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General Membership Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2025

Sergeant-At-Arms: Secures the Meeting Room

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

Members in attendance: 21

Guests in attendance: 3 – Including Joanne Holobinka, ALA President

Hand Salute

Opening Prayer: The Commander Delivered the Invocation

POW/MIA Empty Chair: Moment of Silence 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	Interim Sgt-At-Arms	ABSENT
Chaplain *	Joe LaRosa	ABSENT
Judge Advocate *	Keith Hines	PRESENT
Post Service Officer *	Jeff Conlan	PRESENT
Past Commander	Don St. Pierre	ABSENT

* 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	ABSENT	Eric Hollinger	PRESENT
		Ann Mytnik	PRESENT

Roll Call of Managers / Committee Chairs

Office Manager	Sue Moriarty	PRESENT
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Canteen Manager
House Committee Chair

Kelly Acker
Terry O'Brien

PRESENT
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Quorum Verified? YES

Approval of Minutes

The E-Board-approved *General Membership Meeting Minutes* dated **May 1, 2025**, are brought before the General Membership for approval. **A Motion** to accept the minutes as written was made by Tom Moriarty and seconded by Terry O'Brien. **Motion Passed.**

The *E-Board Meeting Minutes* dated **May 22, 2025**, are brought to the General Membership for approval. **A Motion** to accept the minutes as written was made by Tom Moriarty and seconded by Terry O'Brien. **Motion Passed.**

Correspondence Review – No Correspondence Received

Officers' Reports:

Commander: NTR

1st Vice Commander: Tom Moriarty reported that membership is at approximately 88%, they are nearing the end of the current cards, and that July 1 is when the 2026 early bird cards will be distributed. He had nothing else to report.

2nd Vice Commander: Jim Sales continues to work on standing up the Riders chapter.

Post Adjutant: Nothing New to Report

Finance Officer: Mike Cray reported approximately \$60,000 in the general fund at Regents, \$28,000 in the general fund at Truist, \$15,000 at Truist for the Queen of Hearts, and \$7,000 in the building fund. Cash intake for May was about \$70,000, with \$6,000 in donations and \$30,000 from gambling machines. Expenses included \$13,000 for the bar and kitchen, \$2,300 for administrative costs, \$4,000+ for insurance, and over \$17,000 for payroll, resulting in a gross income of about \$14,400.

A motion to approve the Finance Report for as reported was made by Tom Moriarty and **seconded** by Terry O'Brien. **Motion Passed.**

Judge Advocate: Keith Hines reported that everything is going well, there are no issues, and members can come to him with any concerns.

Post Service Officer: Jeff Conlan reported that business cards have been printed and posted at the bar, some have been distributed, and no calls have been received yet.

Chaplain: N/A

Sergeant-at-Arms: N/A

House Committee Chair: NTR

Office Manager: Sue Moriarty reported that they are still working with insurances and hope to have the liability insurance finalized in the next week or so.

Canteen Manager: NTR

Old Business:

Election Tie-Breaker: The membership addressed an election tie for the E-Board position. The process for resolving the tie was explained: a general membership vote using paper ballots, with only Legion members eligible to participate. Ballots were distributed, members voted, and the ballots were collected for counting. Members were invited to stay after the meeting to hear the results. The procedure for challenging results and the 30-day ballot retention policy were also reviewed.

New Business:

Challenge to Overall Election Results: Eric Hollinger challenged the overall election results. It was clarified that any member may request a review of the ballot count for any or all officer positions by submitting the request through the commander to the election committee chair, who will then facilitate the review. Ballots are retained for 30 days to allow for such challenges, after which they are destroyed. The discussion emphasized transparency and the members' right to challenge results without needing to provide a specific reason. Election ballots were to be reviewed after this meeting in the presence of the E&N Committee.

July 4th Parade: Members were invited to participate in the upcoming July 4th parade in High Point. Tom was tasked with reaching out to Linda Anderson to coordinate member participation.

July 4th Post Activities: The post will host a hot dog event for members on July 4th. There was discussion about previous years' practices, including a \$5 charge and a 50/50 raffle, with all proceeds going to crisis support. Details on event management were reviewed.

Convention Delegate Logistics: Arrangements for convention delegates were discussed, including payment for delegates, hotel room bookings, and a room change for the first night due to overbooking. All rooms were confirmed as paid, and necessary cancellations were handled.

For the Good of the Legion:

The next E-Board meeting will be on June 26,, 2025, at 4:00 pm.

The next General Meeting will be on July 3, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

Closing Ceremony:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.