFW 7041

Reminder of Memorial Day Event at City Hall 1000 with carry over here at Post please attend

Old Business

New Business

Second Round of Nominations and Voting see last page for your 2025-2026 Officers

Other Discussion

Went to SOI Camp Pendleton to present awards that the Post donates

Art thanked everyone for the Honor Flight return greeting. It was one of the largest groups ever. He briefed on some of the members of the flight and that a couple donated funding for the next 2 flights.

Art put motion for a \$500.00 donation to be used for the celebration of life set for 20 May for Haywood Bagley, this motion PASSED

Good of the Legion

New Beer Taps are installed, and we hope you will make the effort profitable.

Rick Batson recommended we investigate a two-sided frontal sign that changes constantly and highlights our events along with Post, sign could cost up to \$10000.00 but well worth public announcements. Look into further.

Coming Events

Celebration of Life for Bagley

Country Boil

Strawberry Festival

Memorial Day

2025-2026 American Legion Post 365 OFFICERS

COMMANDER TOM MOORE
1ST VICE JAVIER COLLAZO
2ND VICE EDMUND ARGUELLO
FINANCE PAT BURGESS
HISTORIAN PAUL KRUEGER
SGT OF ARMS ALINA DIAZ
ASSIST SGT OF ARMS RAY JOHNSON
CHAPLAIN JOE FLORES

EXECUTIVE BOARD 4 POSITIONS

1 MICHAEL MARIANDE
2 BOB BRAMAN
3 TERRY MOXLEY
4 RICK BATSON

At the next General Meeting we will be taking individual photos for the web site.
Contact the Adjutant if there are any questions.

**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 1010

Voted approval subject to corrections

Yes

No

Date

Commander Signature

Adjutant Signature