

American Legion Post 324

Regular Meeting Minutes October 12, 2025

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

26 Members signed the attendance roster. Seven Officers attended. 1 visitor attended.

Opening ceremonies were performed.

Reports

Previous Meeting Minutes. Paul Sarraf motioned suspending the reading of the minutes, second provided by Bob Riley. 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 October 1, 2025.

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| Bank Balance: | \$ 4,480.79 |
| Committed Funds: | \$ 1,082.00 |
| Total Available Funds: | \$ 3,349.00 |

David Pyke moved to accept the Financial Report. Wayne Huebner provided a second. Motion passed.

Guest Speaker Allan Montgomery from Honor Flight Houston spoke to the group about the free of charge flight for veterans of WWII, Vietnam and Korea to Washington D.C. to see the War Monuments. Signup is at Honorflighthouston.org and all expenses are covered. This is scheduled as donations are available with each flight costing \$40,000. The trip is for 2 days and each flight consists of 23 veterans, staff and 2 medics. You must agree to use a wheel chair, which is provided while there. They have been able to do 4 flights per year but have reached 8 flights per year when funds are available.

Returning member (no new members): Charles McWilliams has been a member for 2 years and this is his 1st meeting. He is an Army Veteran serving from 1966 to 1969 with NATO forces in Germany. Daniel Sanders is a member of 10 years and still working even though he's over 60 years old. He has been an Airforce Veteran serving all over the globe for 24 years.

Sick Call: Bill Brown had knee surgery. Jim Kotsu broke two ribs in a fall. Keep them in your prayers.

1st Vice Commander: Nothing to report

2nd Vice Commander: Absent

Chaplain: Absent

Service Officer: Absent

Sergeant at Arms: No Report

Historian: Nothing to report

JAG: Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

The commander Stefanie Otto reported on reported on the November 11th Houston Veterans Day Parade application has been approved. Please meet us at the church parking lot before 9am or Krogers in the Heights before 10am.

The post annual December Family Dinner will be December 14th at Frio off of Mueschke Road, Cypress TX was approved by vote of members.

We hosted the Fall 8th District Convention yesterday October 11. State leader was here as well as the CERT team. Allan Montgomery spoke about Honor Flight Houston.

The Spring convention will be in Crosby in April 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

The Department Commander has proposed the joining of District 8 and 22. The two posts have separate strengths in that one has a strong officer group while the other is strong in their committee leads. This would be too big for a single district commander to visit as required so there would be co-commanders to accomplish this task. The membership voted and approved planning of the join.

The Oratorical contest is coming up being led by Steve Volkman who currently has 3 students. Post contest will be the 1st or 2nd week of November. District contest will be hosted here in December with Division on January 18th at the Jersey Village Civic Center.

Our Chaplin, Richard Ater, has resigned his position due to work duties. We are looking for a new Chaplin and ask that you speak to Stefani, Commander, if you are interested.

The Post is forming an auxiliary unit and with many already signed up. Debra McFarlan with be the first unit commander. They need our approval by vote to complete the official start. Irene Infante moved to form the Post Auxiliary Unit as 324. Eddy Demerey seconded the morion. Discussion occurred with questions about banking and other operational separation. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Mike LaRose proposed a 50/50 raffle at the December meeting. Commander reminded us that we will be starting a fundraising raffle of a rifle or equivalent in January.

Commander also spoke of teaming up with Willi's on 290 for dinner where the proceeds of the food sales go to the post.

Paul Haines reminded us that the Salute to Heros will be on October 18th at the Omni Hotel on I-10. Each seat is \$75. The post purchased a page in the flyer for \$275.

Commander Stefanie Otto presented Eddy Dermery and Dave Pyke with a certificate of appreciation for assisting with the District Convention set-up and take-down. Also, Donna McCarty and Debra McFarlan were awarded the same. They were unable to join us today. For the convention we had donations from Chick F'La and Black Hawk coffee of breakfast sandwiches and coffee. Fire House Subs also provided lunch for their cost. The total saved us about \$300.

David Pyke reminded us that the Jersey Village officer of the quarter will be on Oct. 20th at 7pm. There will be awards from the Department of Texas for Fire Fighters. Submissions are due in January and Curtis will assist in the packets. We also want to submit a candidate for an Eagle Scout award.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:54m. Next meeting will be on November 9th, at 4pm, VFW 8905, Hwy 290.

Respectfully Submitted

Terry Coon, Post Adjutant