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## *The American Legion*

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### **Post General Meeting Minutes of 20 December 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

<b>Commander</b>	<b>Tom Moore</b>	<b>P_</b>
<b>1st Vice Cmdr</b>	<b>Javier Collazo</b>	<b>P_</b>
<b>2nd Vice Cmdr</b>	<b>Edmund Arguello</b>	<b>P_</b>
<b>Adjutant</b>	<b>Mike Stevenson</b>	<b>P_</b>
<b>Finance Officer</b>	<b>Pat Burgess</b>	<b>P_</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Joe Flores</b>	<b>P_</b>
<b>Sgt-at-Arms</b>	<b>Alina Diaz</b>	<b>E_</b>
<b>Judge Advocate</b>	<b>Jeffrey Craig</b>	<b>P_</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Paul Krueger</b>	<b>A_</b>
<b>Service Officer</b>	<b>Art Haeussler</b>	<b>P_</b>
<b>Jr. Past Cmdr</b>	<b>Brad Sakemi</b>	<b>E_</b>
<b>Exec-Comm</b>	<b>Rick Batson</b>	<b>P_</b>
<b>Exec-Comm</b>	<b>Bob Braman</b>	<b>E_</b>
<b>Exec-Comm</b>	<b>Terry Moxley</b>	<b>P_</b>
<b>Exec-Comm</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>-</b>

#### **Special Legion Family Guests (#)**

<b>VFW 7041 Cmdr</b>	<b>Paul Krueger</b>	<b>A_</b>
<b>ALR Director</b>	<b>Elias Rodriguez</b>	<b>A_</b>
<b>SAL Commander</b>	<b>Jim Sliffe</b>	<b>P_</b>
<b>Aux President</b>	<b>Colleen Collazo</b>	<b>P_</b>
<b>House Chairman</b>	<b>Bob Braman</b>	<b>E_</b>

**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.**

**A good Quorum would be a full Quorum, if you catch my message.**

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

### **Correspondence**

**Received notification that the National Commanders Visit is CANCELLED/ Tickets to the events are being refunded.**

**Received certification for our By-Laws good for next 7 years.**

**I would like to thank again Alina Diaz for stepping up while I was out, Thank you**

**Received Letter from WWII Org about our donation during Pearl Harbor Event**

### **Historian**

**Absent NR**

### **Auxiliary Report**

**Christmas Parade went smoothly and everyone had good time, Colleen received Letter of Appreciation for event.**

**Karen gave thanks for Wreaths over America we donated and had 340 wreaths placed by the Riders**

**Jan 24 is planned a Pre Winter Olympic Gala watch for flyer soon to come out**

### **Son's Report**

**Supported Christmas Party, which was a good event, Sons have been supporting the Burgers. Sons did not have "No Senior Left Along" as part of their events but are planning on doing it in a few months.**

### **Rider's Report**

**Absent they are Dark for December, but members reported the Christmas Party was great  
Reminder that the Rider's Poker Run is scheduled for April. Always a great time and everyone is invited**

### **VFW Report**

**NR**

### **Commander's Report**

**There is a Membership Drive that will be in town more on time and date coming. Possibly we will have it here at the Post.**

**Legionnaire of Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards nominations should be given to us by 1 April 2026 for forwarding**

**Marine Riders are looking at roof over our patio and have some proposals for us.**

**Aaron Cross is working on Memorial Wall by the stage will be presenting proposal Jan or Feb  
He has already numerous paid names to go on the Memorial Wall.**

## **1st Vice Commander**

**299 of goal 362 we are at 80%. We just need 63 more paid members to reach 100% Seek out and Knock on your neighbor's door. William Garteiz a transfer member from Post 1000 was welcomed as a new member here.**

**Brought up that congress is trying to pass a bill that stops the time period for awards such as Medal of Honor.**

**Briefed members on jobs within the American Legion that he holds**

## **2nd Vice Commander**

**New Year Eve Party planning on finger food, Music by DJ, Riders own DJ Frogman, proposed everyone having great time and want to see you there, working on safe rides**

## **Finance**

**Total Income: \$ 25,797.14 Expenses: \$23,206.07 Difference: \$2,591.07 Real Good Month, keep coming in we love you . Gave Bank accounts status doing good. Request Motion to accept pending audit. PASSED**

## **Chaplain Report**

**Spoke to Bob Braman he is doing better. "Side note Bob and Mike decided 2 not 3. "**

## **Committees (Chair)**

### **House Committee (Bob)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice will be assisting now with events and Rick Batson said he can be notified of the repairs needed. Thank you both**

### **Americanism Committee (Alina)**

**Boys and Girls State are just around the corner and ask around if you know anyone that should be nominated. Dates for interviews January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1100 after meeting.**

### **National Security Committee (Terry)**

**No Report**

### **Children and Youth Committee ( )**

**Still looking for energetic chairperson**

### **Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (Art)**

**Art and his brother have been busy in the community and state they have never had so many people state **Thank You for your Service****

**Art is one of the busiest people I know, and now he is getting his brother up to speed, Thanks again.**

**VFW is pushing numerous bills in DC. Keep ears open some may pertain to you.**

**14 new clients**

**VFW and American Legion Members are testifying before the Senate about scams and claims, There is an Asbestos class action lawsuit, see if you qualify**

**Web/Social Media Coordination (Paul)**

**Absent NR**

Ray Johnson stepped in and gave kudos to Elias and Liz Rodriguez along with Tim Herington for their savvy on internet announcements which have reawaken the community on who we are

**Other Pertinent Committees**

**None**

**Unfinished Business**

Nomination requested for the vacant Executive Committee seat. None given, closed.

**New Business**

Looking at defibrillators for a life saving device at the Post, cost could be high and may look at possible grant, but one life saved is worth its cost.

**Good of the Legion**

Rick has finalized stencil for the Marine Riders and hopes to have a good weekend coming to work on putting up.

Tim Herington delivered the Toys for Tots to the Marines and blankets to the animal shelter, Thanks Timbo, one work describes you, Dedicated.

We would like everyone to get in a straight line for signing up for Valentines Day and St Patrick's day. As you all know on St Patrick's day, we will have corned beef and cabbage so the line could get long.

**Sad Business**

Carlos "LOS" Sandoval one of our members and a Rider passed a few weeks ago. He will be laid to rest a Miramar National Cemetery on January 2<sup>nd</sup> with more details to come out.

**Next Meeting**

Executive Committee Meeting is January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Note the year

General Meeting is January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

I was going to say we sang Happy Birthday to Ray Johnson, but he has forbidden me to say so.

**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](http://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 1045

Voted approval subject to corrections

Yes

No

Date

**Commander Signature**

**Adjutant Signature**

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