

VFW Pacific Beach Post 5985 Minutes May 14, 2026

Officer Roll Call:

- **Commander:** Skyler Gossman
- **Sr Vice Commander:** Ben Wainwright **Junior Vice Commander:** Steve Burr
- **Quartermaster:** Gabe Rowin **Chaplain:** Mike Huck (NP)
- **1st Year Trustee:** Ed Mateer **2nd Year Trustee:** Donovan Morris
- **3rd Year Trustee:** Bill Marsh **Adjutant:** Ariel Preciado
- **Service Officer:** Josh Ross (NP) **Judge Advocate:** N/A
- **Surgeon:** Jeremiah Simmons (NP) **Sergeant-at-Arms:** Rob Thomas
- **Guest Members:** Wendy Calderon, Dist. 1 CMDR

Meeting Call to Order

- Officer roll call and attendee membership verification
- Pledge of Allegiance, meeting mission, charter, minutes
- Draping of the Charter Ceremony for Jim Burke 86 and Don Martocchio 91

Total Membership

Goal Members: 284 +4	Goal: 96.92%	Expiring 8 -2	
Last Year: 293	Last Month: 95.56%	Life Members 237 -1	
Since July 2023 86 New	Good Stand 290 +2	Since July 2025 14 New	UnPaid: 45 -2

Need 12 more by July 2026 as a goal

- 0 applications submitted, reviewed and approved by members in attendance.
- *QM Conducted two email campaigns for expired members to pay dues this month*

Service Officer and Chaplain Report:

- Nothing to Report

The House Committee Report:

- House Committee Chairman Skyler Gossman update on Canteen Business
- **SAL Member Don McHugh Passing**
- **House Motion to buy wreaths not to exceed \$300 and donate hall for memorial event**
 - **Motion Passed Unanimously**

Youth Development and Scouting Committee Report:

- Chairman Skyler Gossman update

Surgeon Jeremiah Simmons

- Red Cross Blood Drive June 11th
- Sound Healing Workshops

All-American/State Reporting Committee:

- Status update given by Adjutant Ariel Preciado and Quartermaster Gabe Rowin

Good Standing														Poppies			Programs				Membership												
Election Report (June 1, 2025)	Proof of Eligibility			Q.M Bond (Aug. 31, 2025)	School of Instruction (Dec. 31, 2025)	Service Officer Trng	Post Liability Ins. (Sept. 30, 2025)	IRS 990 (Dec. 31, 2025)	FTB 199 (Dec. 31, 2025)	Inspection Status	Mem. Recruiting Plan (Aug 31, 2025)	Audits				Donation To Programs	Delegate Dues	Buddy Poppy Goal	Buddy Poppies Ordered	Buddy Poppy Drive	Voice of Democracy	Patriots Pen	Teacher/LE/FF/EMT	Community Service	Veterans Assistance	Period 1 (7/1-12/31)		Period 2 (1/1-6/30)		Membership as of 6/30/2025	Division	Drives	Goal Reached
	Commander	Senior Vice Commander	Junior Vice Commander									# 1 (Due 7/30)	# 2 (Due 10/30)	# 3 (Due 1/30)	# 4 (Due 4/30)											7	4	3	4				
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Post	Community Service	VMS	Voice of Democracy	Patriot's Pen	Buddy Poppy	Membership	NLS	Day of Service Participation
5985	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	N/A	Pending

Quartermaster Financial Report:

Quartermaster (Salute) “The Monthly Report has not been submitted to the Trustees”

Post Operations BoA Checking and Savings Accounts

- VFW5985 General Operations – 2146 **\$5,254.22** Prior Meeting: **\$1,371.73**
- VFW5985 General Savings – 2706 **\$1,500.00** Prior Meeting: **\$2,050.02**

Post Schaub Investments Portfolio- 834 **\$936,799.36** Prior Meeting: **\$923,319.49**

Major Bills Paid Since Last Meeting:

- W/D Project **\$2,400**
 - Book Keeper **\$960**
 - Tax Professional **\$4200**
- Upcoming Expenses:**
- Canteen Sales Tax **\$3200**
 - New Business Items **\$1500**

Post Operations BoA Checking and Savings Accounts

- VFW5985 Canteen Operations – 2133 **\$5,234.10** Prior Meeting: **\$6,318.95**
- VFW5985 Canteen Savings – 2159 **\$3,228.26** Prior Meeting: **\$3,309.69**

Canteen Net Sales

- Canteen April Sales: **\$17,265.77** Prior Month: **\$13,643.76**

Quartermaster

Total ALL: **\$952,015.94**

Last Month: **\$936,369.88**

CHANGE: +\$15,646.06

(Salute)

“This ends my report”

Unfinished Business

- Tax Filing Update

New Business

Memorial Day First Responders

- QM Motion to donate \$300 to first responders on Memorial Day
 - (Seconded by Trustee)
 - Motion Passed Unanimously
- House Motion to add two cabinets behind bar not to exceed \$425
 - (Second is NOT Needed)
 - Motion Passed Unanimously
- House Motion to install a camera system not to exceed \$2000
 - (Second is NOT Needed)
 - Motion Passed Unanimously

Good of the Order

National Day of Service 5/17/26

- Meet at PB VFW 1PM
- Beach Cleanup
- Jr Vice Motion to buy hotdogs and snacks not to exceed \$100 and expense to drinks at Post Canteen for participants
 - (Seconded by QM)
 - Motion Passed Unanimously

VFW New Post Officers

- Name Tags have been ordered
- Business Card Sign-up

State Convention

- QM Motion to have Post (CMDR discretion) cover delegate travel cost to exceed \$5000
 - (Seconded by Jr Vice Commander)
 - Motion Passed Unanimously

National Prayer and Closing Prayer read

No further business noted, meeting adjourned.

- Adjourned at 7:34PM
- Next Post meeting on 6/11/2026 at 6:00PM