



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**  
James B. Sprague Memorial Post 8541  
2222 Austin Highway  
San Antonio, Texas 78218

POST MINUTES: December 4, 2025

The General Membership Meeting was called to order @ 7:00 pm by the Post Commander.

The Pledge of Allegiance was respectfully executed by all members followed with the opening prayer.

Post Officers Roll Call:

Post Commander – Joel Tempel (Present)

Sr. Vice Commander – Vacant

Jr. Vice Commander – Vacant

Post Quartermaster – Stephanie Powell (Present)

Post Adjutant – Stephanie Powell (Present)

Post Chaplain – Fr. Steven Rindahl (Present)

Post Surgeon – Joel Temple (Present)

Judge Advocate – Robert De Armon (Present)

3-Year Trustee – Mr. Mckinney (Present)



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2-Year Trustee – Wayne McNeely (Present)

1-Year Trustee – William Neuiszer (Present)

Appointed Officer of the Day – Arturo Perez (Present)

Total Membership Present: 31

**Commander's Remarks and Visitors:**

The Commander welcomed the new members. The Commander welcomed District 20 visitors. District Commander Stephen Starbuck, District Jr. Vice Commander Michael Torrino, and 2 Yr Trustee John Clark.

The meeting minutes from November 2025 were read by the Post Quartermaster. The membership approved the minutes as read.

**Membership Report:**

The Quartermaster presented the named applicants (0) new member(s), (3) transfer member(s), (3) new life member(s) and (0) new Legacy member(s). Reported totals 1174 Total Members, 927 Life Members and 116 Legacy Members. A motion to accept the new members/transfers was conducted and all were approved unanimously and accepted for the record.

**Quartermaster Report:**

Financial statements for November 2025 were briefed to the Membership. Membership approved the financial statements. Total Financial standing 38,554.99 an increase of \$35,159.13 from the previous month.

**Veteran Service Officer/Emergency Assistance Report:**



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Nothing to report.

New Business:

Commander Tempel presented quotes for the replace the broken HVAC unit above the Canteen. Quotes received:

- LM Comfort \$21,535
- Beluga Air \$27,250
- Blackbelt Company \$25, 261
- Cobos Air and Heating \$16,000

Membership approved to accept quote from Cobos Air with minimum discussion. Campaign to raise funds from donations from members began. Comrade Jenkins offered to donate \$10,000 if the membership was able to raise at least \$5,000 in donations. The Quartermaster will maintain a list of donors and amounts.

Commander Joel Tempel conducted elections for open vacant positions of Sr. Vice and Jr. Vice. One nominee for Sr. Vice Commander Cheryl Bellion was approved. One nominee for Jr. Vice Commander Gilbert McKinney was approved. Comrade McKinney then resigned position as 3 Yr Trustee. Nominations were opened for 3 Yr Trustee. Nominees were Erin Manning, Orlando Rodriguez, Thomas St. George and Kevin Wiznowski. Voting was concluded after two rounds; Orlando Rodriguez was elected as 3 Yr Trustee.

District Commander Starbuck installed all new officers.

Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report



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Good of the Order:

Comrade McKinney announced he will be taking suggestions for Post fundraisers and improvement ideas. Members should email him at [mckinneymt@aol.com](mailto:mckinneymt@aol.com). Please include name and phone number for return contact.

The Quartermaster continued the discussion of investigating the parking lot lights as a matter of safety and security for the Post and will report findings/further information in the new year.

The next monthly meeting is 8 January 2026 due to the holiday on 1 January.

Mr. McKinney motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wayne McNeely. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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//Original Signed//

Stephanie Powell

Post Adjutant

VFW Post 8541

//Original Signed//

Joel Tempel

Commander

VFW Post 8541