



Veterans of Foreign Wars

O.K. INGRAM VFW SHIP 1774

Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2026

Approved
4-14-2026

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: Michael Gerber & Coley Blount applications for Transfer and Thomas Crosby, Puett Wilcox IV, Michael Sandoval, & Andrea Sandoval applications for New Membership were reviewed and APPROVED unanimously.

Previous Minutes: **MOTION:** To approve February 2026 Minutes made by Brandon Santifer 2nd: Kerry Harper, **MINUTES APPROVED** without change.

Paymaster Report: Checking \$2,389.49 Savings: \$86,106.56. Relief Fund: \$3,212.99

Chaplain Report: None

Benefits Advisor Report: Randy approved to provide his email contact for assistance.

Committee Reports:

Membership: March Madness cancelled. Stats: Total:264, Life 248, 2025:256 =103.12%

Buddy Poppy: Need Committee Chair. Mike Gerber volunteered at events.

Youth Development: Scout of the Year is closed. No applications were received.

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

House Committee: Website update, Brunch update, Storage loft.

Unfinished business

- Proposed High Yield Saving Accounts: SoFi, Capital One, Discover American Express
- VFW Day of Service May 3.
- Vietnam Veterans Day, March 29th Burger Burn now March 28th, still indoors. Need volunteers. Chef Debra sponsoring 1/3 lb. meat patties, Harper Family Sponsoring Hot Dogs & Buns.
- Legacy Lifetime Member perpetual plaque, Kerry is working on ordering it.

New Business:

- Officer **Nominations** Open until April 14th meeting:
 - o Captain – Jim Taylor
 - o Executive Officer – Shane Steinfeld
 - o Navigator – Kerry Harper
 - o Paymaster – Micheal Martin
 - o 3 Year Trustee – Frank Anderson



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‘Good of the Order’ Discussions –

- Check our Social media, Facebook & Instagram: VFW_1774_The_Ship
- 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: 1852.

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

SUBMITTED: Jim Taylor Date: 10 March 2026