



VFW Post 7041
Vista Memorial Post 7041
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VFW Post 7041 General Meeting
Minutes of May 9, 2026

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

Call to Order	10:00 AM by Cmdr. Paul Krueger
Respect for the Colors	Read by Jose Flores
Opening Prayer	Read by Post Chaplain Jose Flores
Reading of the Charter	Read by Cmdr. Paul Krueger
Attendance: Members - Guests 13 0	

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

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

P = Present E = Excused A = Absent

Membership Applications

none

Reading of the Correspondence:

donation request from The Memorial Day Foundation

Reading of the Minutes:

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

Report of the Quartermaster

Beginning Bank Balance, April 1, 2026	\$ 58,567.13
Total Revenues:	\$ 5,733.86
Total Expenses:	\$ 6,893.18
Ending Bank Balance, April 30, 2026	\$ 57,407.81
Beginning Relief Fund Savings:	\$ 1,346.36
Interest	.06
Ending Relief Fund Savings:	\$ 1,346.42

American Legion Baseball: \$3000.00

Department of California for department convention delegate seats: \$443.00

Approved \$20,000.00 6-month CD with Rock Credit Union at 3.65% interest rate;
motion by P. Krueger, second by D. Prentice

Report of the Service Officer

December reinstatement of a male and female Selective Service list

potential cost of living increases

linking VA and Private medical records proposed

VFW leaders in the Pacific region promoting awareness, recruitment, improvements to the Transition Assistance Program, and repatriation of missing persons world-wide

President proposal for active-duty military and quality of life improvements

Beware of lawyer sharks and scams targeting veterans and veteran benefits.

Recommends that veterans review pending legislation using a new Post website link to read the VFW Action Corps weekly reports.

Botanical Gardens of Vista requests \$2500-\$3000 from Post members for flagpole.

VA considering dentist service

backlog of VA claims continues

Transition Assistance Program being considered by Congress

home loan foreclosure assistance being considered by Congress

Comrade or a Family Member of a Comrade in Distress

none

Committee Reports

motorcycle club events support requested

Marine Riders event

Writer's Executive Committee meeting

05-14-26 & 05-28-26: Cigar Night

05-16-26: Karaoke

05-23-26: Rummage Sale

05-24-26: Strawberry Festival (**Volunteers needed to distribute Buddy Poppies and flags**)

05-25-26: burgers & dogs after Memorial Day ceremony at the Vista Civic Center
(**Volunteers Needed**)

05-27-26: Trivia Time

VFW Monthly Meetings: https://vistapost.org/?page_id=2190

Unfinished Business

Approved Change: donate \$500.00 in memory of Spike Harvey to Vista Historical Society from the General Fund; motion by T. Moxley, second by B. Mackamul

New Business

Approved payment of \$5,761.49 to Vista Military Order of the Cootie in compensation for past 7 months of breakfast proceeds; motion by B. Mackamul, second by J. Flores

Change of credit card reader proposed.

Community Activities

P. Kreuger and E. Marquardt cleaned around the Veterans Memorial

Ace Hardware and Valley Forge Flag Company donated 240 American flags to the Post for Memorial Day distribution. Thank you letters recommended.

B. Mackamul and T. Moxley attended Vista High School ROTC graduation.

Cmdr. Paul shared that the VFW received a trophy at the district meeting for donating the most money to American Legion baseball.

Our National Home Honored

Prayer for National Home read by Post Chaplain Jose Flores

\$67.00 donated by Comrades for the National Home

Approved \$500.00 for VFW National Home for the California Home;

Motion by T. Moxley, second by S. Miller; amended by R. Johnson, second by A. Haeussler

Good of the Order

2026-2027 District 1 Officers:

District Commander – John Carson (7907, Poway) [Photo attached]
District Senior Vice Commander – John Sullivan (9578, Alpine)
District Junior Vice Commander – Quinten Taylor (2082, Lemon Grove)
District Quartermaster – Jerry Koehmlein (1512, Encanto)
Assistant District Quartermaster – Ed McCoy (2275, SABLE/El Cajon) – Appointed
District Chaplain – Doug Scholl (3783, Ramona)
District Trustee 1yr – Mike Philips (1512, Encanto)
District Trustee 2yr – John Kelley (3787, Mission Valley)
District Trustee 3rd – Wendy Calderon (5867, Lakeside)
District Adjutant – DJ Henshaw (3783, Ramona) - Appointed
District Inspector – John Sullivan (9578, Alpine) - Appointed
District Benefits Advisor – Livy Lazaro (7420, Don Diego) – Appointed
District Judge Advocate – Cody Frazier (1924, Fallbrook) – Appointed
District Surgeon – Livy Lazaro (7420, Don Diego) – Appointed
District Chief of Staff – Wendy Calderon (5867, Lakeside) – Appointed
District Officer of the Day – Richard Crouch (2111, Chula Vista) - Appointed

K. Leahy proposed organizing Buddy Checks and outreach to members in distress. K. Leahy volunteered to lead this effort and volunteers are needed for the committee.

Cmdr. Paul proposed organizing a Fire Safety Day event

D. Prentice proposed checking into a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

Cmdr. Paul discussed the availability of customizing shirts for the Post with supplies and a machine he has purchased.

More volunteers are still needed for all VFW food events, including regular weekly meals.

Closing Prayer

Read by Post Chaplain Jose Flores.

Next Regular Meeting

June 13, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Regular Business Meeting closed at: 10:50AM

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel G. Prentice
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Adjutant