

American Legion Post 324

Regular Meeting Minutes August 10, 2025

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

15 Members signed the attendance roster. Seven Officers attended.

Opening ceremonies were performed.

Reports

Previous Meeting Minutes. Bill Brown motioned to suspend the reading of the minutes, second provided by Mike LaRose. 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:	\$ 5,026.49
Committed Funds:	\$ 1,0822.00
Total Available Funds:	\$ 3,816.49

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

1st Vice Commander: Nothing to report

2nd Vice Commander: Absent

Chaplain: Absent

Service Officer: Nothing to report

Sergeant at Arms: No Report

Historian: Absent.

JAG: Absent

Sick Call: Larry Dick remains on sick call.

OLD BUSINESS

The commander Stefanie Otto reported on her and Irene Infante (district commander) attending AML Commander school. You may have noticed a few changes in the opening ceremony. Membership was pushed considerably and the percentages we need to meet are now more aggressive than before. We are currently just over 50% which meets the August target.

We are on track to have our family dinner BBQ after our next meeting on September 14th. Help is needed to pick up food and set up the hall before the meeting starts at 4pm. The cost will be \$15 each.

For December's dinner Eddie Demery, Sgt of Arms, asked to arrange for a place. For September, Jimmy Baughman requested a list of additional items to bring, and the officers will bring.

Commander reported that the Junior Shooting competition is going forward with Langham Creek's about 15 students and will compete with Katy soon. Other posts in the district are being encouraged with a cost of \$150 per team and to go to businesses for support.

Oratorical Contest will be led by Steve Volk again this year.

Boys State will be led by Jimmy Baughman.

Awards will be led by Stefanie Otto.

Bill Brown will lead up the Scout relationship.

The post needs to do a fund raiser from January 2026 to May 2026. Richard Ater will provide the lotter tickets with numbers and Mike LaRose will do the tracking. Andy's Arms will handle to background checks for the winner of the Rifle.

NEW BUSINESS

Post 324 is hosting the District Fall Convention in the VFW big hall on October 11, 2025. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

The Spring Convention will be in Crosby on 3/14/2026.

Commander requested a motion for a Salute to Heroes Advertisement at the cost of \$275.00. This is an annual event put on by Cypress School District. Anyone can attend for \$75.00. Jimmy Baughman made the motion with Paul Haines second. Motion was passed by members. Donna McCarty is on the committee, and the speaker is a 9-11 fire fighter. The event is on October 18th at the Hyatt Regency on I-10 and Eldridge.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Trey Pryor spoke of the bus trips planned for August 23rd leaving from St. Aiden's Church. The trip is the Brennon to visit an Alpaca farm, then Youngs Confectioner with a visit to the Lavender Farm after Lunch. Notify Jimmy Baughman at 281-948-0894 to sign up.

Wayne Huebner stated that he can get a VA official to speak to a group on a Saturday. He is waiting for a response for the best day.

Commander Stefanie Otto is checking with the Red Cross for setting up a Blood Drive at our Fall Convention. Checking on having the Jersey Village Disaster team to attend. Irene oversees the special guests.

Bill Brown stated that we have not heard from Phillips 66 regarding the Veterans Day event.

Jimmy Baughman will register the Post for the Veterans Day Parade.

The VA and shelters always need donations. Commander stated we are considering a school drive for 3rd quarter. Also getting more involved with the Scouts.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm. Next meeting will be on September 14th, at 4pm, VFW 8905, Hwy 290.

Respectfully Submitted

Terry Coon, Post Adjutant