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The American Legion

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Post General Meeting Minutes of 15 November 2025

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

Call to Order Commander Tom Moore 10 am Opening Prayer Tom Moore

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 E
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 P
Service Officer	Art Haeussler P
Jr. Past Cmdr.	Brad Sakemi P
Executive Committee	Rick Batson P
Executive Committee	Bob Braman P
Executive Committee	Terry Moxley P
Executive Committee	Vacant

Special Legion Family Guests (#)

VFW 7041 Cmdr.	Paul Krueger P
ALR Director	Elias Rodriguez P
SAL Commander	Jim Sliffe E
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

Letter from Executive Committee member Michael Mariande, resigning from his position on the Executive Committee.

Email from Boys and Girls Club of Vista for Holiday support/sponsorship opportunities.

Contact from someone from Dignity Memorial Funeral Planning Services, would like to come and inform members about their services.

Historian

Briefed us on today in history, November 15th 1777 the Continental Congress approved the Articles of Confederation, served as the United States' first constitution and established a weak central government.

Auxiliary Report

NR

Karen did mention we are short of our goal for Wreaths Across America, we have 279 and need 400 to get the \$2,000 rebate check. Needs to be done before Thanksgiving.

Son's Report

Sons and Riders will combine their Christmas parties this year on December 13th. There will be a White Elephant event, everyone is invited, and will begin around 7pm. \$25 limit for the exchange.

Rider's Report

47 active members, one more possible next week.

Have donated \$7,250 to different organizations, most recently \$1,000 in gift cards for Marines for Thanksgiving

As above, the Christmas party is on December 13th.

VFW Report

N/R

Commander's Report

Attended the Veterans Day ceremony with VFW Commander Paul Krueger; Elias Rodriguez received a Proclamation from the city of Vista.

Attended the Scout Troop 709 flag retirement ceremony

Attended the Marine Corps Ball last night.

Thanksgiving Dinner is Sold Out.

1st Vice Commander

272 of goal 372 puts us at 75.14%.

2nd Vice Commander

Christmas Party is Dec. 13th

NYE Party is 80's theme, \$500 budget for champagne and hors d'oeuvres, working on a DJ

Planning for a Super Bowl Party

Dec 6th is the Vista Parade

Looking for fundraising ideas, if you have any, let us know

Finance

Gross Profit \$27,155.27/\$18,332.33 Total Expenses \$8,822.94/\$19,422.49 Difference \$-1,090.16

More expenses in October including an extra pay period.

Discussion

Christopher questioned how are we in the red vs. black, Pat reiterated that there was an extra pay period in October plus just general expenses, including electricity, cost of liquor, etc.

Reminded everyone the clubroom needs to make \$25k a month and we need more events scheduled. Liz said one event a month would help, Jeff asked if we have looked into solar to help with electricity costs, Liz will look into a solar quote.

Motion to accept report w audit Passed

Chaplain Report

N/R

Committees(Chair)

House Committee (Bob Braman)

Thanksgiving Meal sign-up is closed; full to the max

December 13th Christmas Party Co-sponsored by SAL and Riders

Post is closed December 25th and 26th

Close early on Christmas Eve at 6pm

No trivia this month, it's the day before Thanksgiving

New Year's Eve Party, 80's theme

Closed January 1st - New Year's Day

Americanism Committee (Alina)

Will be sending out letters to school counselors this week in regard to Boys and Girls State, interviews will be February 14th and 15th, the cost is \$835 per student

Will be sending letters out to counselors for the Oratorical Contest, we are having ours on Sunday January 15th from 1-3pm. District 22 is February 8th and Area 5 is February 15th. It is open to all high school students, cash prizes and \$25,000 in scholarship money for college!

National Security Committee (Terry)

NR

Children and Youth Committee ()
Still looking for a chair

Web/Social Media Coordination (Paul)
Email on front page for people to submit pictures
Post is voted as a Neighborhood Favorite on Nextdoor, hanging the sticker on the door!

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (Art)
9 new clients, one female
One new case, Air Force Veteran whose job was to identify and put toe tags on the servicemen in Vietnam
VFW and American Legion Members are testifying before the Senate about scams and claims, 24 people have been arrested in US and Puerto Rico for participating in fraudulent VA claims. Tricare Open Enrollment is going on now, from November 10th to December 9th
There is an Asbestos class action lawsuit, see if you qualify
Major Richard Star Campaign has stalled on the floor, thought it was going to be automatically pushed through, not the case.
Kudos to the ALR and Marine Corps Riders for the donation for the parking lot and site beautification
Check out the Veterans Memorial-Letters to Ernie across the street from Pepper Tree

Unfortunately, a VFW member's house burned to the ground

Old Business
None

New Business
Nominations for vacant E Board position-no nominations, closed
Asked for motion to approve Dignity Memorial Planning Services come and give a talk, no motion, closed
Asked for motion to approve support/sponsor Vista Boys and Girls Club during the holidays, no motion, closed
John mentioned that our post events are not in the districts weekly email of events, we should be.
Kevin commended Tom for being in this month's American Legion Magazine

Good of the Legion
Christopher shared his favorite book series, "Dummies"
A letter and a plaque are being sent to Sealco for their generous and amazing job on the parking lot
Rick Grueber, also known as Slammer, a Legion member and MC Rider spent many hours on Sunday picking weeds and beautifying the post ahead of the Marine Corps Birthday, Thank You!
The Post received a Proclamation from the city of Vista, to be hung in the post
This month's Certificate of Appreciation recipient is Art Haeussler for all of the wonderful things he does for our post. Thank you and "bravo zulu," shipmate!

Any further discussion

Next Meeting

Executive Committee Meeting is 17 December

General Meeting is 20 December

INPUT FROM YOU AS AN OFFICER OR BOARD MEMBER HELPS THE POST IN THE EVERYDAY TASKS OF RUNNING FOR YOUR FELLOW VETERANS

Remember our Website 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 Tom Moore Adjourned Time 1103

Voted approval subject to corrections Yes No Date

Commander Signature

Adjutant Signature