



Veterans of Foreign Wars

O.K. INGRAM VFW SHIP 1774

Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2026

Approved
2-10-2026

Call to Order: 1800

Opening Ceremony consisted of Days of Remembrance, Membership Verification, Salute to Colors, Chaplains Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and reading of Congressional Charter Section 230102

Roll Call of Ship's Officers: **CO:** Jim Taylor, **XO/Chaplain:** Shane Steinfeld, **Navigator:** Kerry Harper, **Paymaster/Adjutant:** Mike Martin, **Benefits Advisor:** Randy Myrick, **Judge Advocate/1yr Trustee:** Lee Gill, **2yr Trustee:** Tony Sedl, **3yr Trustee:** Brandon Santifer **Quorum:** Yes

Distinguished Guests – None present.

Recognition of Past Commanders was afforded.

Membership Applications: Javier Lara's application for **transfer** & addition of **Lifetime Membership** was reviewed and **APPROVED** unanimously.

Previous Minutes: **MOTION:** To approve Dec 2025 Minutes made by Mike Martin 2nd: Randy Myrick, **MINUTES APPROVED** without change.

Paymaster Report: Checking \$ 3207.07 Savings: \$86,105.21. Relief Fund: \$3,212.99

Chaplain Report: None

Benefits Advisor Report: None

Committee Reports:

Membership: Holiday in the Village got leads will disseminate to Aux.

Buddy Poppy: LM Holiday in the Village Booth.

Youth Development: VOD presentation \$100 Check & Challenge coin

Citizenship & Community: EMT, FF, Teacher of the Year Awards status. None submitted

VFW National Home: Subscribe to National Home Newsletter vfwnationalhome.org

House Committee: Website update, Brunch update, Sewer lines.

Unfinished business

- Proposed High Yield Saving Accounts: SoFi, Capital One, Discover American Express
- Point of Presence: Nick Napier volunteered to assist Kerry with Search Engine Optimization, web site, and Tik Tok account.

New Business:

- Need fundraiser ideas

'Good of the Order' Discussions –

- Our website www.vfw1774.org is updated and linked to the LMVC Calendar.
- When you change address, E-mail, or phone please advise the Adjutant.
- The three pillars of the VFW and Advocacy, Assistance, and Camaraderie. In that regard, it is recommended that elected and appointed officials work together to further the goals of the organization.

Meeting adjourned: 1848.



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2026 Meeting dates: February 10th, March 10th, April 14th, May 12th, June 9th, July 14, August 11th, September 8th, October 13th, November 10th, December 8th.

SUBMITTED: *Jim Taylor* Date: 13 January 2026