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The American Legion

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Post General Meeting Minutes of 16 August 2025

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

Call to Order Commander Tom Moore

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	Tom Moore	P_
1st Vice Cmdr	Javier Collazo	P_
2nd Vice Cmdr	Edmund Arguello	P_
Adjutant	Mike Stevenson	P_
Finance Officer	Pat Burgess	E_
Chaplain	Joe Flores	P_
Sgt-at-Arms	Alina Diaz	P_
Asst Sgt-at-Arms	Ray Johnson	A_
Judge Advocate	Jeffrey Craig	P_
Historian	Paul Krueger	P_
Service Officer	Art Haeussler	P_
Jr. Past Cmdr	Brad Sakemi	P_
E-Board	Rick Batson	P_
E-Board	Bob Braman	P_
E-Board	Terry Moxley	P_
E-Board	Michael Mariande	E_

Special Legion Family Guests (#)

VFW 7041 Cmdr	Paul Krueger	P_
ALR Director	Elias Rodriguez	REP_
SAL Commander	Jim Sliffe	P_
Aux President	Colleen Collazo	P_
House Chairman	Bob Braman	P_

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

Introduction of other guests

Adjutant

Roll call was taken, we have a Quorum. Quorum is met by counting half the present voting members plus one

Minutes from the last meeting were sent to all and placed on the Posts website. Request motion to accept. PASSED

Correspondence NO NEW

Historian Report

Gave brief on events 80 years ago during the month.

Auxiliary Report

Teaming up with Son's for Oct 8th between 5-7 for our annual "Early Bird Membership Dinner" which is served at no charge. That means Free Baby Free. So, sign up prior and get your Members Card stamped to eat FREE

The VFW Auxiliary donated the new pool table cover, Nice

Son's Report

See above for what we are doing along with the Auxiliary.

Looking for ideas for events/activities to assist families of Veterans, if you have ideas contact a member of the Son's

If you are a Veteran Papa or a Grandpapa Veteran have the children of your spouse join the American Legion.

Rider's Report

Chili Cook Off September 1st, which is also Labor Day and a day off, so you have only one excuse not to come for this event. I will let you know what the excuse is later in this report.

Bike Nite September 10th and they are looking for donations for their raffles. Help them get a good handle on this event.

VFW Report

Donated \$3700. toward our Property Tax

Commander's Report

Helmets to Heros event has started at our post, please put change in the little green helmets in the Bar area. Raised \$50. Of our goal of \$1000.

We will be upping the number of flyers for events and getting them in local papers. If you have an event that you would like us to push your flyer to the many routes in the media, please let us know.

We had representation at the Legion Baseball games and the Family Picnic. Looking to possibly putting a booth there next year.

Toured Marines ITS and was given a tour by Gunner Bolton. You can also tour if you ask.

We have signed up for the 2026 Strawberry Festable. So, we just gave you one hell of a notice to put on your calendar.

We went out to local stores seeking donations for Thanksgiving Meal that we do each year in hopes it will be free to all.

Donated \$500. to the Boys and Girls of Vista also had people helping with the school supplies handout.

1st Vice Commander

This year's goals are not set yet but from previous years 377 sound likely

2 new members to vote on. 1 new: Roger Ruiz / US Army 1 transfer: Paul Bonaventura / from Post 416

Early Bird Dinner Wednesday, October 8th, 5 pm to 7pm. If you have paid your 2026 dues, are Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL), or pay your dues before the 11th of September, you eat for free. This applies to SAL and Auxiliary too. Guests (including members not paid for 2026) we suggest \$15.00 donation.

Motion to raise cost of Dual Membership (AL and VFW) to \$80. This complies with the rise in annual dues.

2nd Vice Commander

Reminder of our Bike Nite coming

Finance

Profits \$26708.67 Expenses \$22937.82. Positive finance for the month \$3770.85. Motion to accept report, Passed.

Yearly audit is being finalized should see by September.

Chaplain Report

Please give prayers and your best wishes to our members in the hospital and laid up at home.

JAG

The Commander read the 1st reading of our proposed By-Laws. A couple of items were recommended changed/added on. Second reading and voting will be next General Meeting in September. See Old Business

Committees (Chair)

House Committee (Bob)

See Events below

These motions were from the E-Board

Labor Day \$100. toward Chili Cook Off Passed

Bike Nite \$500.00 for Band, there was concern that was high for unknown outcome of the event, brought down to \$150.00 Passed

Marine Corps Birthday, \$300.00 for pizza expects big crowd as it's their 250 years VFW stated they will donate half. New \$150. Passed

Discussion about raising cost of 40 bar items, we have not raised our costs in a bunch of years. This will help with our budget a lot. Will be getting together with Kathy and Bob for which items will be raised.

Americanism Committee (Alina)

National Security Committee (Terry)

Children and Youth Committee ()

****Still looking for someone to chair this committee, come on it's for the kids

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (Art)

9 new cases

Little on Congress they seem to be off again. Extended burial benefits, claims and housing are big subjects. Get to know your Congress person and call them tell them what we the Veterans want.

Gave us stats on many differences between China and our Country. Scary when you hear this. Demand they vote to protect us.

Web/Social Media Coordination (Paul)

Paul reminded everyone about flyers for events. Contact Ray of him to spread the word with visual communications. Adjutant chimed in with his 2 cents

Other Pertinent Committee

Old Business

1st Reading of the Posts By-Laws dated 16 August 2025

New Business

Good of the Legion

California American Legion College is accepting applications until September 30th, or class reaches max capacity.

Terry donated the signage in front that invites everyone to come and enjoy our Post ~~OORAH~~

Bob donated parts and labor to repair our A/C ~~OUTSTANDING~~

Super big Thanks goes out to Karen and Kathy who stepped up on Wednesday to keep the French Dip Special going. Hay, you both ~~ROCK~~

Any further discussion

If you note or dislike what our Vendors do, bring it up to one of the Officers. Don't confront them in public, be courteous. Be courteous all the time

Coming Events

Sept 1st Chili Cook Off during Labor Day

Sept 2nd VJ Day

Sept 10th Bike Nite 6-10 everyone is invited

Sept 18th Air Force Birthday come in and enjoy a piece of cake before it FLYS away

Sept 24th Trivia Service-related questions

Sept 29th VFW Birthday

Sept 25th-28th Miramar Air Show

October is going to be as busy plus November is stacking up to be wonderful so plan of doing a lot of events and having fun at the Post.

With all these Birthdays coming up and eating cake you will need to do some PT like me. 16 oz curls don't count.

Next Meeting

E-Board Meeting is 17th September

General Meeting is 20th September

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 1110

Voted approval subject to corrections Yes No Date

Commander Signature

Adjutant Signature