



Veterans of Foreign Wars
O.K. INGRAM VFW SHIP 1774
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2026

Approved
7-14-2026

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 Richard Vannoy was afforded.

Membership Applications: Ralph Edouard II & Jill Eastin application for New Membership was reviewed and APPROVED unanimously.

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

Paymaster Report: Checking \$3,670.08 Savings: \$82,680.63. Relief Fund: \$3,212.99

Chaplain Report: None

Benefits Advisor Report: None

Committee Reports:

Membership: Stats Current Total: 272, Life: 250, 2025/26: 256 = 106.25%

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

Citizenship & Community: Caltrans Adopt-a-highway update: One Tuesday & One Saturday a month. Veterans Village standdown will be on 7/17. District will need volunteers for Friday dinner. More to come.

Buddy Poppy: Javier Lara: Will have Booth at AL lot sale on June 20th and food concessions to benefit relief fund.

House Committee: Hall fans have been installed, thanks to Javier, Mike, & Antonio. Stage storage starts in July.

Unfinished business

- Proposed High Yield Saving Accounts: SoFi, Capital One, Discover American Express. NFCU CD 4% Money Market account for 3%.
- New Bylaws have been approved by the Department, Still awaiting National Approval.
- Still looking for a Veteran in need of a project for 365 connect.
- Vietnam Veterans Day: Honor Flight for Tim Swing will probably be in Sep. We have the funds raised from the Memorial Day Burger Burn in our account ready to pay when asked.

New Business:

- **MOTION:** to sponsor Bingo at VA hospital La Jolla not to exceed \$3000 for first year. Made by Joe Campos, **2nd Mike Martin; MOTION PASSED**
- Bingo will be on the 1st Saturdays of the month at 1030am



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‘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.
- 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: July 14, August 11th, September 8th, October 13th, November 10th, December 8th.

SUBMITTED: Jim Taylor Date: 9 June 2026