



VFW Post 7041
Vista Memorial Post 7041
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VFW Post 7041 General Meeting
Minutes of July 11, 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 Joe Flores
Opening Prayer	Read by Post Chaplain Jose Flores
Reading of the Charter	Read by Cmdr. Paul Krueger
Attendance: Members - Guests 10 0	

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

P	Commander	Paul Krueger
P	Senior Vice Commander	Art Haeussler
P	Junior Vice Commander	John Keenan
P	Adjutant	Daniel G. Prentice
E	Quartermaster	Terry Moxley
P	Chaplain	Joe 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	Eric Marquardt
P	2 nd Year Trustee	Steve Miller
E	3 rd Year Trustee	Lora Wood

Presentation

none

Membership Applications

none

Reading of the Correspondence:

San Dimas Masonic Lodge requests donations for Feeding Military Families on 08-15-26, 9AM-3PM

Reading of the Minutes:

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

Report of the Quartermaster

Total Revenues: \$5,180.12

Total Expenses: \$ 6,956.46

A financial review is available to all Post Comrades in good standing by appointment with the Post Quartermaster. Post Trustees assist the Post Quartermaster in preparing the Post Quarterly Audits. April, May, June Post Quarterly Audit signed.

Report of the Service Officer

Continue to beware of scams against veterans and seniors.

Do not pay for claims assistant, use a Veterans Service Office of a veterans organization.
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Various wellness programs are available at the VA Oceanside Clinic free of charge

Opposed the Take Care of American Veterans Act due to proposed benefit cuts

Supported Military Service Trauma legislation and Richard Starr Act to remove payment disparities for retired veterans
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Check benefits including TSA Freedom Pass for disabled veterans

Check benefits including new partial claim program for VA home loan assistance
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Addressed controversy regarding historical comics depicting veterans with rifles
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Emphasized the importance of encouraging our government representatives of the of honoring the contracts between the government and veterans
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Detailed the process of Senator Padilla's office for responses.

https://www.padilla.senate.gov/contact/contact-form/

Check VFW Action Corps every week and watch for links to notify government representatives
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https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts/vfw-action-corps-weekly

Addressed discrimination concerns within benefit classes, including the importance of including female veterans as the fastest growing veteran demographic.

Comrade or a Family Member of a Comrade in Distress

D. Hooman family thanks the Post for the donation to the memorial reception.
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Committee Reports

Cmdr. Paul reported on the Post committees, requesting volunteers for committee members and volunteers.

House Committee: While the American Legion manages the physical House, Post 7041 participates in events and hosts meals, which falls under this committee's purview. Bruce will continue to manage kitchen operations and seek a Chair to assist.

Teacher of the Year: Dan volunteered to chair.

All current certified/licensed teachers (not previous winners) in grades K-12 are eligible. Submit a completed form with a letter enumerating the reasons for the nomination, a resume of teacher related experience and education, and a head-and-shoulder photo of themselves in JPG format (colored high-resolution photo is recommended). Submissions due to Post Chairperson by November 1, 2026

Public Servant Awards (Law Enforcement/Firefighters/EMT): Eric Marquardt volunteered to chair. The Post will coordinate with the Auxiliary to determine which specific categories each will handle.

Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars honors a law enforcement officer, firefighter, dispatcher and emergency medical technician (EMT), EOD from each Department to receive the VFW National Gold Medal Award. Nomination letter from the Post containing the candidate's name, title, address, telephone and identifying the award for which the individual should be considered with one-page resume of the candidate's overall background, one-page resume of the candidate's background in their field, one-page listing of the candidate's accomplishment and awards in their field, photograph (preferably a head shot no larger than 3" x 4") of the candidate (as Law Enforcement candidates may be undercover, photographs need not be recent). Written text should be in an easily readable font such as Calibri or Times New Roman and should be no less than 10-point and no more than 12-point in size. Keep your descriptions short and to the point. Try not to repeat information.

Membership Committee: Coordinate the recruiting and retention activities of the Post. Since female veterans are the fastest growing demographic of potential members, Cmdr. Paul will contact Post 7041 female comrades to join this committee.

Scouting and JROTC Programs: Awaiting a list of 15 schools.

Scouting or JROTC unit assist Post Comrades in placing flags on graves on Veterans Day and Memorial Day, helping with Post maintenance and fix-up efforts, helping distribute "Buddy"® Poppies, providing color guards and assisting with VFW public events. Candidates will have good academic standing, good standing and progress in their organization, active in extracurricular activities, good deportment, and outstanding citizenship. Submit Post winners to District 1 by March 1, 2027.

National Day of Service: Seeking volunteers.

National Day of Service is held throughout the month of May each year when Post Comrades lead community service projects that focus on the well-being of our community. The Post reports an activity conducted on the first Saturday of May and register at VFWDayofService.org.

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

Unfinished Business

Print and review April meeting minutes to verify proper election documentation for the district.

New Business

D. Prentice reported on the VFW CA Department Convention in Sacramento. He noted that there were votes on a variety of issues that are listed on the CA Department website. Each year, voting by District reverses. This year, District 1 voted first, next convention District 1 votes last.

Community Activities

July 22. 2026: Trivia Night

Our National Home Honored

Prayer for National Home read by Post Chaplain Joe Flores

\$61.00 donated by Comrades for the National Home

Good of the Order

2026-2027 Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of California Officers:

Commander-in-Chief: Paula Jansen

Senior Vice Commander: John Hernandez

Junior Vice Commander: Wendy Calderon

Quartermaster: Deborah Johnson

Chaplain: Frank Correa

2026-2027 Veterans of Foreign Wars District 1 Officers:

Commander: John Carson

Senior Vice Commander: John Sullivan

Junior Vice Commander: Quinten Taylor

Quartermaster: Jerry Koehmlein

Chaplain: Douglas Scholl

Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of California:

106th State Convention Proposed Resolutions, Proposed Department Bylaws Amendments, and Proposed Department Articles of Incorporation are available to members at

<https://vfwca.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=92731&x=x#c>

Change to County Councils defeated

Change to state districting (determined by Council of Administration) defeated
Congratulated Chris Yates (CA) on his election to the American Legion National Board.
Subscribe to the VFW Action Corps Weekly for legislative updates (requires name, phone number, and Post 7041) and take action to ensure that legislators honor the contract.

Closing Prayer

Read by Post Chaplain Joe Flores.

Next Regular Meeting

August 8, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Regular Business Meeting closed at: 10:55 AM

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel G. Prentice
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Post Adjutant