

# VFW Pacific Beach Post 5985 Minutes March 13, 2025

## Officer Roll Call:

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

## Meeting Call to Order

- Officer roll call and attendee membership verification
- Pledge of Allegiance, meeting mission, charter, minutes

## Total Membership

<b>Total Members:</b> 272 +5	<b>Goal:</b> 98.55%	<b>Expiring</b> 26 -4	
<b>Last Year:</b> 276	<b>Last Month:</b> 97.1%	<b>Life Members</b> 225 +1	
<b>Since July 2023</b> 64 New	<b>Good Stand</b> 295 +1	<b>Since July 2024</b> 23 New +2	<b>UnPaid:</b> 29 +3

## Need 10 more by July 2025 as a goal.

4 applications submitted, review and approved by members in attendance.

*Name: Frank Chmura (DOB 1941) Branch of Service: ARMY (Life)*

*Name: Christopher Lever (DOB 1963) Branch of Service: NAVY*

*Name: Daniel Hearne (DOB 1981) Branch of Service: NAVY (Active Duty)*

*Name: Angela Acfalle (Life Transfer) Branch of Service: NAVY*

## Service Officer and Chaplain Report:

- Chuck Caskey Vehicle Donation
- Hap Carpenter, 78 suffered a stroke last month on cruise with CMDR
  - VFW 5985 comrade and donor to our post
  - Commander Hill provided an update
- Chaplain assisted Quartermaster's son in Navy Boot Camp with legal matters

## The House Committee Report:

- Commander Update

## Youth Development and Scouting Committee Report:

- Skyler Grossman updated group of VOD and Patriots Pen with over 270 applications.

## 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

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| • Post 5985 Operations – 2146 | <b>\$6,150.24</b>  | Prior Meeting: <b>\$8,373.81</b> |
| • VFW 5985 Savings– 2706      | <b>\$20,000.00</b> | Prior Meeting: <b>\$8,000.00</b> |

**Post Schaub Investments Portfolio – 834**      **\$936,745.90**      Prior Meeting: **\$1,008,976.07**

#### **Major Bills Paid Since Last Meeting:**

- Patriot's Pen/VoD/Teacher Awards **\$2600**
- Lock Replacement/Door Maintenance **\$7840**

#### **Upcoming Expenses:**

- Patio Build **\$11000**
- American Legion 552 Loan Repayment **\$12000**
- Canteen Projects to be discussed during new business **\$**
- Kitchen Project to be discussed during new business **\$**

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### Post Operations BoA Checking and Savings Accounts

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| • Post 5985 Canteen Operations – 2133 | <b>\$9,123.22</b>  | Prior Meeting: <b>\$10,773.64</b> |
| • Post 5985 Canteen Savings– 2159     | <b>\$18,457.31</b> | Prior Meeting: <b>\$16,627.06</b> |

### Canteen Net Sales

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| • Canteen February Sales: | <b>\$15,189.79</b> | Prior Month: <b>\$11,914.55</b> |
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## Unfinished Business

### Facility Re-Key Project **Complete**

#### Patio Build Project

- Committee motion made by Facility to increase the patio project budget by \$4,000 (not to exceed \$12,000) **Motion was unanimously approved**
- VFW Membership unanimously voted to approve \$8,000 at the October 2024 meeting
  - Recommend to VFW a budget of \$7,000 for materials and \$5,000 for labor costs.
  - Awaiting design submissions and bids from 4 individuals. Daniel, Jeff, Steven
  - Doug to meet with these to let them know what is needed

#### Canteen Bartender Station Project **On hold due to vendor (Pepsi) negotiation stall**

- **\$8000 for the two-station upgrade**
  - Research was conducted by the Canteen Manager and staff
  - \$4442 for hardware install and haul away
  - Additional \$3500 estimated for demo and Pepsi hookups
  - Funding will come from the Canteen Savings Account Surplus

#### Kitchen Refrigerator Replacement

- Agenda motion made by Post Surgeon Jeremiah Simmons for new Commercial Kitchen Refrigerator replacement not to exceed \$2000 (*A second to this motion is needed*) **Motion was unanimously approved**

## New Business

### From Facility Meeting

- Old flagpole can be removed by Hoss McKnight (Bar-front Project)
- Leaking roof spots were caulked by flashing areas of vents
- Grease trap cleaned out this week
- Exploring bike rack after painting over stripes in area next to handicapped spot
- Flag receptacle damaged. Need to have key spot punched out in order to open

### Canteen Bar-front Renovation Project

- **Committee motion made by the House** to approve bar base renovation not to exceed **\$8000. Motion was unanimously approved**
  - **McKnight Welding Inclusive bar face bid for PB VFW**
    - Remove carpet & assess bar structure/materials
    - Dismantle, demo, replace, rebuild old damaged or unsound wood, hardware etc..
    - Add supports & backing as needed
    - Fabricate & weld new bar materials
    - Paint, clear finished materials
    - Install finished materials
- **Motion for Post Surgeon to begin low-cost fitness classes** for membership onsite with a part of the proceeds donated to our veteran relief fund or other in-house project. **Voted to send this matter to the House Committee**

### *Officer Nominations:*

#### • VFW Parliamentary Procedure Training

#### VFW Post Officer Nominations and Elections

- **Agenda motion made by Post Quartermaster** to use a written ballot system at the April election if there are multiple nominations for an elected officer position. Request second. **Motion was unanimously approved**
- Business casual attire requested for all nominated and appointed officers at the April Installation Ceremony (Blue/Greys with VFW caps if possible)
- VFW Dept of CA Jr Vice Commander **Paula Jansen** will be the Installing Officer
- QM to purchase any new or re-positioned Post Officers business cards and name badge
- DD214s must be provided to the Post Adjutant at installation if not already on file
- **Nominated Elected Officers: Commander: Mike Hill Quartermaster: Gabe Rowin Senior Vice Commander: Skyler Gossman Junior Vice Commander: Rob Thomas, Travis Methvin and Rick Derflinger 1 Year Trustee: Donovan Morris, Ed Mateer (declined), Rob Thomas (Declined)**

### Good of the Order

- **Guest Speaker:** District 3 Commander John Hernandez
  - Nominee for VFW Dept of CA Jr Vice Commander
- **Lemon Grove VFW Post Visit**
  - Need to schedule a party bus and organize a group visit to retrieve items
  - **Motion Made and unanimously approved to finance this event not to exceed \$2000**
- **VFW Day of Service Saturday, May 3rd 2025**
  - Beach Cleanup organized by VFW Sergeant-at-Arms Travis Methvin

### National Prayer and Closing Prayer read

### No further business noted, meeting adjourned.

- Adjourned at 20:05, Next Post meeting on 4/10/25 at 18:00.