



Post 552

American Legion Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2025

Meeting Called to Order: ___6:02___pm

Officers Present:

Commander	Kent Van Horn	
1 st Vice	Mike Hill	Absent
2 nd Vice	Bill Marsh	
Adjutant	Doug Benzel	
Finance Off.	Mark Seamon	
Chaplain	Bill Bartle	Absent
Service Officer	Dave Schmidt	
Sergeant-At-Arms	Jim Vander Ploeg	
Asst Adjutant	Travis Methvin	

Other members: Stephen Burr, Bill Heard and Brad Johnson

Guests: Vic Martin, Commander, American Legion District 22

After the opening ceremony conducted by Kent, the regular meeting was suspended for installation of new officers.

Vic Martin installed Doug Benzel as Commander and Bill Marsh as 1st Vice. He thanked Kent for his service during his tenure as Commander. He directed Doug to faithfully carry out the duties as the new Commander. He offered a prayer for the new leadership and asked members to support the officers in their duties.

Doug then continued the order of business. He thanked both Kent for his leadership as Commander over the past 3 years and for Mark for his diligent work as Finance Officer over the past 4 years.

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes of the May meeting are posted on the website and there were no changes. The minutes were approved as written.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Mark reported checks totaling \$3,369 were disbursed in May to San Diego Honor Flight, San Diego MOM, Shelter to Soldier, Support the Enlisted Project and the Auxiliary/ASYMCA. Doug stated the newly formed agreement with the VFW was honored in full for the 2025 year.

Membership: The Post has 133 members renewed of the 149 goal. That is 89.26% with the District average at 90.71%.

Boy Scouts: Travis reported Troop 271 confirms it wants an agreement with our Post. An agreement has been signed and is waiting for Council approval. He noted there are 50 troops in San Diego County that need sponsorship.

Sick Call: Jim reported that Bill Bartle is ill and would appreciate support from Post members. Members are encouraged to call Bill to wish him well.

Unfinished Business:

Money Recovery from Bingo Event: Square was used to process credit cards at the Bingo event and the location of \$602 needed to be found. Ellen Citrano located the money and it has been placed in our account.

Next Fundraiser: Bill Marsh said there is no firm plan yet for the next fundraiser, but he is looking toward October maybe around Oktoberfest.

New Business:

Approval of 2026 Budget: Kent presented the proposed budget which is more streamlined than previous years. After some discussion, Bill Marsh moved to accept the 2025-2026 budget as presented. Travis seconded the motion. It passed on a voice vote. The budget is attached (see below). There was discussion regarding the American Legion Post's obligation to pay one half of the facility property tax. After the meeting the Finance Officer confirmed the obligation and will add \$1500 to the budget for the purpose of paying that obligation.

Good of the Order: Travis noted that the canteen can now accept credit cards for paying membership dues. Dave noted that Concerts on the Green begin July 13. There are 5 this summer. He recommended that Post 552 sponsor a booth at one of these concerts. This can be in conjunction with VFW Post 5985. Travis volunteered to take lead on this project. Vic Martin announced that the American Legion has an app "Legion Plus" for Apple and Android phones. This can provide a digital membership card on the phone.

Vic Martin made a presentation on PTSD following the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at ____6:58 pm_____

/s/Signed June 23, 2025

Adjutant

**PACIFIC BEACH POST 552 AL
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

		FY:2025-26	FY:2024-25
	INCOME	ANNUAL	FY TO DATE
ITEM #	SOURCE OF FUNDS	PROPOSED	5/31/2025
	Investment Income		
	Dividends and Capital Gains - Total	\$13,420.00	\$9,983.25
1	Dividends and Capital Gains - 50%	\$6,630.00	
	Member Dues		
2	Annual Members - 100@\$11.50/each	\$1,150.00	\$1,145.00
3	PUFL Members - 30@\$8.25/each	\$247.50	\$253.20
	Donations		
4	VFW - B&G State	\$876.75	\$835.00
5	VFW - Baseball	\$577.50	\$550.00
	Fundraisers	\$4,000.00	\$5,820.00
	Bingo		
	Winetasting		
	Total Income	\$13,481.75	\$18,586.45
	EXPENSES		
ITEM #	SOURCE OF COSTS		
	Post Expenses		
	Commander Discretionary	\$500.00	\$0.00
	Adjutant	\$110.00	\$108.53
	Website Hosting	\$17.00	\$15.16
	Financial Officer	\$80.00	\$76.59
	RRF-1 Regulatory Renewal Fee California	\$35.00	\$30.58
	Corporate Statement of Information	\$20.00	\$20.00
	Department of Justice Raffle Registration	\$30.00	\$30.00
	Marketing/Advertising		
	District 22 Dues	\$110.00	\$100.00
	State Delegate Dues	\$60.00	\$50.00
	Service Officer		
	Honorary Dues for Guy Kelly	\$50.00	\$38.50
	Canteen	\$550.00	\$520.00
	Total	\$1,562.00	\$989.36
	American Legion Programs		
	Boys and Girls State	\$2,630.25	\$2,505.00

	Legion Baseball	\$577.50	\$550.00
	American Legion Birthday	\$100.00	\$0.00
	Total	\$3,307.75	\$3,055.00
Local Community			
	Scout Troop Sponsorship	\$100.00	
	Other	\$2,000.00	
	Total	\$2,100.00	
Prospective Veteran Donations			
	Honor Flight San Diego		
	Shelter to Soldier		
	Support Enlisted Project		
	Wounded Warrior Project		
	Marine Corps Toys for Tots		
	Stand Down		
	Total		
Unallocated		\$6,512.00	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,969.75	\$6,093.22