

**The Minutes of the VFW Post 10225  
Garner, NC**

May 13, 2025

Joint Meeting:

- The joint meeting of VFW Post 10225 and its Auxiliary was called to order at 1900 hours by Cmdr Jesse Mendoza. The opening prayer was led by Bob Carter and the pledge was given by all.
- Guests for the evening were our VOD and Patriot's Pen winners who were introduced and given their awards. Each student present read their entry.
  - VOD winners: Annaliese M. Alston (1<sup>st</sup> place), Javin J. Comeau (2<sup>nd</sup> place)
  - Patriot's Pen winners: Cecilia Irwin 1<sup>st</sup> place, Sophie Cwik (2<sup>nd</sup> place), Andre Alston (3<sup>rd</sup> place)

Auxiliary and Canteen – Teena

- The new themes for next year are (both are the same):
  - VOD: “How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?”
  - PP: “How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?”
- Members in distress:
  - Roxanne had shoulder surgery on Apr 18 and is home now
  - Etta had surgery last Friday and is home now
  - Helen will be going in for surgery on her foot before our June meeting
- Memorial Day events:
  - Wednesday at 6<sup>PM</sup> place the flags at veteran's section of Montlawn
  - Tours at the Garner Veterans Memorial from 8:30-noon
  - 11:00<sup>AM</sup> at Montlawn for our program
- Next VA visit will be Bingo on Wednesday May 21. Call Jeff if you want to share a ride
- June 10 will be the next nursing home visits, starting at Lawndale and splitting up from there.
- Durham VA needs assisting getting veterans to their chapel services on Sundays from 9-11<sup>AM</sup>.
- The Dept reporting systems for the new year is up and running again. Get items from 4/16 forward entered.
- Dept Convention is June 12-16 in Greensboro. This is where our Anna Holm goes in as State President.
- June 21 – the Aux is going to do a Wing fundraiser from 3-7<sup>PM</sup> A dozen wings, including sides for \$15. No pre-order needed, but let us know by June 14 so we have enough wings.
- Rifle raffle is May 26<sup>th</sup>.
- We had a Post cleanup day around the property. There were about 10 members who came to help.
- We have added additional parking out back. Do not block the entrance to the field.
- Anna will be doing a Memorial Day service at Varina (where she lives) and will give out flags with Poppies and will put out a poppy donation can also.
- Last weekend we had the American Infidels fund raiser
- We got rid of all the leftover candy from Halloween during the Easter “EggStravaganza.”

The joint meeting ended at 1927 hours.

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The Post Business meeting was called to order at 2035 hours by Commander Jessie Mendoza with 12 members present.

**Roll Call:** All officers were present except for the following who were excused: Kevin Plewniak, Chris Vilano, and Mark Povondra.

**Applications:** One application was presented. Goose made the motion to accept him, seconded by Bob. He was approved.

- Eric Thayer, Afghanistan and Iraq Army Sgt. veteran
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**Minutes:** The minutes for the April meeting were read and approved.

**Quartermaster Report:** The financial reports for the Post and the Canteen for April were given by Terry Chatfield. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Matt to approve the reports pending audit. Motion approved.

**Correspondence:** Nothing

**Committee reports:**

- **Service Officer Report** – The following
  - There were no requests for last
- **House Committee Report:**
  - Tina came up with a new form for events held at the Post. One of the items added is that if additional bartenders are needed, the hosting organization pays the cost of hiring them for a minimum of 4 hours.
- **Finance Report:** done by the Edwards Jones person last month,
- **Comrades in distress:** done at joint meeting
- **Investment cmte:**

**National Home Prayer:** – Prayer was given by Bob Carter.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Branding Bling Sales: no update at this point
- Ben gave us a look at the new website: They have a website created, items on the original website were transferred over. And they are looking for pictures to use on the site. So far, it contains:
  - links to other sites, (National, Dept of VA, myHealthyVet, VA benefit guide, etc.)
  - List of officers
  - Calendar for the Post activities (automatically added to the website as items are added.
  - History of the Post
  - Eligibility
  - Can be converted to a mobile app, so viewing on a phone can be done.
  - We have to contact the old website hosts to get the domain turned off. Need facebook page rights
  - Electric bill for Buddy which was tabled a few months ago, can now be paid. The bill is for \$186.66. Goose moved that we pay the bill, seconded by Mike. Motion approved,
- Nominations of officers was reopened, and the following were elected:

Cmdr – Ben Hernandez	Surgeon – appointed by Cmdr
Sr. Vice – Mike Plocar	Service Officer – appointed by Cmdr
Jr. Vice – Bob Mallit	1 yr Trustee – Chandler Smith
Qtr Master – Terry Chatfield	2 yr Trustee – Kevin Plewniak
Adjutant – Terry Chatfield	3 yr Trustee – Ann Simpson
Chaplain - Bob Carter	House Cmte – Matt Cross, Bob Carter, Bill Garrison,
Judge Adv - appointed by Cmdr	Mike Plocar

**New Business:**

- The charter was un-draped

**Good of the Order:** nothing

Respectively submitted,  
Terry Chatfield, Adjutant