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Meeting of the E-Board – Minutes – April 23, 2026

Sergeant-At-Arms: Secures the Meeting Room

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

Members in attendance: 16

Hand Salute

Opening Prayer: Led by Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by 1st Vice Commander Moriarty.

Commander: Officially declares meeting convened.

Roll Call of Officers

Commander	Pat Sharpe	PRESENT
1st Vice Commander	Tom Moriarity	PRESENT
2nd Vice Commander	Kevin Conner	ABSENT
Finance Officer	Mike Cray	PRESENT
Post Adjutant *	Jeff Rogers	PRESENT
PR/Historian	VACANT	N/A
Sergeant-at-Arms	Jeff Conlan	PRESENT
Chaplain *	Gary Giambrone	PRESENT
Judge Advocate *	Keith Hines	PRESENT
Post Service Officer *	Jeff Conlan	PRESENT

* Non-Voting Officer

Roll Call of E-Board:

Dave Crofut	PRESENT		Rich Juneau	ABSENT
Kevin Dove	PRESENT		Annie Mytnik	PRESENT
Gary Giambrone	PRESENT		Jim Sales	PRESENT
Skip Goodwin	PRESENT	Past Commander	Don St. Pierre	PRESENT

Roll Call of Managers / Committee Chairs

Office Manager	Sue Moriarty	ABSENT
Canteen Manager	Kelly Acker	PRESENT
House Committee Chair	Frank Ruggiero	PRESENT

Quorum Verified? YES/NO

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The *General Membership Meeting Minutes*, dated **April 2, 2026**, are brought before the E-Board for approval. **A motion** was made to accept the minutes, as written, by Skip Goodwin and seconded by Tom Moriarty. **Motion Passed.**

The General Membership approved the *E-Board Meeting Minutes*, dated **March 26, 2026**, and are brought them to the E-Board for approval. **A motion** was made to accept the minutes, as written, by Tom Moriarty seconded by Dave Crofut. **Motion Passed.**

Officers' Reports:

Commander: Pat Sharpe reported that the Sons of The American Legion had begun sanding and priming the exterior storage containers and that the work appeared to be substantially complete. He stated that he planned to power wash the tops of the containers and apply five gallons of 100% silicone paint to the roofs before painting the sides. He further reported that the blocks supporting the containers are cracking and that he will need to determine an appropriate form or support method so concrete can be poured beneath them. He also noted that the gentleman for whom the Post previously held a fundraiser was present outside with his family.

Commander Sharpe further encouraged available members to participate in the upcoming CPR/AED training scheduled for May 16. It was reported that the AED has been installed near the jukebox, is active, and is ready for use. The unit is alarmed when opened. A few training slots remain available, with priority already given to employees and members who are regularly present at the Post.

1st Vice Commander: Tom Moriarty reported that Post membership currently stands at 93.21% and stated that membership numbers are looking good.

2nd Vice Commander: ABSENT

Post Adjutant: Jeff Rogers reported that Vincent House confirmed receipt of the grant for which Post 186 had provided a letter of support. He stated that Vincent House expressed appreciation for the Post's assistance, along with support from other organizations. Rogers further reported that he had not yet been able to meet with Vincent House representatives due to time constraints, but intends to follow up the following week to discuss possible partnership opportunities and determine whether there are ways the Post can support Vincent House and whether Vincent House may be able to support the Post.

Finance Officer: Mike Cray reported total funds on hand of \$306,747, consisting of approximately \$75,214 in the General Fund, \$31,353 in the Queen of Hearts account, and \$179,000 in the Building Fund.

He reported administrative income of approximately \$500, donations of approximately \$3,186, gaming income of approximately \$24,055, membership income of approximately \$586, bar sales of approximately \$21,118, and kitchen sales of approximately \$7,024, for total income of approximately \$56,470. Cost of goods sold for the bar and kitchen totaled approximately \$11,462, resulting in gross profit of approximately \$45,007.

He further reported administrative expenses of approximately \$500, including envelopes and stamps, business expenses of approximately \$500, gaming expenses of approximately \$9,127, kitchen cleaning expenses of approximately \$1,677, occupancy expenses of approximately \$2,903, payroll expenses of approximately \$15,748, and total expenses of approximately \$33,055. He stated this resulted in ordinary net income of approximately \$11,952.

A motion was made by Keith Hines and seconded by Jim Sales to accept the Finance Officer's report. Motion Passed.

Judge Advocate: Keith Hines reported that the final round of nominations for the Post election will occur at the next General Membership meeting and stated that the election process is in order.

Hines also addressed concerns regarding members being pressured or made to feel uncomfortable for not standing during songs other than the National Anthem. He stated that members are only required to stand for the National Anthem and may choose whether to stand for other songs, including service songs or patriotic songs. He emphasized that members should not be harassed, criticized, or made to feel guilty for remaining seated during songs other than the National Anthem. He stated that he will address the matter at the General Membership meeting if additional complaints are received and will speak directly with individuals if the issue continues.

Post Service Officer: Jeff Conlan requested that members and guests stop bringing donated mobility or medical equipment inside the Post. He asked that such items be placed near the sheds instead, explaining that he checks the Post daily, will secure usable items, and will dispose of items that are not suitable for use. He stated that bringing these items inside creates unnecessary clutter and work.

Conlan further reported that he had assisted four people during the week with obtaining DD-214 documentation for Auxiliary and Post-related needs. He also noted that a woman had donated eyeglasses.

