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The American Legion

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Post General Meeting Minutes of 15 August 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	P _
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	Michelle Deitrich	P _
Jr. Past Cmdr.	Brad Sakemi	E _
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

Supervisor Jim Desmond was introduced, and he spoke about support in government along with his plans to run for congress.

Cynthia from the Foundation of Women Warriors was introduced, and she spoke about the organization and what they do. They are open for volunteers to assist in their charity works. They have a warehouse here in Vista.

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

None

Historian Report

Gave history of 365 with a film by Ray Johnson speaking about the beginning of the Post along with buildings we have occupied and the many Commanders with pictures. A very good job Ray Johnson did as he was the previous historian.

August 19th is National Aviation Day, if you worked or are working in aviation, Thank You

Auxiliary Report

They received the Angel Award for membership. Nice going ladies, new year to start new accomplishments.

RUMMAGE SALE is September 5th. Bring your gently used items September 2-4 to donate.

Son's Report

Donated \$250.00 toward Judy's recovery,

Working on next year's membership, attempting to surpass this year's count. With leadership they will make it.

Sponsoring **OCTOBERFEST** again this year on the 3rd put this event on your things to do.

Veterans Day dinner is also in works by this group of Patriots.

Rider's Report

Again, this year we are a stop for the Patriot Flag that goes from post to post in all states. Great honor for our Riders who does a bang-up job of honoring our flag and representing the pride of Post 365.

Labor Day set your sites on the best **CHILI COOKOFF** in town, come support it will be HOT!

There is also a Raffle.

Put on your calendar October 17 there is a **BIKE NITE CALLED CHROME AND COBWEBS** with Halloween theme and contests, so get your costume out of storage, clean it up and be ready for the Reaper to scare you.

VFW Report

Commander's Report

Received Thank you letter from the Vista Boys and Girls club for all we did to make their event a great success passing out items and cooking hotdogs.

1st Vice Commander

Should get goals after National Convention but we are at 210 for 2027 keep it up let's surpass last year.

2nd Vice Commander

Working on upcoming events. Could be asking for volunteers for events so if you have time contact him and assist.

Finance

Revenue \$28647.67 and expenses \$27274.34 which puts us positive \$1373.32

We have a couple of Raise the Flag events coming up which we support.

Motion to accept report. PASSED

Chaplain Report

Reminder that Judy is in need.

Good place to say we passed hat around and collected over \$1000.00 toward her recovery.

Outstanding you also can contribute on her Go Fund Me page.

Committees (Chair)

House Committee (Bob)

Brought up Game Machine for post which could bring in a sufficient amount of money as we would keep 40%. This is a slot machine that has been converted from chance to skill which they are checking on the legal aspects of having. Some brought up similar machines failed in past. Motion to actively look into us getting one. Split vote 13 to 7 as yea winds. PASSED.

Now tell me how we had 20 votes.

Motion for \$300.00 for New Years Eve Party PASSED

Exhaust Vents need to be cleaned, getting cost estimates from vendors.

Americanism Committee (Alina)

National Security Committee (Brad)

Children and Youth Committee (Edmund)

Vista Little League Baseball is looking for Coaches. Now you can prove you're great at baseball by coaching youths, see 2nd Vice

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (Michelle)

Web/Social Media Coordination (Paul)

Would like to add page(s) for items like Trivia to help with explanations. Authorized/ PASSED

Other Pertinent Committee

Wall of Honor (Aaron)

The patio wall is done and ready, but we need to push individuals to place orders for their plaques. It was brought up that it's not a memorial wall, it's a place for all Veterans and their legacies. Don't be shy, your legacy is important to all. In 25 years, your grandson will be able to see and read your legacy.

So far only one board member has a plaque on order.

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.

I will make sure the next 10 ordered plaques get their pick of spots. Remember, it takes about 2 weeks to produce your plaque.

Unfinished Business

See Chaplains report on Judy

New Business

Good of the Legion

New podium was installed for use; this was made mostly from scraps from the new display case. Labor and new parts donated.

Discussion on Non-Profit Organizations and the differences, some groups will not donate to certain non-profits

Still need Mentors and Mentees for the program which will help board members do their jobs efficiently. Don't let this go by education and job training is very important

Our Next Meeting

Executive Committee Meeting is September 16th

General Meeting is September 19th

Notable Birthdays

USAF 18th September

VFW 29TH September

USN 13th October

USMC 10th November

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

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