



The American Legion  
 Robert F. McDermott Post 309  
 P.O. Box 884  
 Helotes, Texas 78023



## Special Membership Meeting Jun 12, 2025 Minutes

A special meeting of The American Legion, Robert F. McDermott Post 309 of Helotes, Texas was held at the VFW Post 7108 meeting hall on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 7:00 pm., for the purpose of installing the 2024-2025 elected officers. The Commander being in the chair and the Adjutant being present. The meeting was called to order by Donato Rios Jr.

**OPENING CEREMONY:** was conducted by Commander Don Rios

**ROLL CALL:** A quorum was confirmed with the officers and members in attendance as follows:

- **OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Commander -----	Donato Rios Jr.
First Vice Commander -----	Robert Dieguez
Second Vice Commander -----	Joe Young- <b><u>Excused</u></b>
Adjutant -----	Ron Allman
Finance Officer -----	John Brouse- <b><u>Excused</u></b>
Service Officer -----	Rand M. Smith
Chaplain -----	Mark Ochoa
Sergeant at Arms -----	Willis Gray III
Historian -----	Don Showmaker - <b><u>Excused</u></b>
Executive Committee Member -----	Karen Stark
Executive Committee Member -----	Richard Baldwin
Executive Committee Member -----	Kerry Tschirhart- <b><u>Excused</u></b>
Executive Committee Member -----	Deric Schmitt- <b><u>Excused</u></b>

- **MEMBERS PRESENT:** There were Twenty One (21) members in attendance.
- **GUESTS PRESENT:** Eric Mayer, 20<sup>th</sup> District Commander, plus two other guests were in attendance.

*(See Attached Sign-in Sheets)*

**INITIATION:** Two (2) new member Mark Jordan and Garret Radigan were initiated into the post.

This being a special meeting for the initiation of officers, the presentation of reports and the conduct of business was deferred until the next General Member Meeting to be held on July 10, 2024.



**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:** 20<sup>th</sup> District Commander Eric Mayer presided over the installation ceremony. The 2024-2025 Officers were relieved of their duties and the 2025-2026 Post 309 Officers were installed. Officers installed include:

- Commander ----- Donato Rios Jr.
- First Vice Commander ----- Don Hammond
- Second Vice Commander ----- Kelly Spicer
- Adjutant----- Carlos Vela
- Finance Officer ----- John “JJ” Carreras
- Service Officer ----- Rand M Smith
- Sergeant At Arms ----- Willis Gray III
- Chaplain ----- Mark Ochoa Jr.
- Judge Advocate----- Scott Guller
- Historian ----- Robert Dieguez
- Executive Committee Member ----- Karen Stark
- Executive Committee Member ----- Ron Allman
- Executive Committee Member ----- Ken Derr
- Executive Committee Member ----- Don Showmaker – (To be sworn in later)

**POST COMMANDERS COMMENTS:** Commander Don Rios spoke about the Posts’ accomplishments for this last year and programs that will be going forward next year.

**20<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COMMANDERS COMMENTS:** Commander Eric Mayer congratulated Post 309 and talked about the 20<sup>th</sup> District was recognized as One of only three districts where all posts achieved 100% membership and, compared to other districts our size, we are first in the nationally in terms of membership. He noted that posts with successful programs have increased membership and to keep up the good work.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Karen Stark stated that she has pocket copies of the constitution available for members if they want one
- Karen Stark presented a note from a retired veteran in Helotes supporting our mission and presented a cheque for \$1000. He will be seeking membership
- The next General Membership Meeting will be held at VFW Post 7108 meeting hall on July 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm.
- There will be a cake cutting to celebrate the US Army’s’ 250<sup>th</sup> birthday at the end of the meeting

**CLOSING CEREMONY:** Was performed by Commander Donato Rios

There being no further matters of business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm by Commander Donato Rios Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Allman, Outgoing Adjutant  
American Legion Post 309  
Helotes, Texas



