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General Membership Meeting Minutes – July 3, 2025

Sergeant-At-Arms: Secures the Meeting Room

Meeting Called to Order: The Commander calls the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer: The acting Chaplain delivered the Invocation

POW/MIA Empty Chair: Ceremony conducted

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by 1st Vice Commander

Preamble: Recited by all members in attendance

Commander: Officially declares meeting convened

Roll Call of Officers

Commander	Pat Sharpe	PRESENT
1st Vice Commander	Tom Moriarty	PRESENT
2nd Vice Commander	Jim Sales	PRESENT
Finance Officer	Mike Cray	PRESENT
Post Adjutant *	Jeff Rogers	ABSENT
PR/Historian	VACANT	N/A
Sergeant-at-Arms	Kevin Connor	PRESENT
Chaplain *	VACANT	N/A
Judge Advocate *	Keith Hines	PRESENT
Post Service Officer *	Jeff Conlan	PRESENT
Past Commander	Don St. Pierre	PRESENT

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

Roll Call of E-Board (7 Members):

VACANT		Tom McCain	PRESENT
Dave Crofut	PRESENT	Howard Smith	PRESENT
Rich Juneau	ABSENT	Eric Hollinger	PRESENT
		Ann Mytnik	PRESENT

Roll Call of Managers / Committee Chairs

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

Quorum Verified? YES

Approval of Minutes

The E-Board-approved *General Membership Meeting Minutes* dated **June 5, 2025**, are brought before the General Membership for approval. **A Motion** to accept the minutes as written was made by Keith Hints and seconded by Tom Moriarty. **Motion Passed.**

The *E-Board Meeting Minutes* dated **June 26, 2025**, are brought to the General Membership for approval. **A Motion** to accept the minutes as written was made by Keith Hints and seconded by Tom Moriarty. **Motion Passed.**

Correspondence Review: NTR

Officers' Reports:

Commander: Pat Sharpe discussed a call he received regarding the annual payment for the softball team sponsorship. This item was discussed at the last eBoard meeting, and the \$300 payment has been sent.

Pat also discussed an opportunity for a free NARCAN class, which has been offered to our membership. More information will be shared once the session is scheduled.

Pat also raised concerns regarding the Facebook "Social" group, which had been created and managed by a former member, resulting in unclear and excessive administrative access. Members expressed worries about liability, misuse of the post's name and logo, and the inability to control content or identify administrators. After discussing possible actions, the group agreed to shut down the unauthorized social media page and create a new, official page.

A Motion to create a new page to be managed with strict oversight, limiting administrative access to just three officers: the PR/historian, first vice, and adjutant, was made by Keith Hines, seconded by Skip Goodwin. **Motion Passed.** This decision was made to ensure proper control, protect the post's reputation, and prevent similar issues in the future.

1st Vice Commander: Tom Moriarty reminded the attendees that the 2026 Membership Cards are available. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the proposed increase in membership dues by \$3. This topic will be discussed further in future eBoard meetings.

2nd Vice Commander: NTR

Post Adjutant: N/A

Finance Officer:

Mike Cray reported that the General Fund (Regions Bank) has a balance of \$42,901.19, while the Truist Account holds \$32,778.58 and the Building Fund contains \$7,700. The Queen of Hearts Account stands at \$18,520.32, with a profit of \$6,000 to \$7,000 so far. For the month, total sales were approximately \$31,600, contributing to a gross income of \$63,000. The cost of goods for the kitchen and

bar was \$12,000. Other expenditures included \$10,600 for Instant Bingo expenses, \$12,000 for gaming expenses, \$22,000 for liability and property insurance, and \$13,600 for payroll. After accounting for all expenses, the post experienced a net loss of approximately \$6,500 for the month. Despite this, the current total of all bank balances is approximately \$75,000 to \$80,000.

The safety deposit box at Regions Bank is no longer active.

The report clarified that while there was a net loss for the month, the post is not in the negative for the fiscal year.

A motion to approve the Finance Report as reported was made by Don St. Pierre and **seconded** by Keith Hines. **The motion Passed.**

Judge Advocate: Keith Hines reported that copies of the bylaws are available in the office for committee members. He asked that those on the committee pick up their copies, review them over the next month, and be ready to meet and discuss any potential updates. No other formal report was presented.

Post Service Officer: NTR

Chaplain: NTR

Sergeant-at-Arms: NTR

House Committee Chair: Terry O'Brien reported that blinders were put up on both ends of the pavilion and the fans were fixed. Other than these improvements, the committee is continuing to patch and maintain things as needed.

Office Manager: NTR

Canteen Manager: Kelly Acker reported that the repair for the stove has been approved and the necessary part has been ordered. The total cost is \$2,211.42, which will be paid up front and then fully reimbursed by insurance through the warranty. The committee is now waiting to be contacted for installation once the part arrives.

Old Business:

No Old Business was discussed.

New Business:

- Gary Giambrone requested and received permission to continue documenting post events as interim historian. He was authorized to purchase photo albums and develop pictures to ensure the preservation of the post's history until a new historian is appointed. Gary assured the group he would shop for the best prices and submit receipts for reimbursement.

- The card reader at the post front door was reported as malfunctioning. Although a replacement unit is available, installation is on hold until it can be confirmed that the new unit is compatible and will not require reprogramming all the cards. In the meantime, members must use the manual button to enter.
- The group approved scrapping old chairs that are no longer needed or in usable condition.
- It was decided that bar staff will no longer process membership sign-ups after 4:00 p.m. due to the high volume of business and the need to focus on bar operations. Members who need to sign up after this time are encouraged to see a designated officer.
- There was a question about whether Red Shirt Friday would still be observed, given the upcoming Fourth of July holiday. The group confirmed that Red Shirt Friday will continue as usual.
- Announcements were made regarding the upcoming swearing-in ceremony and the Steak Shoot weekly event, with details provided about timing and setup.
- The Queen of Hearts raffle was discussed, including concerns about the growing jackpot and the potential need to cap the prize amount for safety and regulatory reasons. The group agreed that the bylaws and rules for the raffle should be reviewed and updated by committee.
- Procedures for checking IDs and signing in guests were reviewed. Members were reminded that non-members must be signed in by a member, and there is a limit to the number of guests a member can sign in. The rules for non-members purchasing non-alcoholic beverages at the bar were also clarified: non-members may purchase water, soda, or tea, but only members may purchase alcoholic beverages.

For the Good of the Legion:

The next E-Board meeting will be on July 24, 2025, at 4:00 pm.

The next General Meeting will be on August 7, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

Closing Ceremony:

Closing Prayer

Hand Salute

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.