



Veterans of Foreign Wars

O.K. INGRAM VFW SHIP 1774

Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2026

Approved
8-11-2026

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:** Lee Gill, **1yr Trustee:** Tony Sedl, **2yr Trustee:** Brandon Santifer, **3yr Trustee:** Frank Anderson, **SAA:** Mike Gerber
Quorum: Yes

Distinguished Guests – None present.

Recognition of Past Commander Richard Vannoy was afforded.

Membership Applications: Matt Parr application for transfer of **Lifetime** Membership was reviewed and **APPROVED** unanimously.

Previous Minutes: **MOTION:** To approve January 2026 Minutes made by Mike Martin **2nd:** Kerry Harper, **MINUTES APPROVED** with the only change being the change to the start time of the La Jolla VA Bingo to 1030.

Paymaster Report: Checking \$3,600.12 Savings: \$82,609.34. Relief Fund: \$3,212.99

Chaplain Report: None

Benefits Advisor Report: None

Committee Reports:

Membership: Stats: Current Total: 272, Life 250, 2025/26: 272 = 0.36% ; Expiring: 21

Youth Development: Patriots Pen & VOD is now accepting applications via Scholarsapp.com XO to reach out to Middle schools.

Eagle Scout project: Flag retirement to shed almost completed.

Citizenship & Community: Caltrans Adopt-a-highway update: One Tuesday & One Saturday a month. Javier Lara is coordinating on monthly basis with Caltrans. Dates will be put on website calendar.

VV standdown on 7/17 will need volunteers for Friday dinner to serve and clean up.

Safe Parking Dinner will be July 20th: will be feeding Veterans living in their vehicles.

Buddy Poppy: Javier Lara: Legion lot sale booth

House Committee: Fans installed, Thanks to Javier & Mike. POW/MIA refurbishment & 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 National.
- 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 Vietnam Veterans Day Burger Burn in our account ready to pay when asked.
- Memorial Day Burger Burn donations to be used for POW/MIA refurbishment. Project to begin this month. Plan to inaugurate by POW/MIA recognition day on Friday Sept 18th.



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New Business:

- **MOTION: To authorize Paymaster to pay any necessary bills & obligations for 2026-2027 year made by Randy Myrick, 2nd: Joe Campos; MOTION PASSED.**
- **MOTION: To permit Captain to spend up to \$500 for necessary discretionary spending made by Mike Martin, 2nd: Javier Lara; MOTION PASSED**
- **MOTION: To donate \$100 to the La Mesa Police Officer Association Foundation made by Kerry Harper, 2nd: Mike Martin; MOTION PASSED**

‘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: 1728.

2026 Meeting dates August 11th, September 8th, October 13th, November 10th, December 8th.

SUBMITTED: Jim Taylor Date: 14 July 2026