

American Legion Post 324

Regular Meeting Minutes August 9, 2026

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

12 Members signed the attendance roster and 11 visitor for a total of 23. This includes 5 officers.

Opening ceremonies were performed.

Previous Meeting Minutes. David Pyke motioned suspending the reading of the minutes, second provided by Donna McCarty. 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 August 1st, 2026.

Bank Balance:	\$ 4,504.71
Committed Funds:	\$ 680.00
Total Available Funds:	\$ 3,824.71

David Pyke moved to accept the Financial Report. Donna McCarty provided a second. Motion passed.

Three potential new members present where Yamila G. Isales-Robles, U.S. Army Gulf war, Sheila Johnson and Rober Johnson both Navy veterans. Mike McInerney is a new transfer from Illinois.

Commander Stefanie Otto presented the new Post Auxiliary Unit Charter to Licia Kim, Division Commander and Denay Zimmerman Division Auxiliary President. Charter members were present to accept the charter included Unit 324 President Debra McFarland, Secretary Silvia Hayes and other Auxiliary charter members. Other VIP's present for the ceremony were Delanne McDaniel, Katrina Hardenan and Steve Kim.

Reports:

1st Vice Commander: Nothing to report

2nd Vice Commander: N/A

Chaplain: N/A

Service Officer: Absent and adding Bill Brown to the sick list for surgery. Commander reported 5 Scouting Troops are now available for Auxiliary Unit to sponsor.

Sergeant at Arms: Frio Grill has been secured for next months Family Meal meeting.

Historian: Absent

JAG: Nothing to report

Sick Call: Paul Sarraf continues to mend himself from a car accident while fighting cancer. John Pettijohn has suffered another stroke. As previously mentioned, Bill Brown is recovering from surgery. Jean Dicks is also ill. Keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.

Old Business:

Commander Stefani Otto announced that this quarter's charity School Supply drive is underway and that through Operation Home Front she was able to obtain a substantial number of supplies from some of five Dollar Trees that were assigned. If you wish to donate backpacks, please only clear ones for Jersey Village schools.

The fourth quarter charity is for the VA Hospital and community Toy Drive.

Raffle tickets have been sold, and more are available to sell. Contact Mike LaRose for the tickets. The background check for the winner will be done by the Jersey Village police department.

Commander reminded members that next month's meeting, on September 13th, will be the semi-annual Family Meal at Frio – Hill Country Grill and Barn, 15410 Mueschke Rd. Cypress.

Commander reminded members that everyone oversees membership. Starting in 2028 the fees for the Texas level membership will be \$45.00 which means the post will need to consider raising our fees.

New Business:

Commander Stefanie Otto requested a vote on publishing and advertisement in the brochure for the annual Salute to our Heros ceremony. The event will be held on October 17th at the West Houston Hyatt Regency on Eldridge and I-10. Chief CW2 officer Nick Lavery is the speaker this year. A motion was made to pay \$275.00 for the ad by Dave Pyke. Second was submitted by Ted Lukeman. Motion passed unanimously. You may attend as a veteran for \$75 which applies to your spouse, and \$125 for non-veterans.

With school starting soon, and we will need volunteers for Junior Shooting competition. The task is simply to watch and verify the participation and results.

Commander requested someone to take the lead on Boys State. Duties are to call school advisors, track funds and participants with an application provided. Jimmy Baughman will train you.

Our Oratorical Lead is Steve Volkman and will be asking for members to help with the competition next quarter.

Your female spouse or daughter are eligible to join the Auxiliary Unit along with sons of female veterans. The Auxiliary is making plans to meet every 3rd Tuesday here at the VFW.

Good of the Legion:

Commander Stefanie Otto announced that she was 1st chair in membership every day at the commander school she attended last week.

Commander Stefanie Otto reported that she lead her first District 8 meeting as District commander and 10 out of the 12 posts were represented. This is a vast improvement from prior district meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:51pm. Next meeting will be on September 13th, at 4pm. at Frio – Hill Country Grill and Barn .

Respectfully Submitted

Terry Coon, Post Adjutant