

The regular monthly meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Murrells Inlet Post 10420 was held on Saturday, August 15, 2026, at 1005 am at the VFW Post 10420 Social Hall: The Commander being in the chair and the adjutant present.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Present: Commander Sal Salvino; Sr Vice Commander Frank Bazen; Jr Vice Commander James Horne; Quartermaster/Adjutant Karen Collins; Chaplain Bill Pullar; 1-year trustee Warren Cooper; 2-year trustee Buck Rogers; 3-year Trustee Victor Pohan; Judge Advocate Bob Thompson; Surgeon Don Urban; Benefits Advisor, Doug Paley; Officer of the Day John McDowel; Sargeant at Arms Bill Feick; House Chair John Greenhill

Excused: Sr Vice, Frank Bazen; Jr Vice, James Horne; Chaplain, Bill Pullar; Officer of the Day, John McDowell; Sargeant at Arms, Bill Feick.

Two guests were present – District 7 Commander, Greg Lee and District 7 Chief of Staff, Bill LaMont.

MEMBERSHIP: 28 members present (sign-in sheets attached).

MINUTES: July's meeting Minutes were included in the meeting reminder sent out by the Commander. Motion by Comrade Urban to accept Minutes as posted. Seconded. Unanimous pass.

QUARTERMASTER: As of 7/31/2026: VFW Post **general fund** \$38,856 / receipts \$15,557/ disbursements **\$9,004**; First Citizens **General Fund** \$16,380 (receipts \$9,212/ disbursements **\$16,966**); VFW Post **Relief Fund** \$4,534 (receipts \$250); **Canteen fund** \$23,376 (\$36,261 receipts /disbursements **\$40,031**); Memorial fund \$6,109 **Short-Term CD** \$35,000 – cash balance this period: \$124,256. Comrade Woods motioned to accept report pending trustee audit. Seconded. Unanimous pass.

CORRESPONDENCE: Adjutant read a letter from our newly-hired CPA, Gail Pohl.

TRUSTEES: Comrade Pohan reported in July the trustees checked the money that goes into the bank. Six days of in-depth investigation were performed. Next month, they will be working on a directory of information for the Post.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Comrade Greenhill reported the walkway bid will be awarded after this meeting. Carpet cleaning on 23 August 26 supervised by Comrade Ken Arvisais. Coin drop was another success, and the next one will be September 12th at 0930 hours. Comrade Greenhill thanked everyone for their support.

Commander made remarks and urged all members if they want to complain to get involved. If you have something to say get involved, come to a meeting and raise it at the meeting. Change is happening at the post and the processes don't always come full circle. Commander is the main person for putting things on the calendar. If you have a complaint, problem, situation fill out an incident report. Please watch social media, if you see something that doesn't belong there, please let someone know.

PLANNING COMMITTEE: Jr Vice absent no update given.

COMRADES IN DISTRESS: None.

MEMBERSHIP: 1 new VFW voted on and approved. 2 new social memberships. Motion made by Comrade Urban to accept new members. Seconded. Unanimous pass.

OLD BUSINESS:

- QM discussed the status of everything the CPA has done in July and August for the Post. She shared the invoice and a printout of the 990s. The 2024 and 2025 990s will be in the office for members to review.
- Insurance Our new policy was issued on 7/20/2026. The Post paid the full rate for 2026-2027 and not financed.
- Solar Panels – Judge Advocate gave update after reviewing contract. The guests from Little River have the same panels. It was suggested that we get address updated and proceed from there. Commander Greenhill motioned to put in committee with Trustees, Finance and House Committee. Seconded. Passed unanimously.
- Porch build-out – commander working on donations for this.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bids for walkway was \$2,450 motion on the floor previously for up to \$3,000. It was previously motioned, seconded and passed.
- Conversation started about how to spend the \$35,000 donation. Commander suggested \$1,000 to Memorial and Relief fund. Comrade Cotton suggested some of the money go towards to paying the loan. Commander Greenhill made a motion to get with the finance committee to see what we can do about the loan on the property. Seconded. Passed unanimous. There was ongoing discussion by Comrade Cotton regarding the extra money made at the bar because of the increase in prices. He made a comparison between Post 10420 and Post 6444 (Georgetown). The QM reminded him that all money made at the bar/canteen stays in the canteen/bar – none of this money is deposited to the post. In regards to the post comparison, she reminded him that 6444 has much less overhead and very few employees so the comparison wasn't really a true comparison. Plan and schedule a membership recruiting event.
- Comrade Landrum discussed JROTC and needing \$550 to support the four schools in this area. Motion made for \$550 for JROTC for next year. Seconded. Unanimously passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- District meeting next Saturday at 10 am.
- Senior Vice has resigned and that position is open. Commander wants Junior Vice to stay in their current position because he is doing a great job in that role. Comrade Cotton mentioned Jr Vice was interested in the position. There was ensuing discussion over the position; Commander will follow-up with the Jr Vice.
- Bricks are available to support the Monument. Cutoff for these will be the 1st week of November.
- QM discussed how the QM positions will work going forward. Comrade Cotton raised issues with it; he brought up the 60-day temporary QM per bylaws. This only applies when a QM resigns or leaves their post without notification – our present QM has not resigned nor left her position. The QM stated that she has the approval of the State Quartermaster to have an assistant. The State Quartermaster is also aware that the QM will be moving out of state.
- Commander presented All-American certificate for the Post. There is a ribbon on flag also representing All-American.
- Still have challenge coins and license plates are available at bar.

- One truckload of goods for the VA Clinic was delivered; we are accepting donations until the end of August.

SAFETY BRIEF: General awareness; report suspicious behavior. Look out for fellow members. Act responsibly in all public areas. Monitor alcohol consumption. Report spills, damage, any hazards. Comply with facility rules.

NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS and INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. None.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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