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**SIGN-IN SHEET**

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Initials	Name
	Addison, Edward
	Allen, Billy
<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>	Allman, Ronald
	Ambrosino, Rose
	Andrews, Mary
	Angeles, Manuel
	Armijo, Albert
	Arnett, Alesa
	Arnett, Mark
	Atchison, Knowles
	Babb, Mike
	Badillo, Daniel
<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>	Baldwin, Richard
	Barbera, Vincent
	Barclay, Jr, Charles
	Benninger, Michael
	Bergstedt, Kurt
	Blackwell, John
	Blancas, Sr, Mario
	Bleier, Michael
	Boatman, Jr, Thomas
	Bojar, Kevin
	Bomhack, Thomas
	Bonaparte, Christina
	Bowden, James
	Bozek, III, Edwin
	Breazeale, Barbara
	Breazeale, Joshua
	Brett, Jeremy
	Bridges, Robert
	Brouse, Jason
	Brouse, Jesse
	Brouse, Jr, John
	Bryant, Joe
	Buckley, Brian
	Bumgardner, William
	Burn, William
	Calton, Dallas
	CAMACHO, JUAN
	Camacho, Luis
	Cano, Raul
	Caputo, Richard
<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>	Cardenas, Jose
	Cardenas, JR, Luis

Initials	Name
	Carlton, John
	Carmona, Michael
<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>	Carreras, John
	Carter, Wayne
	Castillo, Luis
	Chavez, Gilbert
	Chesterfield, Hilton
	Christy, Robert
	Clemenshaw, Michael
	Coe, Tony
	Conway, Garry
	Cordero, Sedelia
	Correa, Angel
	Cuellar-Garcia, Mario
	Dalton, Joel
	Dalton, Linda
	Dalum, Elizabeth
	De La Rosa, Marco
	De La Rue, David
	Decorte, Mark
	Delmonaco, Edward
	Demaree, James
	Denn, John
	Dennis, Timothy
<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>	Derr, Kenneth
	Dieguez, Linda
<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>	Dieguez, Robert
	Domke, Warren
	Donnelly, John
	Donner, Laurence
	Duarte, Martin
	Dudley, Charles "chuck"
	Esparza, Amanda
	Estlack, Joe
	Fanning, Aaron
	Ferrell, Jr, John
	Field, Charles
	Fierro, Norberto
	Flores, Aaron
	Flores, Gerald
	Foersterling, Martin
	Foley, Brian
	Foley, Philip
	Fonseca, Amy

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Initials	Name
	Galvan, Roberto
	Garcia, Alejandro
	Garcia, David
<i>LG</i>	Garcia, Eric
	Garcia, Miguel
	Garcia-Santiago, Jose
	Gearhart, Norris
	Geist, Robert
<i>JB</i>	George, James
	Gilmore, Larry
	Gilmour, Michael
	Glazier, Paul
	Gober, Jamie
	Goguen, Donna
	Golightly, Kenneth
	Gonzales, Robert
	Gonzalez, Amador
	Gonzalez, James
	Goodspeed, Fred
	Gordon, Donald
	Graham, Emanuel
	Graham, Walter
<i>WSTW</i>	Gray, III, Willis
	Gray, Margarita
	Griffin, David
	Guerra, Daniel
	Guerra, Jorge
	Guerra, PHD, Robert
	Guerrero, Gwendolyn
	Guerrero, Julio
<i>RB</i>	Guerrero, Rodney
	Guller, Scott
	Guzman, Jesus
	Hadden, John
	Hale, James
<i>DAW</i>	Hamilton, James
	Hammond, Don
	Hammond, Ralph
	Hampton, George
	Henry, Richard
	Hernandez, JR, Danniel
	Hernandez, SR, Danniel
	Hinshaw, Donald
	Howard, Phillip
	Jasso, Arnulfo
	Jermunson, Deborah
	Jewell, Jeff
	Johnson, Chris
	Johnson, Grant

