

# VFW Pacific Beach Post 5985 Minutes February 13, 2025

## Officer Roll Call:

- **Commander:** Mike Hill (excused)
- **Sr Vice Commander:** Skyler Gossman **Junior Vice Commander:** Rob Thomas
- **Quartermaster:** Gabe Rowin **Chaplain:** Rick Derflinger
- **1st Year Trustee:** Bill Marsh (excused) **2nd Year Trustee:** Mike Dodson
- **3rd Year Trustee:** Ed Mateer **Adjutant:** Ellen Citrano
- **Service Officer:** Joey McEvoy (excused) **Judge Advocate:** Donovan Morris
- **Surgeon:** Jeremiah Simmons (excused) **Sergeant-at-Arms:** Travis Methvin
- **Guest Members:** Kent Van Horn, Corey Blount

## Meeting Call to Order

- VoD/PP/TY essay scholarship award ceremony
- Officer roll call and attendee membership verification
- Pledge of Allegiance, meeting mission, charter, minutes

## Total Membership

<u>Total Members:</u> 267 <b>+10</b>	<u>Goal:</u> 97.1%	<u>Expiring</u> 30 <b>-5</b>	
<u>Last Year:</u> 276	<u>Last Month:</u> 93.11%	<u>Life Members</u> 224 <b>+2</b>	
<u>Since July 2023</u> 62 New	<u>Good Stand</u> 294 <b>+6</b>	<u>Since July 2024</u> 21 New <b>+4</b>	<u>UnPaid:</u> 26 <b>+1</b>

## Need 14 more by July 2025 as a goal.

- 4 applications submitted, review and approved by members in attendance.
- **Name: Eric Lin (DOB 1991) Branch of Service: MARINES**
  - **Name: Christopher Daday (DOB 1980) Branch of Service: ARMY**
  - **Name: Adam Kreutter (DOB 1988) Branch of Service: NAVY (Res)**
  - **Name: Daniel Gonzalez (DOB 1971) Branch of Service: MARINES**

## Service Officer and Chaplain Report:

- Josh Ross, 32 USAF Veteran was in a serious motorcycle accident
  - 3-year member of VFW PB Post 5985
  - Took the day off of work on Veterans Day to work the grill during our event
  - Update
- Hap Carpenter, 78 suffered a stroke yesterday on cruise with CMDR
  - VFW 5985 comrade and doner to our post
  - Commander Hill will provide update when he returns next week
- Chaplain assisted Quartermaster's son in Navy Boot Camp with legal matters

## The House Committee Report:

- Canceled

**Youth Development and Scouting Committee Report:**

- Skyler Grossman updated group of VOD and Patriots Pen with over 270 applications. Celebration and awards ceremony complete

**All-American/State Reporting Committee:**

- Status update given by Quartermaster Gabe Rowin

**Quartermaster Report:**

*Quartermaster (Salute) "The Quarterly Report has not been reviewed by the Trustees"*

**Post Operations BoA Checking and Savings Accounts**

- Post 5985 Operations – 2146 **\$8,373.81** Prior Meeting: **\$3,021.95**
- VFW 5985 Savings– 2706 **\$8,000.00** Prior Meeting: **\$17,244.36**

**Post Schaub Investments Portfolio – 834** **\$1,008,976.07** Prior Meeting: **\$995,936.20**

**Major Bills Paid Since Last Meeting:**

- Patio Door Install **\$3100**
- District Dues and Buddy Poppy Order **\$442**
- Solar Panel Final Activation **\$4583**
- Canteen Sales Tax **\$4384 (Canteen)**
- 2025 Liquor License Renewal **\$2335 (Canteen)**

**Upcoming Expenses: Patriot’s Pen/VoD/Teacher Awards **\$2600****

- Lock Replacement/Door Maintenance **\$7840**
- Patio Build **\$11000**
- American Legion 552 Loan Repayment **\$12000**

