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Meeting General Membership Minutes – May 1, 2025

Sergeant-At-Arms: Secured the Meeting Room

Meeting Called to Order: The Commander called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Members in attendance: 24

Guests in attendance: 6 – Including:
Randy Holeyfield – Past District 15 Commander
Joanne Holobinka – Auxiliary President

Hand Salute

Opening Prayer: The 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 declared 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	PRESENT
PR/Historian	VACANT	N/A
Sergeant-at-Arms	Kent Hogeland	*ABSENT*
Chaplain *	Joe LaRosa	PRESENT
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

** 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	*EXCUSED*

Rich Juneau

PRESENT

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 **April 3, 2025**, are presented to the General Membership for approval. **A Motion** to accept the minutes as written was made by Eric Hollinger and seconded by Jeff Conlan. **Motion Passed.**

The *E-Board Meeting Minutes* dated **April 24, 2025**, are brought to the General Membership for approval. **A Motion** to accept the minutes as written was made by Keith Hines and seconded by Jeff Conlan. **Motion Passed.**

Correspondence Review: Nones

Officers' Reports:

Commander: Pat Sharpe provided a brief update on the front entry building project, noting it is almost complete, and the total cost is \$1,184.18.

Gary Giambrone requested the floor, announcing a contribution of \$200 from himself and his wife, Sally, to cover the additional funds for the building.

1st Vice Commander: Tom Moriarty reported that members interested in transferring to the post should contact him directly. He noted that the post was looking promising for July, with potential plans for a new initiative. No questions were raised following his report.

2nd Vice Commander: Jim Sales reported that he was working on contacting 12 people interested in joining the Riders program. He also mentioned coordinating with Linda from Post 418 to help establish the program. No further details were provided about the Riders program during his report.

Post Adjutant: Jeff Rogers reported that he had submitted the Consolidated Post report and department addendum. He also submitted the paperwork for the membership card pickup. Rogers highlighted the new email capabilities for the post, noting email open rates between 20% and 31% when sending to

approximately 700 people. He advised members to update their email addresses in MyLegion or on the website to ensure communication. Rogers also mentioned a potential collaboration with One Blood for a blood drive during Memorial Day festivities. Additionally, he shared that the post's new website had attracted 4,587 site visitors in four months, with 1,137 visitors in April alone. He encouraged members to continue providing suggestions for website improvements.

Finance Officer: Mike Cray reported on the post's financial status, noting approximately \$86,000 in the main account and \$13,000 in the Queen's account. He mentioned about \$7,000 in the building fund and ongoing efforts to transfer the bank account.

The post's monthly income was around \$16,000 to \$17,000 from instant bingo, with around \$8,500 in related costs. Payroll expenses for the month were about \$14,500. Cray highlighted that the white chairs for the pavilion were donated, and he emphasized that any donations designated for a specific purpose would be used exactly as intended.

He stated he would post a detailed profit and loss statement on the board for members to review.

A motion to approve the Finance Report for as reported was made by Tom McCain and **seconded** by Jim Sales. **Motion Passed.**

Judge Advocate: Keith Hines reported that there were no issues or problems to address. He stated that no one was in trouble and that no one was trying to get into trouble, which he considered a good thing. He also took time during the meeting to clarify voting procedures and rights for E-Board members, explaining who had voting privileges and how the election process would work.

Post Service Officer: Jeff Conlan reported that he is scheduled for training. He has received a few calls, but due to his ongoing training and Eric's current situation, he referred these calls to the county Veterans Service Officer (VSO). He noted that everything is going smoothly, and he has handled about three calls so far, but is not yet fully prepared to manage all service-related inquiries on his own.

Chaplain: NTR

Sergeant-at-Arms: NTR

House Committee Chair: Terry O'Brien acknowledged all the hard work done on the front entry.

Office Manager Sue Moriarty reported that they ordered new pull tabs to replace the previous ones that were not functioning properly. They will receive the replacement pull tabs on Monday. She also mentioned that they received \$1,000 back from Clover but would still be out \$6,593. No other significant details were provided in her report.

Canteen Manager Kelly Acker reported that the handheld payment systems are expected to be operational within about a week. She mentioned that employees will require training on the new system, and Sue has been assisting her with this process. The new system will accommodate both cash and credit card payments in the kitchen. Acker anticipates that the training will conclude soon, after which the new payment method will be fully functional.

Old Business:

Election Nomination Review and Collection

- Review of Round 1 & 2 Nominees was conducted
- Current (and final) List of Nominees is below:

Elected Position	Current Nominee(s)	Notes
Commander	Pat Sharpe	
1st Vice Commander	Tom Moriarty	
2nd Vice Commander	Eric Hollinger	
Chaplain	NONE	
Finance Officer	Mike Cray	
Historian	NONE	
House Committee (3)	Terry O'Brien	
Sergeant-at-Arms	Kevin Conn Carter Webb	
Executive Board - 1	Dave Crofut	
Executive Board - 2	Geno Darcy	
Executive Board - 3	Gary Giambrone	
Executive Board - 4	Skip Goodwin	
Executive Board - 5	Rich Juneau	
Executive Board - 6	Tom McCain	
Executive Board - 7	Ann Mytnik	
Executive Board - 8	Jim Sales	
Executive Board - 9	Howard Smith	
Executive Board - 10	Eileen Andrews	
Executive Board - 11	Jeff Conlan	

After nominations, Keith Hines conducted the voting process. For positions with only one nominee (House Committee, Finance Officer, Second Vice, First Vice, and Commander), Jeff Rogers cast a single affirmative vote for each candidate. Keith Hines explained the election details:

- Election day is May 28th
- Voting will be from 1 PM to 7 PM
- Must vote in person
- Three people will oversee the voting process
- Absentee ballots are available upon request
- Absentee ballots can only be counted on election day
- Election records will be kept for 30 days before being destroyed

For positions with multiple nominees (Sergeant at Arms and E-Board), a full ballot will be prepared and voted on during the election on May 28th. Keith Hines emphasized that any ballot with humorous names (such as "Mickey Mouse") would be immediately voided, and he stressed the importance of a fair election process.

Outside Sign Update Jeff Rogers mentioned that he is still working with a US vendor on the post sign. He had measured the location last week and sent the information to the vendor. He is scheduled to meet with them the following Wednesday to discuss the quote for the new sign. No other old business was discussed during the meeting.

New Business:

1. Keith Hines (SAL representative) announced:
 - SAL has a dinner on May 10
 - Requested Legion members buy tickets for a barbecue smoked chicken dinner
2. Joanne Holobinka (Auxiliary) announced:
 - Auxiliary will hold an auction on Memorial Day
 - Post Everlasting service for Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary will be held on Sunday at 1 pm Each Legion Family division will have its service
3. Jeff Rogers discussed:
 - Sponsorship program to bring in funds
 - Working with Ann to explore grant opportunities
 - Prepared copies of "rules of the game" for potential Sunday/Thursday events
 - Invited members to contact him with questions about the sponsorship program

4. Randy Holyfield (Past District Commander) offered additional advice:
 - Suggested looking into corporate sponsorships
 - Consider looking for sponsors for specific programs, such as school awards.
 - Noted that some corporations have annual sponsorship programs that could offer additional funding.

For the Good of the Legion:

- The next E-Board meeting will take place on May 22, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
- Post Elections will be held on May 28, 2025, from 1:00 – 7:00 pm.
- The next General Meeting will take place on June 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Closing Ceremony:

Closing Prayer – Chaplain LaRosa delivered the closing prayer

Hand Salute

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.