Initials	Name
	Johnston, Robin
	Joiner, Michael
	Jordan, Mark
	Jordan, Michelle
	Juarez, Mike
	Kantor, Martha
	Kantor, Michael
	Keller, Charles
	Keller, JR, Gail
	Kephart, John
	Killpack, Reese
	Killpack, Sheila
	Kinzinger, Dustin
	Knowland, Ollie
	Kottwitz, David
	Kowald, Barry
	Lafave, Randall
	Larin, Moris
	Lewis, Stephen
	Livingston, Lanny
	Llamas, Jr, Oscar
	Lojewski, David
	Long, Kenneth
	Lopardi, Bart
	Lucas, Chris
	Ludwick, Jeffrey
	Ludwick, Judy
	Mabins, Willie
	Maldonado, Jr, Dan
	Mandato, Dominick
	Manning, Lori
	Mannone, William
	Manrique, Madeleno
	Martin, Rodger
	Martinez, Jesse
	Martinez, Pedro
	Maynard, Judy
	Maynard, Ken
	McHenry, Brad
	Menard, Michael
	Mendoza, Marcos
	Meuse, Sr, Richard
	Meyer, Andrew
	Miller, Carolann
	Miller, Chris
	Miller, Ernest
	Miller, Jeffrey
	Miller, Marvin
	Miller, Paul

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	Mills, James
	Mitchell, Chevana
	Moralez, Eric
	Moralez, Nicolas
	Morrow, Jr, Raymond
	Murphy, Ned
	Nadeau, Thomas
	Nedelin, Dmitry
	Negley, Terrence
	Nelson, Jr, Elisha
	Obiedo, Adrian
AD	Ochoa, JR, Mark
	Olmo, Edward
	Orecchio, Michael
	Ortiz, David
	Ortiz, Josue
	Ortiz, Toni
	Parks, Ronald
	Payne, Tarquennis
	Peralta, Freddie
	Peterson, Alan
	Portele, Michael
	Portillo, Leonilo
	Quates, Lisa
	Radigan, Garrett
	Ramirez, Angelica
	Ramirez, Robert
	Rand, James
	Raymond, Carlos
	Reed, Randall
JA	Rendon, Guadalupe "coach"
	Rendon, Jose
	Rich, Curtis
	Ridenour, Jessica
	Riojas, Roy
	Rios, Jr, Donato
	Rivas, Ernest
	Roach, JR, Delius
	Rocco, Dominic
	Roeth, Charles
	Rogers, Daniel
	Romero, Victor
	Rundquist, Robert
	Ryan, Richard
	Saavedra, Sergio
	Salas, Richard
	Saldana, Moses
	Sanders, Craig

Initials	Name
	Santillanes, Phillip
	Sawyer, Thomas
	Scepanski, Dave
	Scepkowski, William
	Schmitt, Deric
	Scott, James
	Shafer, William
	Shaw, Gary
	Sherman, David
	Shipp, Leslie
	Showmaker, Donald
	Simich, Alexander
	Skillrud, Gene
	Slania, Kyle
	Small, Scott
	Smelt, Brittney
	Smith, Iii, Bernard
	Smith, Rand
	Smith, Walter
	Sonnichsen, Cade
	Sothorn, Joel
	Spicer, Kelly
	Stark, Karen
	Stengel, JR, George (Dick)
	Stephenson, Mark
	Stevens, Mark
	Stout, Roy
	Subirias, Roger
	Surber, Olen
	Tamayo, Jose
	Theil, Joachim Herbert Erich
	Thompson, Robert
	Toole, James
	Torres, Daniel
	Tschirhart, Kerry
	Uribe, Javier
	Vanecek, Robert
	Vardeman, Bobby
	Vela, Carlos
	Velasquez, Jose
	Verdoza, Monica
	Vinton, Paul
	Viola, Steven
	Warren, Robert
	Wayt, Daniel
	Webber, Rolando
	Weiss, Harry (Dave)
	Welch, Steven

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	Wells, Nathan
	West, JR, Robert
	West, SR, Robert
	Williams, Scott
	Williamson, Walter
	Wilson, Kris

<i>Initials</i>	<i>Name</i>
	Wilson, Mark
	Wydra, Mark
	Ybarra, Eduardo
	Young, Joseph

<b>Guests / Visitors</b> <i>(Please Print)</i>	<b>Organization</b> <i>(If Applicable)</i>
Eric Mayer	20 <sup>th</sup> District/CC
Paul SINGLETON	
Mark Jordan	VFW 7108 SVCommand

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