



Veterans of Foreign Wars

O.K. INGRAM VFW SHIP 1774

Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2026

Approved
3-10-2026

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: Frank Anderson's application for Transfer of Lifetime Membership was reviewed and **APPROVED** unanimously.

Previous Minutes: **MOTION:** To approve January 2026 Minutes made by Brandon Santifer **2nd:** Mike Martin, **APPROVED** without change.

Paymaster Report: Checking \$3,362.13 Savings: \$86,105.91. Relief Fund: \$3,212.99

Chaplain Report: None

Benefits Advisor Report: None

Committee Reports:

Membership: March Madness, BOGO. 2 Members p/Post. Stats: Current Total:261 2025:256 =101.95%

Buddy Poppy: Need Committee Chair

Youth Development: Scout of the Year applications are due March 1st

Citizenship & Community: Veterans Village Stand Down will be July 17 & 18. More info is coming.

House Committee: Website update: LMVC Tik Tok is now up, Storage loft & wall not started yet. Still need to replace sump pump.

Unfinished business

- **MOTION: To donate \$250 to the Potrero Veteran Relief fund made by Javier Lara, 2nd: Lee Gill; MOTION PASSED.**
- Still looking into Proposed High Yield Saving Accounts: NFCU 4% CD
- Rummage sale March 21st. VFW can participate accepting/selling Donations or food? Work with Scouts?
- Vietnam Veterans Day Burger Burn proposed by Javier Lara on actual day March 29th, cooking outdoors, serving indoors. Volunteers & Sponsors needed. Details to be worked out this month. Kerry to Sponsor Hot Dogs.

New Business:

- Kitchen freezer is not cooling repair estimate is between \$750-\$1500 pending parts cost.
- **MOTION: to spend up to \$2000 to repair True Freezer for use of VFW & Legion Organizations. Made by Mike Martin, 2nd: Kerry Harper; MOTION PASSED**
- VFW 1774 Facebook & Instagram pages are now active. "VFW_1774_The_Ship" will be posting 2-3 times a week. Please follow and like.
- Officer Nominations are Open. Elections are in April.



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- We have our first Legacy Lifetime Member. Explained to Members what that is, discussed the need for a perpetual plaque. Kerry volunteered to acquire one.

‘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: 1855.

2026 Meeting dates: 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 _____