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The American Legion

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Post General Meeting Minutes of 18 October 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	E_
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	A_
Historian	Paul Krueger	P_
Service Officer	Art Haeussler	P_
Jr. Past Cmdr	Brad Sakemi	E_
E-Board	Rick Batson	P_
E-Board	Bob Braman	P_
E-Board	Terry Moxley	P_
E-Board	Michael Mariande	A_

Special Legion Family Guests (#)

VFW 7041 Cmdr	Paul Krueger	P_
ALR Director	Elias Rodriguez	A_
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.

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

Correspondence

Thank you letter from Vista Teen Outreach for our donation

Request for donation from Feeding Military Families in San Dimas, Ca, Locals comes first

Letter from Sealco, Inc about the parking lot, discussed it in new Business. Read on my fellow Legionnaire

Historian

Briefed us on all of October's history of all the birthdays that happened. You should have been there to hear his report, it was cool

Auxiliary Report

Sponsoring Halloween Party, get dressed and come out for a scary time.

Wreaths across America getting into full swing, reminder they are \$17.00 each and we get some of that back after. Riders last night pledged \$500.00 towards this event.

Son's Report

Touched on future of the beagles from Octoberfest. Right now, in freezers. Could be in your tummy

Thanks for Octoberfest as it was very successful

Sons and Riders will combine their Christmas parties this year on December 13th. There will be a White Elephant event, everyone is invited, and all are asked to bring a \$25.00 wrapped gift to exchange. This is cool because you could get a great item or a white item. Come and have fun. White item is why they call it a White Elephant.

Rider's Report

Reminder that the Raffle is on, and drawing will be Nov 10th after Marine Corps Cake Cutting Event. We have about 75% Marines, 20% Navy, and the other services pick up remainder of our membership. That tells you it will be a full house come early and stay for everything Get Raffle tickets from any Rider or the Bartenders.

As above, the Christmas party is on December 13th. Bring a \$25.00 and up wrapped gift. Be creative on your gift selection. It's part of the fun.

Get Raffle tickets from any Rider or the Bartenders. Oh! I said that already, so what is keeping you? Get your tickets

VFW Report

Requested our part of pay for Trivia for month/year, Finance will do the year payment

Commander's Report

We should be doing the Legionnaire of the Year nominations, requirements online
Escondido parade on Veterans Day looking for people and riders
Food handler's certification needs to be done across the board. Post 460 conducting classes.
Attended Honor Flight event and the 22 area meeting.
There is a contest for all that get membership done will be entered into getting upgraded to
PUFL status get signed up now.

1st Vice Commander

250 of goal 362 puts us at 69 %. Meeting goals for last three. Keep it up and sign up
We have 3 new members to vote on:

Dev Colin MC, Lee Collins MC and Jorge Guzman MC, voted all in PASSED

Can't express enough about PUFL. Here is your chance to win a Paid Up For Life
(PUFL) membership. The Early Bird Drawing is for annual paying members
(excluding multi-year members) who have renewed their 2026 dues by November
11, 2025

2nd Vice Commander

Edmund volunteered to be POC for this years Toys for Tots.
Boxes for donations will be coming and we hope you fill them up.
Thank you, Edmund, for stepping up to be POC this year

Finance

Good month total net income \$ 645.86 that doesn't sound like a lot but after everything paid
and we look at bar sales it is a good month

Need more events that bring in money, money, money.

Motion to accept report w audit Passed

Chaplain Report

Reminder he is there to help in spiritual events just call.

Committees (Chair)

House Committee (Bob)

Looking for people to cook during week Bruce will be out for extended period.

Going to need new computer with upgrades

If you have items on this computer, you may want to put on thumb drives just as precaution
Finger foods came up, now that didn't sound right, finger foods were discussed about having
them as bar items. We can look at it but bartenders will have to be addressed as added duties
We need someone to step up and chair a New Years Eve event.

Americanism Committee (Alina)

NR

National Security Committee (Terry)

NR

Children and Youth Committee ()

Still looking for a chair

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (Art)

9 new clients, one female

COLA is being discussed but right now during shutdown I need to say ouch!!

Some benefit departments for VA may be closed during this shutdown

Art introduced his brother who is a member but works out in Arizona. He also is a Service Officer. Art says 365 covers two states. Look at it this way Art covers 365 days of the year Art is one busy guy. Thank you

Web/Social Media Coordination (Paul)

Set up a place for your photo submissions. So, look at bottom of the website will guide you how to send them in. Get your cameras out and start clicking away. Sorry, that's phones and clicking away hardly anyone has a camera now

Other Pertinent Committee

Old Business

Why do we call this Old Business? Let's think of another name for it, submit to me.

New Business

Brought up about letter from Sealco, that we accept their offer. They have offered to redo our parking lot as a gesture of their gratitude. But it needs to be done on the weekend before weather changes we picked November 1st Discussion about the holes in the handicap area as runoff. We await repair issue answer from Sealco but we need to be able to move forward without losing generous offers from them. If repairs aren't done by them, we can go back and do spot repairs. Our previous request for grant to do this work, which is \$11000 is still pending and has not been cancelled. Motion accepted for Sealco's offer. Passed

We will be open on November 1st parking on street or lot next to us. Use front door and burgers will be at normal time.

Good of the Legion

VFW had stove vents cleaned. Discussion on how often it should be done. Cost was 700 plus. End discussion with every 6 month but really up to cooks to let us know condition of vents. This problem could cause fire along with other problems

Any further discussion

**We should be looking at one trophy/merchandise case, right now we have 3. Send comments in to us you may win, if your comment is used.
Events has gone away, check Post Calendar**

Next Meeting

E-Board Meeting is 12 November

General Meeting is 15 November

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 1101

Voted approval subject to corrections Yes No Date

Commander Signature

Adjutant Signature