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The American Legion

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Post General Meeting Minutes of 17 January 2026

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

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 and placed on the Posts website. Request motion to accept. PASSED

Correspondence

If you sent an A.L. License plate to Vince, it came back and we have it

Historian Report

Desert Storm started 35 years ago yesterday. We thank all that went.

Read a document written by Joe while over at Desert Storm, nice writeup under bad times.

Auxiliary Report

Gala Winter Olympic Event is a formal dining event so grab your gal and get in your tux and gown. Sign up at bar

Chili Cook Off is coming March, that's a HOT subject or what is known as Hot-Tung-To-nyt.

Son's Report

Jim wanted to thank everyone that supported him while he was on the mend.

Rider's Report

They are donating \$100. for each Pancake Breakfasts event, that's are on calendar

Remind everyone that the Poker Run is coming. Flyers out soon but plan on a quick ride April 25th

VFW Report

Commander's Report

New Years event went off great, just a note that should make 2026 great.

Oratorical contest coming however not getting feedback from the youth, may go to schools and tell families they are missing out on a great program that has money to spread. If you know youth that might be interested have them speak up.

Super Bowl is a few weeks away. We still have spots on the raffle board. The Adjutant, me, knows who will win and by how much. Don't inquire, I won't tell.

Help!! Help!! Help!! Need assistance for the Pancake events and St Patrick's Day events.

We need assistance in the Kitchen for other days. If you are available and not scared of food step up.

1st Vice Commander

**331 of goal 362 we are at 91.44%. Just need 31 more signed up and that puts us at 100%
February 3 is recognized as Four Chaplains Day in honor of the Immortal Four Chaplains.
Registration for California American Legion College Class 1-2026 is now open and Closes
February 28
Mindset Monday Training, next class February 9th register now**

**2nd Vice Commander
NR**

Finance

**27k in and 28k out most because of bills. We just have bigger bills than you. Did you want to
trade?
Motion to accept, PASSED**

**Chaplain Report
NR**

**However, our good friend Joe Flores had a hospital stay last week and we wish him well and
send him our prayers for 100% recovery**

**JAG
NR**

Committees (Chair)

House Committee (Bob)

**New usage form is out, everyone that wants to use facilities will need to fill out a report.
Easier to read and fill out.
We could use your ideas for items to bring in more patrons, such as Pull Tabs, Gaming
stations, we will investigate your recommendations and if it is chosen you could win this
beautiful prize.**

Americanism Committee (Alina)

**Sent out letters for Oratorical, and Boys and Girls State, no replies yet, it is noted that today's
youth are, well you know!!**

National Security Committee (Terry)

NR

Children and Youth Committee ()

Need someone to fill these shoes

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (Art)

7 new cases, starts the year off

Va warning about scams, especially one that talks about overpay of benefits.

If you have had a bad experience with medical under the Torque Act you can sue VA

VA looking at pay for services Dogs.

Home loan rates have been tabled but some in congress want them higher, watch and push for lower rates.

Art repeated that grants this year for the arts, were not used. What's this no one needs cash?

No, as for the local Veterans, you get a free pass at the Art school here in Vista. Pottery, glass blowing, free to Vets. Such a cool idea, you should go.

Web/Social Media Coordination (Paul)

Other Pertinent Committee

Unfinished Business

We need cooks to sling burgers on the last Saturday of the month.

New Business

Next meeting I will be passing out to some officers the rough consolidated yearly post report.

Good of the Legion

To keep our membership up may I recommend you take your loved one out for dinner this coming Valentines Day.

Any further discussion

Taxes are right around the corner. Most of us will be going to DFAS to get forms. Just a friendly reminder to watch for scams and to log out of DFAS when you are done. Don't just close the site,

****Officer positions will be coming up April and May, if you wish to assume a position start thinking about it now**

Next Meeting

Executive Committee Meeting is 18 February 2026

General Meeting is 21 February 2026

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 1100

Voted approval subject to corrections

Yes

No

Date

Commander Signature

Adjutant Signature