



Veterans of Foreign Wars

O.K. INGRAM VFW SHIP 1774

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2026

Approved
6-9-2026

Call to Order: 1802

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 were present.

Recognition of Past Commanders None were present.

Membership Applications: Teri Rutter, Richard Vannoy, Jose A. Campos, Kevin Fishel, & Christopher Brown applications for transfer of Lifetime Membership were reviewed and APPROVED unanimously.

Previous Minutes: **MOTION:** To approve April 2026 Minutes made by Mike Martin 2nd: Brandon (Banjo) Santifer, **MINUTES APPROVED** without change.

Paymaster Report: Checking \$3696.21 Savings: \$82,607.96. Relief Fund: \$3,212.99

Chaplain Report: None

Benefits Advisor Report: None

Committee Reports:

Membership: Current Total: 270, Life 250, 2025:256 = 105.46%

Youth Development: Patriots Pen & VOD now accepting applications via Scholarsapp.com

Citizenship & Community:

Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony, Blood Drive, & Burger Burn

VFW Day of Service, Caltrans Adopt A Highway 5-27-26

House Committee: Stage wall starting June. Storage loft. Ceiling Fans install.

Buddy Poppy: Next Drive on Memorial Day

Unfinished business

- Parking lot sale June 20th. Food sale partial proceeds go to Poppy fund? Javier to lead.
- Vietnam Veterans Day update: Honor Flight will be in Sep.

New Business:

- **MOTION to adopt updated Bylaws dated 12 May 2026 made by Brandon (Banjo) Santifer, 2nd: Randy Myrick; MOTION PASSED**
- Donation for Burger Burn expenses made by local State Farm Agent Darcey Houser. Captain to contact and follow-up.
- NFCU has CD at 4% Captain to follow-up.

‘Good of the Order’ Discussions –

- Social media: Facebook & Instagram are LIVE: “VFW 1774 The Ship”
- Our website www.vfw1774.org is updated and linked to the LMVC Calendar.



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- 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: 1853.

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

SUBMITTED: Jim Taylor Date: 12 May 2026