- American Legion Post 364 General Membership Meeting Minutes
- Date: April 1, 2026
- Time: 7:00 PM
- Location: Bill Roper Post 364, Corpus Christi, Texas

1. **Call to Order:**
   - Commander Domingo Moreno opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.
2. **Opening Ceremonies:**
   - Colors presented by Sergeant-at-Arms Ray Guillen.
   - Opening prayer led by Chaplain Ed Sample.
   - POW/MIA Empty Chair ceremony held.
   - Pledge of Allegiance and American Legion Preamble recited.
   - Meeting declared in session.
3. **Quorum:**
   - Sergeant-at-Arms Ray Guillen confirmed 19 members present, including one guest and one new member.
4. **Roll Call of Officers:**

Commander: Domingo Moreno - Present
First Vice Commander: Fernando Zaragosa Jr. - Present
Second Vice Commander: Ed Roy - Present
Adjutant: Lenore Berry-Zaragosa - Present
Finance Officer: Fernando Zaragosa Jr. - Present
Judge Advocate: Ricardo Hankserson -Present
Chaplain: Ed Sample - Present
Sergeant-at-Arms: Fernando Zaragosa Jr. - Present
Service Officer: Robert “Smoke” Holland - Present
Historian: Ed Roy - Present

Introduction of Guests and New Members:
New member Monica Carranza, a Navy veteran and Corpus Christi Army Depot employee, welcomed and noted for volunteering with the Honor Guard.

Finance Report:
Presented by Finance Officer Fernando Zaragosa Jr.

- **Fish Fry (6 Fridays):**
  - **Revenue:** $7,720.00
  - **Expenses:** $4,320.41
  - **Profit:** $3,400.00
- **Lunch Bar Revenue:** $3,278.15
- **Burger Night (March):** $1,110.00
- **Loan repayment to Henry Pena:**
  - $1,000 repaid in three payments
- **Additional Expenses:**
  - **Supplies (Beer/Lounge):** $648.86
  - **Reimbursement (Jerry Coleman):** $113.67
- **Utilities and Operating Expenses:**
  - **Corpus Christi Utilities:** $283.69
  - **NRG Electric:** $649.41
  - **Frontier Waste:** $208.55
  - **AT&T (Phone/Internet):** $99.30
  - **Building Insurance:** $803.45

Membership Report:
First Vice Commander Fernando Zaragosa Jr. reported:
New Members: 4
Paid Up For Life: 64
Renewals: 186
Transfers: 18
Total Membership: 272
Goal: 293 Percentage: 92.83%
Retention: 89.29%
Efforts to increase membership are ongoing to meet the goal.

Approval of Minutes:
Previous meeting minutes approved.

Second Vice Commander Report:
Announced events:
Blue Angels Airshow on April 18
Veteran haircut program for $10
Deer meat via County Veterans Office
VA audits now use AI
Junior ROTC awards updates
Goodwill's free training for veterans
Claims Summit on April 26
Movie Night on April 15 at 6:00 PM

Old Business

- Commander Domingo Moreno confirmed elections for May 6, 2026, at 7:00 PM. Candidates: Leo Vasquez Jr., Fernando Zaragosa Jr., Jerry Coleman. Domingo Moreno will not seek reelection.

New Business

- **Fish Fry Price Increase Proposal:**
  - Ed Roy proposed raising the price from $12.00 to $14.00 due to supply costs.
  - Motion to table for further research was made, seconded, and carried.
- **Ash Wednesday Fish Fry Proposal:**
  - Ed Roy suggested starting Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday next season.
  - Motion to table for further discussion was made, seconded, and carried.

Awards and Recognition

- Certificates of Appreciation awarded to Ray Guillen and Henry Pena for their exceptional service.

Adjutant Report

- Lenore Berry-Zaragosa reminded members to pay 2026 dues and present membership cards to vote in the May 6 elections or they cannot vote.

Judge Advocate / District Convention Delegate
Leo Vasquez Jr. volunteered as a delegate for the District 14 Convention in New Braunfels; additional interest noted, but no formal vote taken.

Chaplain Report
Chaplain Ed Sample expressed his availability to support members and their families through:

- Hospital and rehabilitation visits
- Funeral and interment services
- Prayer and emotional support

Sergeant-at-Arms Report
Sergeant-at-Arms Ray Guillen provided the following updates:

- New M1 rifles have been acquired for Honor Guard use
- Additional volunteers are sought for Honor Guard duties
- Members were encouraged to get involved

Good of the Order
Honor Guard members present were recognized. Commander Domingo Moreno announced that each candidate for Commander would have three minutes to speak to the membership, with a reminder to refrain from making derogatory comments.

Adjournment
With no further matters to address, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM.

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