During discussion, it was noted that the Post had been charged an additional \$100 in dumping fees due to overfilled trash. The Board discussed limiting accepted equipment primarily to walkers and wheelchairs, while being cautious about accepting items such as commode chairs or other equipment that may create disposal or storage issues. Commander Sharpe reported that the Post currently has one commode chair, one shower chair, nine wheelchairs, two walkers, two

large adjustable walkers, two canes, and no crutches. He stated that the main need is for walkers and wheelchairs and that he is working to organize Shed 4 for mobility equipment storage.

Chaplain: NTR

Sergeant-at-Arms: Jeff Conlan echoed the Judge Advocate's comments regarding members standing during songs. He stated that when a band asks Veterans to come forward, members may choose whether to participate, stand, or salute. He clarified that he salutes when placing the American flag but does not expect others to stand or salute unless required.

Historian/PR: N/A - VACANT

House Committee Chair: Frank Ruggiero reported that the AED has been installed next to the jukebox. He stated that keys to silence the alarm were left with the bartender on duty, and that the instruction manual is available.

Ruggiero reported that one wall remains to be completed on the exterior siding project. He stated that he will complete the necessary prep work due to the complexity of working around conduit, wiring, and electrical panels. He plans to build a wood access box around the panel area and wrap it with aluminum as part of the finish work.

He further reported that he contacted a cleaning company about servicing the Post, but has not received a response. He stated that he will contact additional companies and may look for a restaurant cleaning service due to the frequency and scope of cleaning needed.

Ruggiero reported that the roof vents on both shipping containers have been fully installed and sealed. He also discussed the HVAC-related leak issue, explaining that what initially appeared to be a refrigerator or reefer box issue was caused by the HVAC drip pan. He stated that a trap had been installed on the drain line, and the leak appears to have stopped, but the Post still needs a new drip pan and related repair work because the pan is pitched in the wrong direction and the shutoff switch may need attention. He stated that he will contact the vendor again, request a bill for the previous work, and determine next steps because the issue needs to be resolved before it becomes a larger problem.

Office Manager: ABSENT

Canteen Manager: Kelly Acker reported ongoing concerns regarding excessive use and waste of napkins, including bar napkins, dinner napkins, and dispenser napkins. She stated that members and guests have been taking large stacks of napkins from the bar or dining area, using them as coasters, taking them outside, or leaving unused dinner napkins on tables, which then must be discarded. She reported that dinner napkins cost approximately \$80 per box and stated that she has instructed staff to issue dinner napkins only as needed, while standard napkins remain available on tables. The Board discussed whether larger napkins should continue to be

made readily available, with concerns raised regarding both cost control and appropriate service standards.

Old Business:

Internet, Television, and Phone Service: Tom Moriarty reported that he received an email from Ed Bowler, who has been assisting with the Post's free internet service effort. He stated that the project involves coordination between AT&T and Quad Core, and that Charlie, the Post's IT support contact, is now involved because a modem must be connected to the Nighthawk system that supports the exterior sign. Moriarty reported that representatives are expected to come to the Post the following day and that the proposed service package would include internet service, YouTube TV as the primary television service, DirecTV as a secondary television service, VoIP phone service, and a football package when available.

SAL Elections: Keith Hines reported that the Sons of The American Legion elections have been completed. He stated that all officers were elected without opposition, with Jim LeMay elected as the new SAL Commander and George elected as the new Second Vice Commander. He noted that most other officers remained in place and that the new officers will take over after the convention.

Election and Nomination Process: The Board discussed the upcoming final round of nominations for Post officers. It was clarified that, if there is no opposition after nominations close at the next General Membership meeting, the election may be completed by a single vote that evening rather than scheduling a separate election date. Hines also stated that monthly reports and delegate information should be completed before the end of May, preferably earlier, so that everything is prepared for convention requirements.

House Committee Structure: Keith Hines reported that a member cannot be appointed to the House Committee until after the election, at which point the incoming Commander may make an appointment if needed. Jeff Rogers explained that the House Committee has historically been elected at Post 186 and that the current bylaws reflect that historical practice. He stated that if the Post wants to change the House Committee from an elected committee to an appointed committee in the future, the bylaws should be amended after the current election cycle rather than during the middle of the process. The Board discussed current House Committee vacancies and the possibility of appointing members after the election process is completed.

New Business:

Steak Shoot: Jeff Conlan reported that the Steak Shoot has been performing poorly over the past two weeks, with less than \$100 in profit. He recommended considering moving the Steak Shoot to every other week due to reduced participation, difficulty selling tickets, the departure of seasonal members, and challenges securing volunteers.

The Board discussed concerns about reducing the event to biweekly, including the possibility that members and guests may become confused about which Saturdays the event is held, become frustrated if they arrive on the wrong week, or choose to attend similar events at other organizations instead. Several members noted that the Steak Shoot serves as a Saturday afternoon social and camaraderie event, not only as a profit-generating activity, and that the event generally does not lose money even when profits are low.

Conlan clarified that his concern is not solely profit, but also the reduced number of volunteers available to help operate the event. The Board acknowledged that volunteer coverage becomes more difficult during the summer months.

After discussion, the matter was tabled for two weeks to allow the Board to review participation, volunteer availability, and possible adjustments before making a decision.

Steak Shoot Format Suggestions: Christine LeMay suggested adding variety to the Steak Shoot by offering occasional gift cards or similar prizes between meat rounds and possibly adjusting the cost per round. The Board discussed that adding variety may help generate renewed interest, and LeMay offered to provide additional ideas based on her experience with similar events.

For the Good of the Legion:

The next General Meeting will be on May 7, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

The next E-Board meeting will be on May 28, 2026, at 4:00 pm.

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Giambone delivered a closing prayer

Meeting adjourned at 4:36 pm