



CHARLES E. MURRAY AMERICAN LEGION POST 186

12091 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, Florida 34613-7350
(352) 597-9995 | MyAmericanLegion186@gmail.com | flpost186.org

Meeting of the E-Board – February 27, 2025

Sergeant-At-Arms: Secured the Meeting Room

Meeting Called to Order: Commander Pat Sharpe called the meeting to order at 4 pm.

Members in attendance: 16

Guests in attendance: 2

Past Commander Jack Perz
Sue Moriarty

Hand Salute

Opening Prayer: Chaplain LaRosa delivered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: 1st Vice Commander Moriarty let the Pledge

Commander: Officially declares meeting convened at

Roll Call of Officers

Commander	Pat Sharpe	PRESENT
1st Vice Commander	Tom Moriarity **	PRESENT
2nd Vice Commander	Jim Sales	PRESENT
Finance Officer	Mike Cray **	PRESENT
Post Adjutant *	Jeff Rogers	PRESENT
PR/Historian	VACANT	N/A
Sergeant-at-Arms	Kent Hogeland	PRESENT
Chaplain *	Joe LaRosa	PRESENT
Judge Advocate *	Keith Hines **	PRESENT
Post Service Officer *	Eric Hollinger	PRESENT
Past Commander	Don St. Pierre	EXCUSED

* Non-Voting Officer/Member of the E-Board

** To be confirmed at next General Membership Meeting

Roll Call of E-Board (7 Members):

Jeff Conlan	PRESENT	Tom McCain	PRESENT
Dave Crofut	PRESENT	Howard Smith	PRESENT
Rich Juneau	PRESENT	VACANT	
		VACANT	

Roll Call of Managers / Committee Chairs

Office Manager	VACANT	
Canteen Manager	Kelly Acker	PRESENT
House Committee Chair	Terry O'Brien	PRESENT

Quorum Verified? YES

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Adjutant Jeff Rogers presented the minutes from previous meetings for approval:

February 6 General Membership Meeting Minutes — **Motion to approve** by Tom McCain, **seconded** by Keith Hines. **Motion passed.**

February 12 Emergency Board Meeting Minutes — **Motion to approve** by Terry O'Brien, **seconded** by Keith Hines. **Motion passed.**

February 18 Emergency Board Meeting Minutes — **Motion to approve** by Jeff Conlan, **seconded** by Keith Hines. **Motion passed.**

Correspondence Review

Adjutant Jeff Rogers reviewed the correspondence received since the last E-Board meeting:

GlenLakes Grant Request: Glen Lakes Veterans Organization denied our grant request due to restrictions on funding structural improvements.

Donation Request: A \$500 donation request from Heroes United to Heal Foundation was presented. No motion was made.

Veterans with Pets Organization: A correction to their previously submitted mission briefing was received and acknowledged.

Officers' Reports:

Commander: Commander Pat Sharpe reported a representative from Hemando County Hope, Lisa, requested to speak at a future meeting regarding their assistance for homeless Veterans. **Motion** to invite her for a 15-minute presentation at the March 6 General Membership Meeting was made by Jeff Conlan, **seconded** by Kent Hogeland. **Motion passed.**

1st Vice Commander: 1st Vice Commander Tom Moriarty reported that the current number of paid members is 845, which is 80.6% of the goal. He also encourages members to renew in person instead of online to speed up processing.

2nd Vice Commander: 2nd Vice Commander Jim Sales reported he has 10 people signed up ready to join our soon-to-be renewed Riders Chapter. He also gave a public thanks to the Commander's wife for assisting with securing entertainment.

Post Adjutant: Before beginning his report, Adjutant Jeff Rogers requested Commander Sharpe officially introduce the newly appointed Office Manager, Sue Moriarty. Sue was welcomed by the E-Board.

Adjutant Jeff Rogers reported that the Post website is functioning smoothly and updates are still being rolled out. Additionally, he was contacted by David Watson,

who still requires a membership card. Mr. Watson's membership was confirmed. Tom Moriarty will follow up.

A big thank you goes to Terry O'Brien for addressing a vital facility repair.