**Post Operations BoA Checking and Savings Accounts**

- Post 5985 Canteen Operations – 2133 **\$10,773.64** Prior Meeting: **\$14,379.62**
- Post 5985 Canteen Savings– 2159 **\$16,627.06** Prior Meeting: **\$20,886.25**

**Canteen Net Sales**

- Canteen January Sales: **\$11,914.55** Prior Month: **\$15,331.98**

**Unfinished Business**

**From Facility Meeting 2/11/2025**

**VFW Parliamentary Procedure Training**

- [How to Make & Handle Motions](#)
- [Misconceptions of the Second](#)

**Cabinet Project**

- Installed lights on 2 boards fitted on upper cabinets top and bottom with power switch **Complete**

**Facility Re-Key Project**

- VFW Membership unanimously voted to approve \$7000 at the July 2024 meeting
  - **Main Motion by Committee to approve actual bid of \$7840**
  - **Approved unanimously**

## **Patio Build Project**

- VFW Membership unanimously voted to approve \$8000 at the October 2024 meeting
  - **Main Motion by Committee to approve** additional funds for a professional architect or contractor up to **\$2000** to complete drawings with details approved then by M. Hill and D. Benzel, project manager. Due by March 11
  - **Approved by majority vote**
  - Submit scope of work to bidders with deadline of April 11 for facility committee to review and recommend to VFW meeting on April 13. Determine if permit is required and successful bidder to obtain
  - Materials for decking are recommended to be a composite deck material to prevent much outside maintenance in a color to coordinate if not match the interior flooring
  - **Construction to begin as soon as possible for completion prior to summer**

## **New Business**

### **Canteen Bartender Station Project**

- **Main Motion to approve \$8000** for the two-station upgrade
  - Research was conducted by the Canteen Manager
  - \$4442 for hardware install and haul away
  - Additional \$3500 estimated for demo and Pepsi hookups
  - Funding will come from the Canteen Savings Account Surplus
  - **Motion to Commit back to the House for next month by majority vote**

## **Good of the Order**

- **Officer nominations next meeting and elections April**

**Current Elected Officers:** Commander: **Mike Hill** Quartermaster: **Gabe Rowin** Senior Vice Commander: **Skyler Gossman**

Junior Vice Commander: **Rob Thomas** 1 Year Trustee: **Bill Marsh** 2 Year Trustee: **Mike Dodson** 3 Year Trustee: **Ed Mateer**

**Current Appointed Officers:** Adjutant: **Ellen Citrano** Service Officer: **Joey McEvoy** Chaplain: **Rick Derflinger**

Judge Advocate: **Donovan Morris** Surgeon: **Jeremiah Simmons** Sergeant-at-Arms: **Travis Methvin** Public Relations Officer: **Sydney Encinias**

**Current House Committee:** Primary: **Chuck Caskey** Primary: **Donovan Morris** Primary: **Rob Thomas**

Second: **Rick Derflinger** Second: **Skyler Gossman** Second: **Beau Phillabaum** NOTE: **Chairman Needed**

**Current Marcom Committee:** Chair: **Sydney Encinias** Co-Chair: **Travis Methvin** NOTE: **Members Needed**

**Current Youth Development Committee:** Chair: **Dave Norton** Co-Chair: **Skyler Gossman**

- **Lemon Grove VFW Post Visit**
  - Need to schedule a party bus and organize a group visit to retrieve items
- **Daily Draw Updated on February 2nd by the Quartermaster**
  - Current Rosters and Gmail Contact CSVs for all Clubs on file
- **VFW Day of Service Saturday, May 3rd 2025**
  - **Required for All-American Honors!**
    - [Nation Day of Service Ideas](#)

*National Prayer and Closing Prayer read*

### **No further business noted, meeting adjourned.**

- Adjourned at 20:05,
- Next Post meeting on 3/13/25 at 18:00.

**Submitted by Gabriel Rowin, Quartermaster**