

## Richmond County American Legion Minutes of December 19<sup>th</sup> 2025

The meeting was called to order at 18:41 by Commander Mark Kelly. The roll call was taken and noted. A motion to accept the minutes as distributed was seconded and passed. Membership: Paul Dietrich reports the membership now stands at 90.4% of goal. Commander Kelly reports he received a letter from Gary Schacher stating 18 more US service member remains have been repatriated. Interfaith Lunch: Jamie Gonzalez reports there will be two guest speakers at the Four Chaplains Interfaith Lunch including Coast Guard Commander Walter Davis Jr. So far there are 55 confirmed attendees and expects about 80, the cost for the lunch is \$75 per person. A multi flag holder should be ready in time for the event and Jamie is trying to a color guard from the Sea Cadets. 2<sup>nd</sup> District Oratorical Contest chairman Al Klingele reports the District contest will be held at the Elks on Richmond Ave. on January 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM. A bus for the polar bear plunge is available at Gold Star Post, muster at 9:00 and returns at 1:00 PM. A motion by Dept. Vice Commander Anthony Giuliani to suspend the normal order of business to celebrate the holiday season was seconded by Al Klingele and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:52

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frank LaMarsh, PDC  
County Adjutant.

**Note: Due to the Department Mid-winter Conference the next County meeting will be at 10:00 AM on Friday January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Cespino Russo Post.**