

American Legion Post 324

Regular Meeting Minutes July 12, 2026

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

15 Members signed the attendance roster and 1 visitor for a total of 16. This includes 7 officers.

Opening ceremonies were performed.

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

Finance Officer: Mike LaRose read the revised financial report. The report showed the following top line financial as of July 1st, 2026.

Bank Balance:	\$ 3,977.71
Committed Funds:	\$ 950.00
Total Available Funds:	\$ 1,917.71

Saul C. moved to accept the Financial Report. Wayne Huebner provided a second. Motion passed.

Reports:

1st Vice Commander: Nothing to report

2nd Vice Commander: N/A

Chaplain: July 27th is the anniversary of the Korean War Armistice signed in 1953.

Service Officer: Absent

Sergeant at Arms: Happy 250th birthday to the U.S.

Historian: Absent

JAG: Nothing to report

Charles Phillips is a new transfer from the Tomball Post. He is an Air Force veteran stationed at Minot, ND from 1976 to 1980.

Sick Call: Keep Jimmy Baughman in your prayers as he is in the hospital at Huffmeister and Hwy 290 after throat surgery and is currently unable to talk. Paul Sarraf continues to mend himself from a car accident while fighting cancer. John Pettijohn has suffered another stroke. Jean Dicks is also ill. Keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.

Old Business:

Commander Stefani Otto announced that our membership dues are now \$45.00. In July of 2028 national dues will increase to \$45.00. Think about increasing our dues next year to raise funds for our post otherwise we will be earning zero dollars from dues. As a suggestion, you can save if you renew for 3 years at the \$45.00 rate this year of pay for life.

Commander announced that our 2027 membership goal has been set at 262

Our Post Auxiliary is now a chartered organization, and we will officially accept them at our meeting in August. This means we need to move our family dinner to September meeting. The dinner will be at Frio Hill Country Grill and The Barn, 16410 Meschke Rd, Cypress TX 77433.

Curtis Haverty gave an update of his meeting with the regional director regarding adding more troops to you limit of 5 for sponsoring. We will not be able to go above our current 5, but the Post Auxiliary can't sponsor the additional troops. With Churches unable to sponsor these troops as they did in the past, to keep the program going they are seeking other civic organizations like ours. He will address this with our Auxiliary.

New Business:

Commander Stefanie Otto reported that she sold \$1,000.00 worth of raffle tickets at the Texas State Conference. She is challenging all of us to sell at least 10 each. Drawing for 45 caliber Smith and Wesson pistol is on November 11, 2026, Veterans Day. Mike LaRose has printed tickets and will be tracked by number for those that pick them up.

Officer of the Quarter for Jersey Village will be on July 21st at 7pm at the JV Community center.

Good of the Legion:

Commander Stefanie Otto announced that she was sworn in as the new Commander District 8.

Curtis Haverty spoke of the districts posts that disbanded in the past and how those with buildings shared the proceeds with the remaining posts in the district. There are 2 posts in that closing with 1 having a building to sell now.

Stefanie Otto, commander, announced that the District Baseball team won division and will be going to state. Games start on July 22nd in League City at Post 586 on Parker Road. Please attend and donate food to support the team.

Commander announced that Post 324 has received another award ribbon for our flag by reaching an all-time high of 90% for 5 years in a row.

Tom Zahn's wife died while in Norway and mass will be held at Saint Elizabeth's on July 20th at 11am. Adjutant has sent out obituary and schedule. Tom is legally blind and his wife will be greatly missed.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:31pm. Next meeting will be on August 9th, at 4pm. at VFW 8905, HWY 290 next to Carl's BBQ.

Respectfully Submitted

Terry Coon, Post Adjutant