



# CHARLES E. MURRAY AMERICAN LEGION POST 186

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## Meeting of the General Membership - MINUTES – October 1, 2026

**Sergeant-At-Arms:** Jeff Conlan was present.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 1st Vice Commander Tom Moriarty presided in the absence of the Commander and called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Number of Attendees: 18

**Opening Prayer:** Delivered by Post Adjutant Rogers.

**POW/MIA Empty Chair:** Ceremony performed in honor of Resolution 288.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited by all members in attendance.

**Preamble:** Recited by all members in attendance.

**Commander:** 1st Vice Commander Moriarty, presiding, officially declared the meeting convened. The Adjutant reported that roll call was taken during assembly and that a quorum was present.

### Roll Call of Officers

|                                      |                  |               |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| <b>Commander</b>                     | Pat Sharpe       | <b>ABSENT</b> |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander</b> | Tom Moriarty     | PRESENT       |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander</b> | Kevin Connor     | PRESENT       |
| <b>Finance Officer</b>               | Mike Cray        | PRESENT       |
| <b>Post Adjutant *</b>               | Jeff Rogers      | PRESENT       |
| <b>PR/Historian</b>                  | Gerry Chernikoff | PRESENT       |
| <b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>              | Jeff Conlan      | PRESENT       |
| <b>Chaplain *</b>                    | Art Griffith     | <b>ABSENT</b> |
| <b>Judge Advocate *</b>              | Keith Hines      | <b>ABSENT</b> |
| <b>Post Service Officer *</b>        | Jeff Conlan      | PRESENT       |

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

### Roll Call of E-Board (7 Members + Past Commander):

|               |               |                       |                |               |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Dave Crofut   | PRESENT       |                       | Rich Juneau    | <b>ABSENT</b> |
| Kevin Dove    | <b>ABSENT</b> |                       | Annie Mytnik   | PRESENT       |
| Kent Hogeland | <b>ABSENT</b> |                       | Jim Sales      | PRESENT       |
| Skip Goodwin  | PRESENT       | <b>Past Commander</b> | Don St. Pierre | <b>ABSENT</b> |

### Roll Call of Managers / Committee Chairs

|                              |                |               |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Office Manager</b>        | Sue Moriarty   | PRESENT       |
| <b>Canteen Manager</b>       | Gail Miller    | PRESENT       |
| <b>House Committee Chair</b> | Frank Ruggiero | <b>ABSENT</b> |

**Quorum Verified?** YES

### **Approval of Minutes**

The General Membership minutes dated September 3, 2026, were brought before the membership. A motion to accept them as written was made by Jim Sales and seconded by Jeff Conlan. The motion passed by voice vote with no opposition.

**Correspondence Review:** NTR

### **Officers' Reports:**

**Commander:** Absent. Commander Sharpe was up north.

**1st Vice Commander:** Tom Moriarty reported membership just shy of 50 percent, with a couple of new members. He asked members to pay their dues and spread the word.

**2nd Vice Commander:** Kevin Connor reported that the October and December 2026 dates are filled. A November date opened because New Relics cannot play. Openings are very limited, and he has been playing phone tag with a band he is considering.

**Post Adjutant:** Jeff Rogers reported that the Vincent House partnership is going very well. The director wants to attend a General Membership meeting. Rogers met with him recently. He recognized the members who toured the facility and its program and thanked the Sons of the American Legion for their donation. The partnership will continue in a way that benefits both organizations.

**Finance Officer:** Finance Officer Mike Cray presented the monthly Finance Report. The detailed profit and loss statement will be posted on the board, and the full report is available for member review.

**Motion on the Finance Report:** Jeff Conlan moved to accept the Finance Report. A second was called by Tom Moriarty. The motion passed by voice vote.

**Judge Advocate:** Absent.

**PR/Historian:** Gerry Chernicoff reported converting the Post history books to digital so they can go on the website.

**Sergeant-at-Arms/Post Service Officer:** Jeff Conlan had nothing to report as Sergeant-at-Arms. He asked for visits to a Veteran in Aviata Rehab on Howell in Brooksville who has no family in the area and no visitors. Pam Holbrook contacted Conlan. Conlan expects to visit about October 2 and has the address for anyone who wants to go. The Steak Shoot needs help. The Commander will circulate a sign-up form. Volunteers can fill in on Saturdays between 1 and 3 p.m. to call the cards and make callbacks. The group is losing people and one member is in the hospital. Don St. Pierre is resigning from the Steak Shoot Committee. Conlan plays Santa on December Saturdays and cannot work those days, but he can still order the meat with a day or two notice. One flag in the pavilion is torn and must come down. Its sponsor would like someone to replace it.

Moriarty said the Post has money set aside and will handle it. He asked for Wednesday and Saturday volunteers. Mondays are covered this month and next.

**Chaplain:** Absent.

**House Committee Chair:** Absent.

**Office Manager:** Sue Moriarty reported a \$466 refund on the 2025 to 2026 workers' compensation policy. The Post's Form 990 was filed today. The sign is still in progress and should be finished by the end of next week. The Post is sending Jeff Conlan to the November fall conference so he can renew his annual service officer certification. Moriarty said other members will attend too.

**Canteen Manager:** Gail Miller reported that the new menu should be out in two to three weeks. The full menu is now available on Friday nights. The Friday fish fry ends and those items will be on the menu every day. Friday night specials return once the kitchen staff is trained and consistent, in about two to three weeks, with Bruce preparing them. Scratch-offs raised \$438 last month. She bought a microwave, two air fryers, three sets of decorative shelves, three light-up advertising boards, a coffee maker and bar mats. This month scratch-offs are over \$500 so far, and the money goes toward the kitchen and bar. About \$200 more is needed to cover the board. She thanked a member who sold close to \$500 in tickets and said the raffle, not Legion money, pays for the refurbishing. She closed the kitchen for three days, and 14 volunteers worked two days on a deep clean.

#### **Old Business:**

**Legion Riders Meetings:** Post Adjutant Rogers said most agenda items were covered at the E-Board and would not be repeated. He asked about the Legion Riders meetings and was told they would come under new business.

#### **New Business:**

**Legion Riders Charter:** The Riders organizer, Robert Becker, reported that a charter needs six riders and the group has eight, with a few more interested. He asked the Post to support the charter application. Kevin Connor asked what the Post must do. The answer was a passed motion, a letter from the Commander, a copy of the minutes and a list of riders and their positions. These go to the district, then the State, which issues the charter. The Riders already have a director and assistant director. Kevin Connor moved to support the charter. Jeff Conlan seconded. Post Adjutant Rogers noted the Constitution and Bylaws already cover naming a Riders chapter. The motion passed by voice vote.

**District Commander Visit:** Moriarty reported that District Commander Steve Tyler visited the Post that evening. The Post is doing well in the Department review and the Post's Sunbiz registration is current, which impressed him. Moriarty led applause for the work that kept the paperwork current.

**Attendance Drawing:** A drawing for attendees was held. The winner was heard as Melany Davis. The Canteen Manager wants to advertise that attending a meeting earns a chance to win.

**For the Good of the Legion:**

The next E-Board meeting will be on November 5, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

The next General Membership Meeting will be on November 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

**Closing Ceremony:**

**Closing Prayer:** Delivered by Post Adjutant Rogers. The Sergeant-at-Arms recovered the POW/MIA cover.

**Hand Salute**

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:25 p.m.**