



VFW Post 7041
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VFW Post 7041 General Meeting
Minutes of October 11, 2025

Respect to the Colors, Opening Prayer and Reading of the Charter

Call to Order	10:02 AM by Cmdr. Paul Krueger
Respect for the Colors	Read by Cmdr. Paul Krueger
Opening Prayer	Read by Art Haeussler
Reading of the Charter	Read by Cmdr. Paul Krueger
Attendance: Members - Guests 9 1	

Roll Call of Officers - (P) present, (A) absent, (E) excused

P	Commander	Paul Krueger
P	Senior Vice Commander	Art Haeussler
E	Junior Vice Commander	Bruce Mackamul
P	Adjutant	Daniel G. Prentice
P	Quartermaster	Terry Moxley
E	Chaplain	Jose Flores
E	Judge Advocate	Bruce Mackamul
P	Service Officer	Art Haeussler
P	Post Surgeon	Jerry Stephens
E	Officer of the Day	Bruce Mackamul
P	1 st Year Trustee	Steve Miller
P	2 nd Year Trustee	Lora Wood
P	3 rd Year Trustee	Jonathan North

Membership Applications

none

Reading of the Correspondence:

thank you from VFW National Home for \$510.00 donation
thank you from Camp J. H. Pendleton Oceanside Detachment 21 for \$250.00 BBQ donation
Request for donation from Sub Zero Mission
SANDAG notice of job opening for a Senior Budget Program Analyst
SANDAG notice of job opening for an Associate Independent Auditor

Reading of the Minutes:

Posted on VistaPost.org; no corrections; dispensed with reading; meeting minutes approved

Report of the Quartermaster

Beginning Bank Balance, September 1, 2025: \$52083.74
Total Revenue for the Month: \$8334.56
Total Expenses for the Month: \$7983.25
Ending Bank Balance, September 30, 2025: \$52435.25
Relief Fund: \$1245.03

Report of the Service Officer

The Service Officer discussed various veteran-related issues, including 9 new compensation claims and the VFW's challenges against the VA over education benefits, while also addressing the impact of the government shutdown on Coast Guard personnel and the VFW's response to negative media coverage about veterans' benefits. The conversation ended with updates on legislative matters, including the National Defense Authorization Act's 3.8% pay raise for E4 and under, and concerns about the San Diego VA's staffing issues, with a recommendation to consider the LA VA facility in Los Angeles for better veteran services.

Comrade or a Family Member of a Comrade in Distress

Service Officer Art also provided updates on two members, Joe and Bruce, noting that Joe has been ill lately and Bruce is preparing for open heart surgery, which will require temporary coverage of his cooking duties for the VFW and Cooties food events.

Committee Reports

Quartermaster Terry announced several upcoming events at the post, including a Halloween party, a trunk-or-treat event, a ceremony for the Marine Corps' 250th birthday, Veterans Day activities, and a Thanksgiving dinner. He also mentioned a motorcycle event and a trivia

night. Commander Paul concluded by reminding everyone to support the national home for children.

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Unfinished Business

Paul introduced Ed McCoy, the former District Commander, who discussed the need to fill the vacant senior vice commander position. The group agreed to elect Art Haeussler to the role, with Lora Wood making the motion and others voting in favor.

New Business

The meeting covered several topics, including motions for reimbursement and purchases. Terry motioned to reimburse ART for Veterans Aid, pay for kitchen exhaust cleaning, and purchase wreaths for Wreaths Across America. The group also discussed funding for trivia nights, which are now split between the VFW and American Legion, and agreed to allocate \$37.50 monthly for trivia expenses.

Community Activities

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Our National Home Honored

Prayer for National Home read by Art Haeussler.

\$37 donated by Comrades for the National Home

Good of the Order

The meeting covered several topics, including the approval of Assembly Bill 53, which provides tax exemption for up to \$20,000 of retirement income. The group discussed a \$250 donation to a nonprofit organization. Paul mentioned his recent visit to Pearl Harbor and recommended others visit. The conversation ended with a closing prayer and the announcement of the next regular meeting on November 8th at 10 a.m.

Closing Prayer

Read by Post Art Haeussler.

Next Regular Meeting

November 8, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Regular Business Meeting closed at: 10:52 AM

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel G. Prentice
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Adjutant