Finance Officer:

Finance Officer Mike Cray reported the following:

- General Fund Balance: \$48,004.15
- Lottery Fund: \$3,874
- Queen of Hearts Fund: \$7,000

Cray is preparing a profit and loss report to enhance financial transparency.

A motion to approve the Finance Report for as reported was made by Keith Hines and **seconded** by Jeff Conlan. **The motion passed.**

Judge Advocate: Judge Advocate Keith Hines had nothing to report.

Post Service Officer: Service Officer Eric Hollinger provided several key updates regarding his activities:

Successful Steak Shoots:

- Eric chaired four steak shoots, which were all well-attended and successful.
- Acknowledged donations from Hearts, specifically around 20 pounds of meat.

Veteran Assistance:

- Met with 14 Veterans or their spouses seeking assistance with claims.
- Referred these individuals to the County Veterans Service Officer (VSO) for further support.

Legal and Notary Services:

- Visited Aspire Rehabilitation to notarize paperwork for a disabled Veteran.
- Assisted a Veteran's daughter with documentation related to disability factors.
- Received \$40 cash donation, which he turned into a check and submitted to Finance Officer Mike Clay.

Chaplain: Chaplain Joe LaRosa had nothing to report.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Sgt-At-Arms Kent Hogeland had nothing to report.

Historian/PR: N/A

House Committee Chair: Chairman Terry O'Brien reported that recent repairs included fixing electrical issues and adjusting doors. Ongoing facility improvements are currently under review.

Office Manager: Sue Moriarty had nothing to report.

Canteen Manager: Kelly Acker reported on changes **from the beer distributor:** Delivery is now bi-weekly, necessitating larger orders. The **kitchen will** be closed on Sundays due to lack of sales. There was a discussion about alternative Sunday activities to maintain bar revenue, such as poker or a DJ. A motion to explore Sunday event options was tabled for later discussion. Kelly also announced that on March 17th, the post will be serving corned beef and cabbage as a special meal, running from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The meal will be priced at \$13, including corned beef, cabbage, and a dinner roll.

Old Business:

Election Process Review:

- First round of nominations set for March 6 General Membership Meeting.
- Elections scheduled for May 28, with absentee ballot requests due by May 15.

E-Board Vacancies: Eric Hollinger and Annie Mytnik have been appointed as Interim E-Board members by Commander Sharpe – to be confirmed at next General Membership Meeting.

New Business:

Boys State: Judge Advocate Keith Hines reports the Post has two candidates from Nature Coast High School for participation in Boys State. Interviews are scheduled next week. SAL is covering the cost of the involvement (\$500+), and candidates will return to share their experiences.

Reinstatement Requests

- **Dennis Gladcovich:** **Motion** to lift his suspension made by Tom McCain, **seconded** by Keith Hines. **Motion passed.**
- **Bruce Carl:** Motion to reinstate on a 90-day probation period failed due to lack of a second.

Lotto Program Discontinuation: Due to financial losses, a **motion** to discontinue the lottery program was made by Pat Sharpe, **seconded** by Keith Hines. **Motion passed.**

Entertainment Hours: **Motion** to maintain entertainment hours at 6:00 PM — 9:00 PM was made by Kelly Acker, **seconded** by Tom Moriarty. **Motion passed.**

Cover Charge for Saturday Night Bands: **Motion** to propose a \$3 cover charge for approval at the next General Membership Meeting was made by Keith Hines, **seconded** by Pat Sharpe. **Motion passed.**

Purchase of a New Safe: Motion to purchase a new digital safe for \$850 was made by Pat Sharpe, **seconded** by Keith Hines. **Motion passed.**

Meeting Time Confirmation: Motion to maintain E-Board meetings at 4:00 PM and General Membership meetings at 6:00 PM was made by Jeff Conlan, **seconded** by Kent Hogeland. **Motion passed.**

For the Good of the Legion:

The next General Meeting will be on March 6, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

The next E-Board meeting will be on March 27, 2025, at 4:00 pm.

Closing Prayer: Delivered by Chaplain Joe LaRosa

Hand Salute

Meeting Adjourned at 5:16 pm by Commander Pat Sharpe.