



## **SARATOGA NATIONAL CEMETERY HONOR GUARD ASSOCIATION**

### **Minutes of the General Membership Meeting, March 17, 2026**

The meeting opened with a salute, the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer, the reading of the POW/MIA statement, and the reading of the Association's mission statement.

There were 17 attendees at this meeting. The meeting was held at the American Legion Old Saratoga Post 278 in Schuylerville. The meeting started at 4:02 PM and ended at 4:30 PM.

### **Roll Call**

#### **OFFICERS**

Cmdr – Robert Sellar – Present  
Adjutant – Mark Joly – Present  
Quartermaster – Jim Rhoads – Present  
Chaplain - Norm Schultheiss – Present

Vice Cmdr – Gary Squires – Present  
Finance Officer – Jay Ogden – Present  
Ordnance – Ernie Dreimiller – Present  
Sergeant-at-Arms – Art Knorr – Present

#### **TRUSTEES**

Dave Seymour - Absent  
Ernie Dreimiller – Present  
Joe Valerio – Present

#### **SQUAD LEADERS**

Mon – Glenn Duffy – Absent, Bob Sellar representing  
Tues – Laura Lemoine – Present  
Wed – Dick Noonan – Absent, Eric Muellecker representing  
Thurs - Ted Mosher – Present  
Fri - Gary Squires – Present

### **Approval of Minutes of the January 2026 General Membership Meeting**

All association members who have an email account were sent the January 2026 General Membership Meeting minutes. The minutes were not read during the meeting. As there were no additions or corrections, the minutes are approved as distributed.

## **Introduction of New Members**

There were no new members at this meeting.

### **Officer Reports**

**Vice Commander:** The Vice-Commander reported no one from the Monday or Thursday squad volunteered to participate on the Nominating Committee. This year, there will be only three members on that committee.

**Adjutant:** No report.

**Finance:** The Finance Officer reported that the tax returns for the association have been filed. For the month ended February 28, 2026, there was a beginning balance from all sources of \$49,945.32 and an ending balance of \$49,781.63 available funds from all sources. The report is filed with the Adjutant

**Chaplain:** The Chaplain thanked everyone who showed up at the service for Ronald Tamoschat yesterday. The Chaplain sent out one get-well card, presented a bible, and made five calls to check on individuals' health.

**Quartermaster:** The Quartermaster reported he has received the new wreath for the memorial service.

**Ordinance:** The Ordnance Officer reported on one issue since his last report. Rifle #3 was tagged, so he began to troubleshoot the issue. He eventually took the rifle to the gunsmith on 2/21/26. There are 14 rifles in service currently. The report is filed with the Adjutant.

**Trustees:** No report.

### **Squad Leader Reports**

**Monday Squad:** Bob reported low participation numbers and could use new members.

**Tuesday Squad:** Laura reported they are short on numbers, like other squads.

**Wednesday Squad:** Eric reported that things are going well.

**Thursday Squad:** Ted reported he had nothing at this time.

**Friday Squad:** Gary reported the squad is doing ok.

## **Agenda Discussion Items**

### **1. By-laws Modification for Meeting Requirements for Elected Office**

The current wording in the by-laws is that a member must have attended 2 general membership meetings within the previous calendar year as one of the qualifications to run for an elected office. In an effort to loosen the requirements in hopes of allowing members who do not meet that requirement, the following change was suggested.

It was suggested to change the phrase “within the previous calendar year” to “**over any consecutive 12-month period**”.

This change was discussed at the January General Membership meeting. Notice of the proposed change was posted in the squad room since the January meeting in accordance with the by-laws (for a period of 30 days before a vote can be taken).

A vote was called for to approve this change. Yes – 15 votes, No – 0 votes, with 2 abstentions. Per the by-laws, the change must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the General Membership meeting. There were 15 out of 15 votes for this change. Abstaining is a choice not to vote either for or against; it is neither counted as a vote cast nor as a vote against.

The change is approved.

### **2. Nominating Committee**

The spokesperson for the committee, Dan Swift, reported the nominations as follows: Commander – Robert Sellar, Vice Commander – Gary Squires, Adjutant – Catherine Gaynair-O’Hara, Finance Officer – Jay Ogden, Quartermaster – Jim Rhoads, Trustee – There are two terms up for election: a two-year term and a three-year term. Ernie Dreimiler, Doug Dinon, and Dave Seymour are interested in the trustee positions. There were no new names nominated from the floor.

### **3. Authorized Provider Partnership Program or AP3 Update**

The Commander asked how things were going at the squad level.

He went on to report that he submitted the documents to request payment for 20 services completed in February 2026. An electronic deposit of \$1,000 has been confirmed by our Finance Officer.

## Open Agenda Discussion Items

- A. Dinner Dance** – The Marine Corps League of Saratoga Springs is hosting a dinner dance in celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the country. Jay has a flyer for the event.
- B. Patriot Flight** – There are still openings for the next flight. If interested, get your application submitted now.

**50/50 Drawing:** There was \$73 collected, with \$37 to the winner, Doug Dinon. Doug donated the funds back to the organization.

The meeting closed with a prayer and a salute.

The next **Executive Committee Meeting** will be on **Tuesday, April 21, 2026.**