

VFW Pacific Beach Post 5985 Minutes

October 8th, 2026

Officer Roll Call:

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

Meeting Call to Order

- Officer roll call and attendee membership verification, opening prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance, meeting mission, charter, rules of order, minutes

Total Membership

Goal Members: 245 +2	Goal: 82.77%	Expiring 51 -2	
Last Year: 296	Last Month: 82.09%	Life Members 235 +0	
Since July 2023 86 New	Good Stand 295 +2	Since July 2026 3 New	UnPaid: 23 +2

New Membership Applications Since Last Meeting

- **Name: Raymond Elizalde (DOB 1988)**
 - *Branch of Service: AIR FORCE*
 - *Recruiter: Gabriel Rowin*
- **Name: James Jimenez (AGE 39)**
 - **Transfer**
 - *Recruiter: N/A*
- **Name: Andy Cuevas (AGE 47)**
 - **Transfer (LIFE)**
 - *Recruiter: N/A*

Applicants were accepted into membership by vote unanimously

Benefits Advisor and Chaplain Report:

- Benefits Advisor assisted veteran and family in need since last meeting
 - Bruce Devoe passed away while BA and CMDR assist with PTSD
 - BA moved household goods to VA for 3 days

The House Committee Report:

- House Committee Chairman Skyler Gossman update on Canteen Business
- Noise Complaint Discussion

Youth Development and Scouting Committee Report:

- Chairman Skyler Gossman

- Patriot's Pen is open to students in grades 6–8. This year's theme is "What A Veteran Taught Me About America," and entries are due October 31, 2026.

Co-Chair (Scouting): Ben Wainwright

- Troop 506 membership is 70+ and growing. We are also getting ready for the annual Camporee this weekend at Mataguay. Will be fun!
- We are in the process of forming a 3rd scouting group; 506 Venture Scouts (ages 14-21) for older scouts who will do even more higher adventure activities. Will start small (~10ish scouts) but excited to see what it could turn into.
- Will need VFW Post approval to charter 506 VC but will let you know when the time comes.

Surgeon Jeremiah Simmons

- Nothing to report

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, 2026)	Proof of Eligibility			QM Bond (Aug. 31, 2026)	School of Instruction (April 1, 2027)	Service Officer Trng	Post Liability Ins. (Sept. 30, 2026)	IRS 990 (Dec. 31, 2026)	FTB 199 (Dec. 31, 2026)	Inspection Status	Mem. Recruiting Plan (Sept 1, 2026)	Audits				Donation To Programs	Delegate Dues	Buddy Poppy Goal	Buddy Poppies Ordered	Buddy Poppy Drive	Voice of Democracy	Patriots Pen	Teacher/LE/FF/EMT	Period 1 (7/1-12/31)		Period 2 (1/1-6/10)		Membership as of July 2026	Division	Drives	Goal Reached
	Commander	Senior Vice Commander	Junior Vice Commander																												
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Post	Community Service	NVS	DPAA	Voice of Democracy	Patriot's Pen	Teacher Award	Buddy Poppy	Membership	NLS	Day of Service Participation
5985	Unmet ①	Met	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	N/A	Unmet

Quartermaster Financial Report:

Quartermaster (Salute) "The Quarterly Audithas been submitted tothe Trustees"

Post OperationsBoA Checking and Savings Accounts

- VFW5985 General Operations – 2146 **\$2,617.18** Prior Meeting: **\$824.37**
- VFW5985 General Savings – 2706 **\$1,000.00** Prior Meeting: **\$2,000.02**

Post Schaub Investments Portfolio– 834 **\$959,390.10** Prior Meeting: **\$954,078.29**

Major Bills Paid Since Last Meeting:

- Property Tax **\$2033**
- Camera System **\$1282**

Upcoming Expenses:

- Sales Tax (Canteen) **\$4800**
- N/A **\$0**

Post OperationsBoA Checking and Savings Accounts

- VFW5985 Canteen Operations – 2133 **\$5,745.64** Prior Meeting: **\$6,733.71**
- VFW5985 Canteen Savings – 2159 **\$6,772.08** Prior Meeting: **\$2,743.45**

Canteen Net Sales

- Canteen September Sales: **\$21,016.22** Prior Month: **\$21,736.06**

Quartermaster

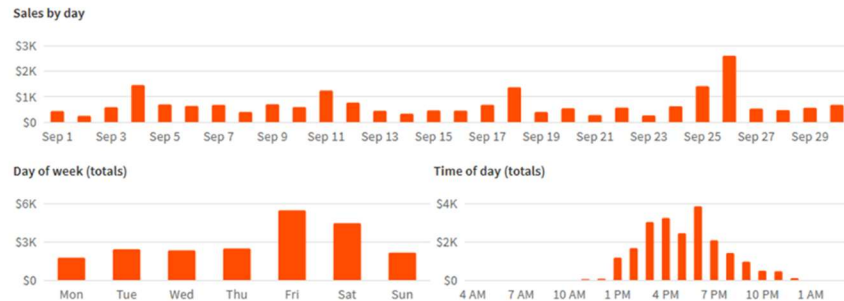
Total ALL: **\$975,523.00**

Last Month: **\$959,485.25**

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(Salute)

“This ends my report”



Unfinished Business

Tax Update

- QM is engaged with the tax professional

New Business

New Post Bylaws

- New Draft is posted on Website and Bulletin Board
 - Change from Service Officer to Benefits Advisor
 - 20 Day Review. Vote to Adopt next Meeting

Old ATM

- House Committee Motion to recycle old ATM in CONEX
 - (Discussion (Second Not Needed))
 - Motion Approved

Canteen Bar Top Replacement

- House Committee Motion to start bar top replacement project
 - Contractor bids need by December House Committee meeting
 - (Discussion (Second Not Needed))
 - Motion Approved

Good of the Order

Post Veterans Day Event

- QM Motion to spent up to \$600 for Veteran Day Event
 - Seconded by Post Chaplain and will cover \$400 extra if needed
 - Motion Approved

National Prayer and Closing Prayer read

No further business noted, meeting adjourned.

- Adjourned at 7:12PM
- Next Post meeting on 11/12/2026 at 6:00PM