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The American Legion

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Post General Meeting Minutes of 18 July 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	Rick Batson	P_
2nd Vice Cmdr	Edmund Arguello	E_
Adjutant	Mike Stevenson	P_
Finance Officer	Pat Burgess	P_
Chaplain	Joe Flores	P_
Sgt-at-Arms	Alina Diaz	P_
Judge Advocate	Jeffrey Craig	E_
Historian	Paul Krueger	P_
Service Officer	Michelle Deitrich	E_
Jr. Past Cmdr	Brad Sakemi	P_
Exec-Comm	Daniel Maloney	A_
Exec-Comm	Norman Linek	P_
Exec-Comm	Steve Miller	P_
Exec-Comm	Thom Holland	P_

Special Legion Family Guests (#)

VFW 7041 Cmdr	Paul Krueger	P_
ALR Director	Elias Rodriguez	P_
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

Historian Report

POW/MIA recognition day, flag was designed prior, all Presidents honor day

Auxiliary Report

Put out posters of events to come, posters are very nice job, thank you

Son's Report

Family Day was great and we will make a few adjustments so can tell attendance next time. Octoberfest is coming and they are getting ready, so should you

Rider's Report

Rider's membership is up to 50. Wouldn't it be cool if everyone showed for a chapter ride

VFW Report

Recognized Legionnaires for assisting during VFW meals, they are DJ and Bob Great going you two we love your volunteering

Commander's Report

Advised Riders, Sons, and Auxiliary when giving their reports to give; membership #, finance, along with activities and events coming.

Went to convention and a lot of resolutions got thrown out because of time.

Still needing volunteers for coming events Stuff the Bus we need 4 cooks plans are to cook

700 dogs also need people to pass out backpacks. Sign up at bar Please take for action.

Shrimp Boil broke even but because it's not a swarm to get next year's Boil is table

1st Vice Commander

377 we are above 100%. Javier presented the Post with a plaque and 100% Banner for the flagpole, Commander Tom Moore accepted

2nd Vice Commander

He is working on coming events but will be out of area for week

Finance

Revenue \$25,001.39 Our Expenses \$23,018.52 Leaves a difference of POSITIVE \$1982.87 which is most due because of new register system just installed, expecting a small increase monthly as long as you keep coming in to enjoy yourselves. Motion to accept budget PASSED

Briefed Raised the Flag Campaign, after adjusting some beneficiaries' amounts, we need \$14,350.00 for the year. Motion to accept Campaign PASSED

Chaplain Report

Reminder that the Chaplain has visitation at hospitals but you, next of kin, need to advise hospitals.

Committees (Chair)

House Committee (Bob)

Briefed events that are coming up and advised that Labor Day planning is starting. Bob advised everyone that if you have an event and something is damaged; you are responsible for the total repairs. You will not be allowed to hold another event until damage is corrected. Not counting, we will go after you.

Working on getting new stools for bar. Wooden stools are aged (16) and are getting to be repair problems.

If you wish to sponsor a chair, which would be cool, advise Bob

Americanism Committee (Alina)

National Security Committee (Brad)

Brad Sakemi will be new chair for National Security, thank you for stepping up

Children and Youth Committee (Edmund)

There are events out there that they will be looking for to help in this category.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (Michelle)

Michelle was sworn in as new Service Officer for the Post so you will see some changes coming

Web/Social Media Coordination (Paul)

Other Pertinent Committee

We have two committees in this category

Pool table status which Bob is working on to get best deal on switching tables. Push to get this done.

Wall of Honor chaired by Aaron Cross. Plaques need to be sold so we can start on installation of them as soon as the wall is completed, which will be starting soon. Be patient with the construction of the wall please. **This is a great program which honors you, the Veteran.**

Sign up to put your plaque up and go out and find a veteran friend and get them involved, that would give us 2 more. If only half our membership did this it would give us over 700 plaques to put up on the wall. That alone is big \$ for the post. Wouldn't it be cool if the number of plaques ordered prior to Labor Day grew so that we could start on the outside area? Remember the sooner you get it ordered you will get a great spot on the wall.

Unfinished Business

Installation of Thom Holland as a member of the Executive Committee took place.

New Business

Good of the Legion

Jim Sliffe was presented with Certificate of Appreciation for work he instructed and did on the Family Day in June Nice job Jim and to the Sons

As a reminder you can be a Legionnaire and a member of the Sons. All it takes is your 214 and your father's 214

You can be a Rider also all it takes is a motorcycle. A Legionnaire, Sons, Rider. You knew I would get that in.

Commander read the Post Resolution for Opposing Taking Care of America's Veterans Act (TCAVA) which is up in congress to diminish our benefits to use elsewhere. Motion to accept **PASSED**

We have started a Mentor and Mentee program this will help new members of the board and new members of the post understand the working of our post. If you would like to be either a Mentor or a Mentee, contact the Commander.

Bob recognized the making of the NEW TROPHY CASE AND REGISTER TABLE by me as your craftsman Adjutant, Mike Stevenson. The labor of making them was donated by me. If you have not come down to see them you should, as a matter of fact get down here lots of things are happening that you are missing out on.

Our Next Meeting

Executive Committee Meeting is 12 August

General Meeting is 15 August

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 1105

Voted approval subject to corrections

Yes

No

Date

Commander Signature

Adjutant Signature