



VFW Post 7041
Vista Memorial Post 7041
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VFW Post 7041 General Meeting
Minutes of September 12, 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 Joe Flores
Reading of the Charter	Read by Cmdr. Paul Krueger
Attendance: Members - Guests 14 1	

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
P	Quartermaster	Terry Moxley
P	Chaplain	Joe Flores
P	Judge Advocate	Bruce Mackamul
P	Service Officer	Art Haeussler
A	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

Judy Leonari: addressed the Post to express her deep personal gratitude to Post 7041 and American Legion Post 365 for their emergency financial medical assistance donation (\$1,000) voted on in August. She announced she is traveling to Indianapolis/Nashville for the Americanism conference to teach fundraising.

Elias Rodriguez (Director, AL Riders): Provided an update on Aaron's Honor Wall fundraising, reported on a recently injured rider, and announced the "Chrome & Cobwebs" Bike Event scheduled for October 17 hosted by Liz Perez (volunteers and raffle item donations requested).

Membership Applications

Gary Lloyd Davis, U.S. Marine Corps veteran (Desert Storm, 4 years active duty at Camp Pendleton).

Vote: Motion made and seconded to accept Gary Lloyd Davis into Post 7041 membership. Motion passed unanimously. Welcome aboard Gary!

Reading of the Correspondence:

Tunnel to Towers request for donation.

San Diego VA Health Care System: Thank you letter for Post 7041's in-kind donation of 4 blankets for veterans at the VA Medical Center.

VFW National Home: Silver Star Donor certificate presented to Post 7041.

Vet Center: Informational pamphlets and stickers brought in by Comrade Myers.

Reading of the Minutes:

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

Report of the Quartermaster

Total Revenues: \$4469.74

Total Expenses: \$4140.79

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.

Report of the Service Officer

Major Richard Star Act: Currently short just one vote in DC to pull out of committee and eliminate the disability pay clawback for military retirees.

9/11 & Suicide Prevention: Noted national observances for Patriot Day, National Day of Service, and POW/MIA Recognition Day. Highlighted VA Oceanside Clinic veteran crisis and suicide intervention resources.

Asbestos Claims: Discussed health hazards from 9/11 World Trade Center site cleanup asbestos exposure and ongoing class-action claims available for affected veterans.

96 bills currently waiting for action in Congress

Weekly VFW Action Corps subscription and viewing emphasized to take action for advocating against proposed veteran benefit reductions. Items with “Click Here” option allows members to easily and quickly notify member Representatives and Senators to take appropriate action for providing and protecting veteran benefits.

View and Act: [VFW Action Corps Weekly - VFW](#)

Comrade or a Family Member of a Comrade in Distress

Emergency room visit reported for a Comrade Mike Hennessey (non-life threatening); members requested to keep him in their prayers.

Committee Reports

Membership (Dan Leja): Represented Post 7041 at the 5th Annual Oceanside Recruiting BBQ Competition. Reminded comrades that per District rules, every member in good standing is an active recruiter. Recruiting Plan completed.

House: The Post needs a comrade to volunteer as chairperson for this committee.

Voice of Democracy/Patriot Pen (Terry Moxley: Formally presented last year's \$250 scholarship check and certificate to recipient Grace Killingsworth on August 25. Distributed 2026–2027 program brochures to Vista Unified and St. Francis.

Teacher of the Year: D. Prentice contacted St. Francis of Assisi Parish School, Vista; Comrade Jim nominating his wife from Tri-City Christian.

Community Service (Eric Marquardt): Identified three outstanding first responder candidates: Carlsbad Battalion Fire Chief candidate, Oceanside Police Officer Corey Kalenbach (/community outreach), and Vista Firefighter Connor Fresher (Firefighter of the Year).

National Day of Service: Bruce Mackamul volunteered to chair the National Day of Service committee to organize a local cleanup at the Vista Veterans Memorial Wall.

Scouting & JROTC (Bruce Mackamul): Preparing for the new school year. Announced that Girl Scout Troop 1966 will begin using Post 7041 as their bi-monthly meeting facility (1st and 3rd Wednesdays starting October).

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

Unfinished Business

Committee Autonomy: Commander reiterated that committee chairs have full autonomy to plan and execute their programs.

House Committee Chair: Floor remains open for a formal House Committee Chair. Bruce Mackamul will continue managing kitchen operations.

National Day of Service: Bruce Mackamul volunteered to chair the National Day of Service committee to organize a local cleanup at the Vista Veterans Memorial Wall.

New Business

North County Veterans Stand Down: Motion made by Ray to donate \$1,500 to the North County Veterans Stand Down (Nov 19–21 at Felicita Park in Escondido). Seconded by J. Flores. Motion passed unanimously.

Tunnel to Towers Foundation: Motion made by Ray to donate \$100 to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. Seconded by John Keenan. Motion passed unanimously.

Community Activities

none

Our National Home Honored

Prayer for National Home read by Post Chaplain Joe Flores

\$75.00 donated by Comrades for the National Home

Good of the Order

Camp Pendleton Appreciation: Read a letter of thanks from Camp Pendleton recognizing Post 7041's \$500 sponsorship for their annual active-duty Marine MICROLY BBQ competition.

9/11 Ceremonies: Strong VFW Post 7041 attendance noted at 9/11 remembrance ceremonies across Oceanside, Vista, and aboard the USS Midway.

Flag Raising: The Air Force flag was raised on the Post flagpole for the month of September by Trustee Comrade Eric Air Force veteran.

Uniform Shirts: Guides for ordering and assembling VFW short-sleeve patch shirts distributed (Fallbrook Cleaners sews patches for \$53).

Upcoming Events & Key Dates:

September 18: U.S. Air Force Birthday

September 19: Karaoke @ 6:00 PM

September 23: Trivia Night @ 7:00 PM

September 29: VFW 127th Birthday & Enchilada Dinner with complimentary birthday cake!

October 10: Sons of the American Legion Oktoberfest (Note: No VFW Saturday Burgers on Oct 10).

Closing Prayer

Read by Post Chaplain Joe Flores.

Next Regular Meeting

October 10, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Regular Business Meeting closed at: 11:05AM

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel G. Prentice

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Post Adjutant