AMERICAN LEGION POST 364 (BILL ROPER COUNTY POST)

Location: 5323 Kostoryz Rd Corpus Christi TX 78415

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 4, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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1. Call to Order
The General Membership Meeting of American Legion Post 364 (Bill Roper County Post), Department of Texas, was called to order at 6:00 PM by Commander Domingo J. Moreno III.

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2. Opening Ceremony
* A hand salute was rendered.
* As the Chaplain was not present at the opening, a member offered the opening prayer. * The POW/MIA flag was placed on the empty chair by the Sergeant-at-Arms.
* The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
* The Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion was recited.
* Members were seated following the ceremony.

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3. Roll Call and Quorum
A quorum was declared.

*** Members present:** 19
*** New members present:** 1
*** Guests present:** 1
*** Visitor present:** Sons of the American Legion representative

Roll Call of Officers
Present:
* **Commander:** Domingo J. Moreno III
*** First Vice Commander:** Fernando Zaragosa Jr
*** Adjutant:** Lenore Berry-Zaragosa
*** Finance Officer:** Fernando Zaragosa Jr
*** Judge Advocate:** Ricardo Hankerson
*** Sergeant-at-Arms:** Ray Guillen
*** Service Officer:** Robert “Smoke” Holland

Absent:
*** Second Vice Commander (on vacation):** Ed Roy
*** Historian (on vacation):** Ed Roy
*** Chaplain:** Ed Sample
4. Approval of Previous Minutes
The minutes of the January 7, 2026 General Membership Meeting were presented. *** Motion:** Leonard Vasquez
*** Second:** stated
*** Vote:** Approved by voice vote
The January 7, 2026 minutes were approved as presented.
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5. Introduction of Guests, New Members, and Visitors
New Member
Israel Perez – United States Air Force
Service Summary:

Mr. Perez served 26 years in the United States Air Force. His duty stations included Barksville, Robbins, extended overseas service in Europe, and multiple NATO assignments. His military duties involved operations and command-center coordination with allied forces. Following military retirement, he earned a master's degree and served 20 years as a federal immigration officer, retiring three years ago. He later returned to Corpus Christi.
*** Motion to accept membership:** made from the floor
*** Second:** made
*** Vote:** Approved

Guest
Brant Boardman – Retired United States Navy Senior Chief
Service Summary:
Senior Chief Boardman retired from the U.S. Navy in 2012. His assignments included Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and a three-year tour aboard the USS Inchon at Naval Base Ingleside. After service, he relocated several times before returning permanently to Corpus Christi. He was previously a member of American Legion Post 211 in Anacoco, Louisiana. He attended the meeting to reconnect with the American Legion.

Visitor
* Bobby DeLeon, Sons of the American Legion, was noted as present.
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6. Committee Reports
First Vice Commander Report
Fernando Zaragosa Jr reported:
* Three new members.
*** Paid-Up-For-Life renewals:** 64
*** Transfers from Post 345:** 178
*** Total membership:** 253
*** Membership goal completion:** 86.35%
*** Retention rate:** 80.67%
* Continued recruitment efforts were encouraged.
Second Vice Commander Report
(Adjutant read on behalf of Ed Roy, absent due to vacation)
The Second Vice Commander report was presented to the membership and addressed operational and safety-related matters.

Topics included:
* Whether the Post has accident or incident report forms available.
* Emergency preparedness considerations, including the possible acquisition of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator), Narcan, and first aid kits, with acknowledgment that training would be required. * The importance of making hard copies of finance reports available to members unable to attend meetings.
* Notification that Post meeting minutes were removed from the website to prevent public access to sensitive financial or personal information.
* A facilities concern regarding animals accessing the building crawl space.
* Announcement that the next Wednesday Movie Night would be held on February 18, 2026, featuring the film *1917*.
Discussion followed regarding Good Samaritan protections, emergency response timelines, and liability considerations.
The Commander clarified that any matters involving expenditures would be addressed under New Business.
No motion was made, and no vote was taken on this report.

Service Officer Report
Robert "Smoke" Holland reported that he is continuing to learn the Service Officer role and has a VA appointment scheduled for February 17, 2026 to further expand his knowledge. ---
Judge Advocate Report
Ricardo Hankerson clarified proper procedures regarding financial reporting: * Finance reports may be distributed for member review during meetings.
* All copies must be collected following approval and may not leave the meeting. ***** Financial details are not to be publicly disclosed.
* Coordination between current and former service officers was encouraged to ensure continuity. ---
Sergeant-at-Arms Report

Ray Guillen reported:
* Current Honor Guard strength stands at 13 volunteers.
* Additional volunteers are needed to ensure coverage.
* Honor Guard business cards were made available.
* Members were encouraged to refer interested veterans.

7. Finance Report

The Finance Report for January 2026 was presented by Finance Officer Fernando Zaragosa Jr. *** Beginning balance:** $4,066.81

Income:

*** Burger sales:** $1,013.00
*** Bar sales:** $1,678.00

Expenses:

*** Frontier Waste:** $208.50
*** City of Corpus Christi Utilities:** $289.63
*** AT&T Internet and phone:** $94.36
*** NRG Electric:** $803.28
*** Building insurance:** $803.45
*** TABC renewal (back bar):** $1,125.00
*** Albert Garza Pest Control:** $85.00
*** Asphalt repair (Bill Jeffrey):** $1,000.00
*** Electrical inspection (Jordan James Woodard):** $100.00
*** Ending balance:** $2,539.39
* Motion to accept the finance report: made from the floor
*** Second:** Seconded
*** Vote:** Approved

All finance report hard copies were collected by the Sergeant-at-Arms following approval. ---

8. Old Business

There was no old business presented.

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9. New Business

* Discussion was held regarding potential acquisition of an AED, including estimated costs ($1,100– $1,700) and the pursuit of grants or Red Cross assistance.
* CPR and basic first aid training were discussed. No motion was made.

*** Annual Fish Fry:**

*** Date:** February 20, 2026
*** Time:** Beginning at 12:00 PM
* Menu, pricing, and volunteer coordination were reviewed.
* Volunteers will be coordinated through Finance Officer Fernando Zaragosa Jr. *** A raffle was announced:**
* A bottle of Crown Royal was donated.
* Tickets priced at $5.
* Proceeds to benefit Post operations.

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10. Good of the Order

* The Post Constitution and Bylaws (approved January 2025) will be distributed electronically upon request.
* Lounge operating rules were clarified, including bar closure when patron count falls below three. * No motions were made.

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11. Adjournment and Closing Ceremony

*** Motion to adjourn:** made from the floor
*** Second:** Stated
*** Vote:** Approved

A closing prayer was offered. The POW/MIA flag and colors were retired, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lenore Berry-Zaragosa
Post Adjutant
American Legion Post 364