American Legion Post 364 (Bill Roper Post)

General Meeting Minutes

Date: May 6 2026 Election Meeting
Location: Bill Roper Post 364, 5323 Kostoryz Rd, Corpus Christi, Texas

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Opening Ceremony

The meeting was opened according to the ritual of The American Legion. The Chaplain concluded the opening prayer with:

> "Sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

The Commander declared Bill Roper Post 364, Department of Texas, duly convened. ---

Roll Call of Officers

Members Present: 36
Guests Present: 2

The following officers answered present:

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

All officers were present.

Suspension of Regular Business

A motion was made and seconded to suspend all regular business of the Post for the purpose of conducting officer elections.

Motion carried unanimously.
Election Procedures
Election Judge Advocate addressed the membership and reviewed election procedures: * Only members in good standing and current on dues were eligible to vote. * Balloting would proceed office by office.
* The candidate receiving the highest number of votes would be elected.
* Voting would be conducted by secret ballot.
Third Division Vice Commander Tony Lopez conducted the election on behalf of the Department of Texas.
District 14 Judge Advocate Bucho Gonzalez assisted with election oversight and ballot counting. ---
Election of Commander
Nominations
The following candidates were nominated for Commander:
1. Leo Vasquez
2. Jerry Coleman

3. Fernando Zaragosa
No additional nominations were received from the floor.
A motion was made and approved to close nominations.

Candidate Remarks
Leo Vasquez
Leo emphasized:
* Building maintenance concerns
* Following the Constitution and Bylaws
* Improving communication between officers and members
* Expanding fundraising activities
* Increasing public relations and community outreach
* Restoring regular dinners and revenue-generating events

Fernando Zaragosa
Fernando emphasized:
* Justice, loyalty, and integrity
* Following the Constitution and Bylaws
* Representing Post 364 at veteran and community events
* Supporting veterans, active-duty military, and families
* Recruiting younger veterans into the organization

Jerry Coleman
Jerry emphasized:
* Veteran support and member engagement
* Improving communication and transparency
* Addressing building maintenance and safety concerns
* Community involvement and outreach
* Fundraising through local business partnerships
* Team-oriented leadership and financial responsibility

Commander Election
Ballots were distributed and collected.
The Election Committee canvassed the votes.
Election Result
Fernando Zaragosa was elected Commander of American Legion Post 364.
Election of Other Officers
First Vice Commander
Additional nominations were received from the floor.
Following balloting:
Domingo (Mingo) Moreno III was elected First Vice Commander.

Second Vice Commander
Ed Roy was elected Second Vice Commander.

Judge Advocate
Ricardo Hankerson was elected Judge Advocate.

Vacant Positions
The following positions remained vacant:
* Finance Officer
* Historian
The newly elected Commander was advised of his authority to appoint qualified members to vacant positions in accordance with Post procedures.

Executive Committee
Nominations were received for Executive Committee positions.

The Election Committee conducted voting to fill the available Executive Committee seats. Results were accepted by the membership.

Closing Ceremony

Following completion of the elections, the Sergeant-at-Arms recovered the POW/MIA chair. Members recited the closing obligation of The American Legion.
The colors were retired.
The Chaplain offered the closing prayer.
The meeting was adjourned by the Commander.

Fernando Zaragosa Jr appointed Lenore Berry-Zaragosa as his adjutant.

All candidates were sworn in by Tony Lopez, 3rd Division Vice Commander.

Election Results Summary

Office	Elected
Commander	Fernando Zaragosa Jr
First Vice Commander	Domingo Moreno III
Second Vice Commander	Ed Roy
Judge Advocate	Ricardo Hankerson
Finance Officer	Vacant
Historian	Vacant

Respectfully submitted,
Lenore Berry-Zaragosa
Adjutant
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Department of Texas