Bill Roper American Legion Post 364
General Membership Meeting Minutes

- **Date:** June 3, 2026
- **Location:** Bill Roper American Legion Post 364, Corpus Christi, Texas

Call to Order
Commander Fernando Zaragosa Jr officially opened the regular General Membership Meeting.

Opening Ceremonies
The meeting commenced in line with the American Legion Ritual.

- Posting of the Colors
- Invocation delivered by the Chaplain
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Recitation of the American Legion Preamble

The Commander announced that the meeting was now open for business.

Roll Call of Officers
Present:

- **Commander:** Fernando Zaragosa Jr
- **First Vice Commander:** Domingo Moreno III
- **Second Vice Commander:** Ed Roy
- **Adjutant:** Lenore Berry-Zaragosa
- **Judge Advocate:** Ricardo Hankerson
- **Sergeant-at-Arms:** Ray Guillen
- **Chaplain:** Ed Sample
- **Service Officer:** Vacant
- **Finance Officer:** Vacant
- **Historian:** Ed Roy

A quorum was confirmed to be present.

Introduction of Guests and New Members
New member David Henry introduced himself. He served in the U.S. Army from 1972 to 1975, including time in Germany. After his military service, he earned a college degree and spent about 40 years in the construction industry before retiring.
The membership warmly welcomed Mr. Henry to Post 364.

Reading and Approval of Previous Minutes
The reading of the previous meeting's minutes was skipped.

First Vice Commander Report
The First Vice Commander shared the membership report as of June 3, 2026:

- **New Members:** 7
- **Paid Up For Life (PUFL):** 64
- **Renewals:** 193
- **Headquarters Transfers:** 19
- **Total Membership:** 283
- **Membership Goal:** 293
- **Goal Achievement:** 96.59%
- **Retention Rate:** 91.79%

The report was accepted and filed.

Second Vice Commander Report
The Second Vice Commander provided updates on:

- Successful Junior ROTC award presentations
- Memorial Day activities
- Auxiliary distribution of approximately 300 poppies aboard the USS Lexington
- Veteran resources through the County Veterans Roundtable
- Free notary services and mobility assistance resources
- Goodwill surplus military uniforms available for veterans
- Hazelwood educational benefits
- Reminder to ensure that VA disabilities are accurately reflected on death certificates when applicable
- Auxiliary Juneteenth observance featuring sheet cake
- Progress towards establishing a Queen of Hearts fundraiser
- Appointment of Monica Carranza as Hall Rental Scheduler
- Postponement of Movie Night until September
- Executive Board's approval of the Fish Fry meal price increase from $12.00 to $14.00

The report was received and filed.

Announcements
Commander Fernando Zaragosa Jr. shared that Corpus Christi City Council representative Mike Hernandez intends to attend a future meeting to discuss grant opportunities for local veterans' organizations. Members were reminded about the upcoming Army Birthday celebration at the local VFW Post.

Unfinished Business
The Commander announced the following officer vacancies:

- Finance Officer
- Historian
- Service Officer
- One Executive Board position
- ***Finance Officer:** Lenore Berry-Zaragosa was nominated and accepted the position.

With no further nominations, Lenore Berry-Zaragosa was elected by unanimous voice vote.

- ***Service Officer:** Leo Vasquez was nominated and accepted the position.

With no further nominations, Leo Vasquez was elected by unanimous voice vote.

- ***Historian:** No nominations were received; the position remains vacant.
- ***Executive Board Vacancy:** Discussion took place regarding the remaining Executive Board vacancy, but no action was taken.

New Business

United States Submarine Veterans National Convention:

- Members were informed that the convention will be held in Corpus Christi from September 6 to September 11, 2026.
- A motion was proposed to purchase a half-page advertisement in the convention program to welcome attendees.
  - **Cost:** $175.00
  - The motion was approved.

Fish Fry Pricing:

- The Commander announced that the Executive Board has decided to raise the price of the Fish Fry meal to $14.00 due to increased operating costs.

Hall Rentals:

- A discussion took place about reverting hall rental prices from the promotional rate of $1,250.00 back to the standard rate of $1,500.00; however, no action was taken.

Honor Guard:

- The Sergeant-at-Arms encouraged members who are interested in serving with the Honor Guard to volunteer.

Good of the Legion

- Members were reminded of upcoming Post activities, community events, and opportunities to volunteer.

Closing Ceremonies

- The meeting concluded with the American Legion Ritual.

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