



Veterans of Foreign Wars
O.K. INGRAM VFW SHIP 1774
Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2026

Approved
9-8-2026

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, **1yr Trustee:** Tony Sedl, **2yr Trustee:** Brandon Santifer, **3yr Trustee:** Frank Anderson, **Benefits Advisor:** Randy Myrick, **Judge Advocate:** Lee Gill, **SAA:** Mike Gerber
Quorum: Yes

Distinguished Guests – District Commander John Carson was Present.

Recognition of Past Commanders was afforded.

Membership Applications: Darrell Oge Life Membership application, Andrew Bellasperanza, & Zachary Brown's Applications for Annual Membership were reviewed and APPROVED unanimously.

Previous Minutes: **MOTION:** To approve July 2026 Minutes made by Randy Myrick 2nd: Shane Steinfeld, **MINUTES APPROVED** without change.

Paymaster Report: Checking \$3,001.15 Savings: \$82,880.03

Chaplain Report: None

Benefits Advisor Report: None

Committee Reports:

Membership: Stats: Current Total: 274, Life 251, 2025/26:272 =1.47% ; Expiring:19

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

Citizenship & Community: Caltrans Adopt-a-highway update: First Tuesday & Third Saturday of the month at 0930. VA Hospital Bingo continues 1st Saturday.

Buddy Poppy: Javier Lara: Will have Booth at Lot sale and food concessions for relief fund.

MOTION: To donate \$500 from Relief Fund to Veteran Richard Torres made by Javier Lara, 2nd :Ed Williams. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION: To allow Javier Lara to utilize up to \$500 per month of Relief Funds at his discretion to assist Veterans in need of financial assistance. Not to exceed the balance of the Relief Fund made by Shane Steinfeld, 2nd : Mike Gerber. **MOTION PASSED.**

House Committee: Stage wall started. Flag retirement shed completed. POW*MIA Seat is almost completed. POW*MIA Ceremony is on Sept 18th at 1800.

Unfinished business

- 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.
- Veterans Day Burger Burn and Blood Drive moved to Sat Nov 7th.
- La Mesa Holiday in the Village will be Sat Dec 12th. **MOTION:** To spend up to \$350 on promotion items and gifts for the event made by Shane Steinfeld, 2nd Randy Myrick. **MOTION PASSED.**
- LMHITV will need volunteers: Randy, Kerry, Tom, Crosby



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New Business:

- **MOTION**: To investigate and open an account at Navy Federal Credit Union made by Kerry Harper 2nd Mike Gerber. **MOTION PASSED.**
- Shane Steinfeld made a **MOTION** to adopt a resolution supporting the formation of a new department (Department of Southern California). 2nd by Randy Myrick. **MOTION PASSED.**
- Sept 19th Department meeting in Mission Valley Post @ 0900.

‘Good of the Order’ Discussions –

- Always looking for a Veteran in need of a project for 365 connect.
- 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: 1912.

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

SUBMITTED: Jim Taylor Date: 11 August 2026