

# American Legion Post 324

## Regular Meeting Minutes July 13, 2025

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM by Commander Stefanie Otto

22 Members signed the attendance roster. Seven Officers attended.

Opening ceremonies were performed.

### Reports

**Previous Meeting Minutes.** Wayne Huebner motioned to suspend the reading of the minutes, second provided by Bill Brown. No discussion and the motion was approved.

**Finance Officer:** Mike submitted a revised financial report. The report showed the following top line financial as of July 1, 2025.

Bank Balance:	\$ 5,138.36
Committed Funds:	\$ 1,232.00
Total Available Funds:	\$ 3,906.36

David Pyke moved to accept the Financial Report. Jimmy Baughman provided a second. Motion passed.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander:** Nothing to report

**2nd Vice Commander:** Nothing to report

**Chaplain:** Richard Ater congratulated our commander, Stefanie Otto, on the birth of her first grandchild weighing 9 lbs. 3 oz and named Waylan Frank Otto.

**Service Officer:** Nothing to report

**Sergeant at Arms:** No Report

**Historian:** Absent. Commander announced that Irene Infante fell on Thursday injuring her shoulder and eye socket. She is currently home mending.

**JAG:** Absent

**Sick Call: Chaplin** requests that he be notified about those that are sick. He wants to give them support in person or over the phone. Also, let him know of deaths. Most recent was our member, Louis Villanueva.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The commander reported on the state convention that just wrapped up today: District 8 only had 6 posts that made their 100% membership goal. This meant we were seated towards the back of the room. Post 324 was one that did make 100%. Let's continue to work hard to obtain 100% for 2026.

There is a new phone App to assist with information on the American Legion. It's theme is "Be the One".

District 8 has been put in charge of Sigman fund for the Division. Each post donates \$25 to the fund when a member dies. Money goes the Shriners and/or towards a Baylor scholarship.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

It's time for our semi-annual post dinner. The membership agreed to serve BBQ at \$15 a plate and bring drinks and desserts with location here at the VFW. It was agreed to have it on September 14<sup>th</sup> with the Scouts serving, as they did last year.

The next DEC meeting is on August 5<sup>th</sup> in Spring Post 239. Notice will be sent out.

July 21<sup>st</sup> is the Jersey Village Officer of the Quarter presentation at City Community Center. Jersey Village has a new mayor so come and meet them.

Bill Brown addressed the meeting with a proposed change in the Phillips 66 annual veterans day celebration color guard. It would be a good way for the Scouting troops to do the duty. Bill Brown and Rachel Sharp will discuss it with Scouts.

Commander will check with Willie's regarding a night of dinner to donate to the Post funds. Mike LaRose spoke of a rifle raffle with numbered and tracked tickets. Richard Ater will donate the tickets, and Wayne Huebner has an acquaintance who has agreed to take care of the paperwork for approval of rifle ownership. An option of gift certificate will be available in lieu of rifle for the winner.

Bill Brown announced a meeting of the new Scouting Director coming up and wanted to table a possible further financial support from the post. About \$200 if support is requested.

Commander Stefanie Otto presented Division 2, Texas, winner of volunteer for 2025 to Wayne Huebner and his wife. The commander accepted the award for Wayne at the State convention. This is a great honor with more than 800 hours of service to the VA. Wayne is also 1 of 3 members on the CDC (VA Volunteers) board.

## **GOOD OF THE LEGION**

Wayne Huebner announced that the VA dormitory at 2320 Old Spanish Trail, with 20 beds for the homeless, showers and meals, needs wash cloths and beds for women. They accept gently used

clothing and need shoes and flip flops. You can also donate \$25 for haircuts at the VA or to Mike LaRose to purchase these haircut gift cards.

Uber rides are available for VA on approval of primary doctors. Also, the VA is coming out with dental care.

Ted Lukeman spoke of the importance of military readiness after reading about ships involved in Pearl Harbor.

Jimmy Baughman spoke of care at Memorial Hermann in Cypress.

Commander mentioned that Kerr County was under an evacuation order for another threat of flooding including San Angelo.

Wayne Huebner mentioned that his wife is in VA care giver program and how they can help setup safety modifications in your home such as tub rails, this requires approval of your doctor.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:47pm. Next meeting will be on August 10<sup>th</sup>, at 4pm, VFW 8905, Hwy 290.

Respectfully Submitted

Terry Coon, Post Adjutant