



VFW Post 7041
Vista Memorial Post 7041
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VFW Post 7041 General Meeting
Minutes of August 8, 2026

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

Call to Order	10:00 AM by CDR Paul Krueger
Respect for the Colors	Read by Joe Flores
Opening Prayer	Read by Post Chaplain Joe Flores
Reading of the Charter	Read by CDR Paul Krueger
Attendance: Members - Guests 12 1	

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

P	Commander	Paul Krueger
E	Senior Vice Commander	Art Haeussler
P	Junior Vice Commander	John Keenan
P	Adjutant	Daniel G. Prentice
P	Quartermaster	Terry Moxley
P	Chaplain	Joe Flores
P	Judge Advocate	Bruce Mackamul
E	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
P	3 rd Year Trustee	Lora Wood

Membership Applications

none

Reading of the Correspondence:

Home Depot credit card invitation

Hermosa Beach Hope Chapel Trail Life, Troop Hope CA-467 donation request
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Reading of the Minutes:

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

Report of the Quartermaster

Total Revenues: \$ 3,335.60

Total Expenses: \$ 4,980.40

A financial review is available to all Post Comrades in good standing by appointment with the Post Quartermaster.

Report of the Service Officer

Service Officer excused; no formal report presented

Comrade or a Family Member of a Comrade in Distress

Judy Leonardi suffered a massive heart attack while in Seattle. She is currently driving back to the area.
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Big Jim R. continues to his therapy well.

Committee Reports

Membership: No chair appointed yet.

House: No chair appointed yet.

Voice of Democracy: No chair appointed yet.

Patriot Pen: No chair appointed yet.

Teacher of the Year (Dan Prentice): Custom brochures with Post 7041 information have been created and dropped off at the Vista Unified School District offices. Carlsbad teachers are also eligible, as the former Carlsbad VFW post was absorbed by Post 7041.

Public Service (Eric Marquardt): Identified several strong first responder candidates, including one from Oceanside. The official write-ups are currently in progress.
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Scouting and JROTC (Bruce Mackamul): The previous season has concluded. The committee is preparing for the new school year, with the first awards expected in January.
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National Day of Service: No chair appointed yet.
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Unfinished Business

Dan Leja volunteered to chair membership committee. The Post discussed setting up a grassroots recruitment effort at the upcoming Miramar Air Show to pass out brochures to returning service members.

House Committee: Bruce Mackamul will continue to manage the kitchen and attend the Legion's House Committee meetings, but the Post is still seeking a formal Chair.

Voice of Democracy: Terry volunteered to chair with John Keenan and Dan Prentice assisting.

National Day of Service: The floor remains open for a volunteer to organize a local cleanup event. Bruce has volunteered to assist whoever will be chair.

New Business

Motion: Donate \$1,000 directly to Judy Leonardi to assist with her medical recovery and travel. (Motion by J. Flores, second by L. Wood). Motion passed unanimously.

Community Activities

Announcement: The Veterans Art Project (vetart.org) is seeking donations in honor of founder Steve Dilley's 60th birthday. Comrades are encouraged to donate individually if they choose. No motion to donate from the VFW made.

Our National Home Honored

Prayer for National Home read by Post Chaplain Joe Flores

\$53.00 donated by Comrades for the National Home

Good of the Order

2026-2027 Veterans of Foreign Wars National Officers:

Commander-in-Chief: Cory Geisler

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Glenn Umberger, Jr.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Robert "Bobby" Lovergne, Jr.

Quartermaster General: Marc Garduno

Adjutant General: Dan West

Flags: The Coast Guard flag is currently flying on the Post flagpole for the month of August (honoring Tom Work's birthday). The Air Force flag will be raised in September.

November 19-21: North County Veterans Stand Down will take place at Felicita Park in Escondido.

August 22 @ 8:00 AM: Virtual School of Instruction (via Zoom) for the Commander, Vice Commanders, Quartermaster, Adjutant, and Trustees. CDR Paul will email Zoom link info when it is provided.

August 22: The Marine Corps League is hosting a BBQ competition simultaneously with the Oceanside VFW car show. Post 7041 is a sponsor; flyers and recruiting materials will be available.

The Online Membership System (OMS) is transitioning to a new platform called "Command Post". Digital recruitment applications will now have a strict 15-day approval window at the post level before defaulting to Member-at-Large status.

Honor Guard: Brief discussion regarding the acquisition of ceremonial surplus rifles; determined that maintaining a dedicated honor guard requires significant volunteer commitment.

New Equipment/Fundraisers: A new POW/MIA flag has been raised. The American Legion is currently raising funds for new bar stools (~\$150 each), with the potential for donor name placards to be attached to the backs.

Carlsbad Veterans Memorial Park: A groundbreaking ceremony was held. Comrades were advised to stay engaged with the city council's public hearings to ensure the memorial maintains its focus on honoring veterans.

Post Uniforms: An unofficial guide for ordering and assembling VFW short-sleeve patch shirts was distributed. Fallbrook Cleaners can sew the patches for \$53.

August 16: National Airborne Day.

Closing Prayer

Read by Post Chaplain Joe Flores.

Next Regular Meeting

September 12, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Regular Business Meeting closed at: 10:55AM

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel G. Prentice
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Post Adjutant