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Post General Meeting Minutes of 20 September 2025

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

Call to Order Commander Tom Moore

Opening Prayer Pat Burgess

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

Special Legion Family Guests (#)

VFW 7041 Cmdr	Paul Krueger	E_
ALR Director	Elias Rodriguez	E_
SAL Commander	Jim Sliffe	A_
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. Let's step up our attendance and get it on your calendar

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

Correspondence

Boys and Girls from Vista sent Picture and thanks for the help and donations. They passed out over 630 backpacks and had as many meals. Great organization if you have boys and girls under your command direct them to this group.

Historian

Our historian was history today.

Auxiliary Report

They are hosting the October 8th Early Bird Membership Dinner. Still have a chance it would be \$10.00 per

They are also hosting the Halloween Party, it is always a good time and event, dress up and get scary. They have a costume contest. If you come dressed as if half eaten by aliens, I guarantee you will win the contest.

Son's Report

Gave what they are up to, good report with percentages

Rider's Report

Gave what happened so far, the Chili Cook Off, Bike Nite and assist with the celebration of life. Noted that during Bike Nite the stage has very little lighting, Bob will investigate see what he can do under codes. Riders will pursue this.

Pistol raffle tickets are coming soon, please support, drawing will be November 10th. Now that day sounds familiar oh ya, that's the Marine Corps Birthday drawing at 1500

VFW Report

Sent in their portion of bills, Thank you, Thank you

Commander's Report

Presented Riders Director Elias Rodriguez, Letter of Appreciation for his work in support of the Post with taking on the Chili Cook Off, and the Bike Nite events.

Need others to step up like Elias, if we get one big event each month, you will be happy when you read the Finance Report. Get creative think of something to recommend, pursue the logistics and get R done.

Commander wishes to be able to give out Letters of Appreciation monthly.

The Commander had lunch with USA Rowing representatives, and they honor Veterans good opportunity we may get more information.

1st Vice Commander

238 members of our goal of 362 65% at present

Be aware the goal will go up,

We have two new requests for membership

Joseph JR Martino U S Army and Charles Stallings U S Army Motion to accept both PASSED,

Welcome aboard, oops sorry that's Navy slang

Calif American Legion College, Class 2-2025 held in Newhall Post 507 on Oct 17-19

Registration is open until 30 Sept so you have little time.

2nd Vice Commander

Finance

Gross profits were \$24,329.39 but expenses were \$26,490.21 do your math that's a minus - \$2,160.82 which is not good. OUCH

We had donations come in which we love. All accounts are ok, and we had a big thumbs up for our financial audit. Pass that around we have a Blue-ribbon year. Motion to accept report, PASSED

Motion to continue with Trivia annually we pay \$450.00 which is good for the Post. This was PASSED to continue.

We are asking for a grant for \$10,800. Round up to \$11k to fix, seal and restripe the parking lot from the Neighborhood Revitalization Funds. As a nonprofit organization our chances are good. This was approved to move forward with our request.

The report to the State for our Finance is due in November and our Finance Officer will be starting to gather information for this report.

Chaplain Report

He is celebrating his 50th wedding Anniversary. WOW good for you two we send our congratulations

Committees (Chair)

House Committee (Bob)

Gave what we have on calendar but again we need more events to keep us floating. Has to repair cooler and a monitor should be able to start soon.

Americanism Committee (Alina)

National Security Committee (Terry)

Children and Youth Committee ()

We still need someone to chair this committee. It will assist then local youth. Kind of like a football coach.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (Art)

They are going to pass bill which will blend VA visits and you Dr visits. This will help if they can see your whole history.

Bill to give your full retirement along with your disability. Meaning now they take part of your retirement, and they it is added to your disability payment. This would go away. Big help for everyone that rates both.

As always please go to the websites and keep up on what is happening in our government.

Web/Social Media Coordination (Paul)

Other Pertinent Committee

Old Business

We performed the second reading of our By-laws, made corrections and the document is ready to sign to move forward to State.

This will take time before we get it back approved.

To speed up maybe a 20-dollar bill attached to the signature page would help, HAHA politics got to love it.

If you wish for a copy let me know and after its approved I'll get you one.

New Business

Looking into a Honor Dinner where we honor a local Veteran with the community and local leadership coming with possible \$150.00 per plate. Will be looking into closer and could highlight Gunner Bolton.

This would be a big fund-raising event, all profits going to charities.

Talking about Gunner Bolton, October 8th is final graduation at ITR, this event we donate and attend. If you can break free to attend, they have a great Military Formation, see Tom or Pat

Good of the Legion

For your information the Bike Nite we had brought in \$1843.00 to the Post and the Celebration of Life for the young Marine biker brought in \$2666.00. This amount will be on September's report and it should look good. Bike Nite for the Riders charities brought in \$3,549.27 we are here to help Veterans.

Any further discussion

Attention, I would like to squeeze this in. An item that is getting bad all over, Riding pedal or electric bikes on sidewalks, going wrong way, and no helmets. Our youth will grow up with this type of “Who cares, carefree” attitude. Soon they will be in positions that affect everyone, which with their attitude is scary. Let me revise this, it’s not only our youth I see adults illegally riding 7 on the way home. If you oversee someone that rides set them straight now before injury or death occurs. I ride a motorcycle with rules and laws; these people and their practices scare me. One reason I am putting this in now; I just missed two teens as I pulled out of the parking lot they cut in front of me no helmets, going wrong way on the sidewalk. Maybe a Sheriff or Police Officer will read this, catch them.

Coming Events

Sept 24th Trivia

Sept 25th – 28th Miramar Air Show

Sept 29th VFW 126th Birthday Cake for everyone

Oct 4th Oktoberfest by the Sons 12-4 just enough time to get loaded on bratwurst with sauerkraut

Oct 8th Early Bird Dinner 5-7 by Aux

Oct 13th Navy Birthday come over and enjoy the event with your fellow squids, Art will be there

Oct 18th Forgotten Sons MC Event after the General Meeting its also **Tim Heringtons Birthday**

Oct 31st Trunk or Treat 5-7 for the kids to go around in the parking lot. What fun, they never had this when I was a kid back in the days. I know you just said quietly they didn’t have cars back then. Big laugh, yes, they did some where steam driven but those melted the candy..

Nov 10th I don’t really need to tell you but that’s the Marine Corps 250th Birthday and we shall have a good time celebrating it. OoRah!!!, OoRah!!!

Nov 11th Veterans Day special for \$10

Next Meeting

E-Board Meeting is Oct 15th

General Meeting Oct 18th Put these dated on your calendar

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 Pat Burgess

Adjourned Time 2000

Voted approval subject to corrections

Yes

No

Date

Commander Signature

Adjutant Signature