



SARATOGA NATIONAL CEMETERY HONOR GUARD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting, January 20, 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 26 attendees at this meeting. The meeting was held at the American Legion Old Saratoga Post 278 in Schuylerville. (Starting and ending times were not recorded.)

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
Ordinance – Ernie Dreimiller – Present
Sergeant-at-Arms – Art Knorr – Absent

TRUSTEES

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

SQUAD LEADERS

Mon – Glenn Duffy – Present
Tues - Frank Merrill – Absent, Ernie Dreimiller representing
Wed – Dick Noonan – Present
Thurs - Ted Mosher – Present
Fri - Gary Squires – Present

Approval of Minutes of the November General Membership Meeting

All association members who have an email account were sent the November 2025 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

Ed Decker from the Monday squad was introduced.

Officer Reports

Vice Commander: No report.

Adjutant: No report.

Finance: The Finance Officer reported that for the month ended December 31, 2025, there was a beginning balance from all sources of \$50,856.88 and an ending balance of \$50,382.13 available funds from all sources.

Chaplin: The Chaplin provided a list of 13 cards, visits, and ceremonies he was responsible for since September 2025.

Quartermaster: The Quartermaster reported that the semi-annual physical inventory will be completed next week. He asked the squad leaders to take inventory of what they have in their lockers and report back to him. He is also changing the cost of each item from the purchase price to the cost to replace the item. A shirt costs \$32, but then the cost of the patches and sewing on the patches, the final cost is \$47.

Ordinance: The Ordnance Officer reported on the issues since his last report. He recommended cleaning all the rifles and the bolts more often to protect them from damage. There are 15 rifles in service at this time.

The report is filed with the Adjutant.

Trustees: The second half-year audit will begin shortly.

Squad Leader Reports

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

Tuesday Squad: Ernie reported many illnesses and injuries within the squad.

Wednesday Squad: Dick reported they have 5 snowbirds. Getting the job done.

Thursday Squad: The squad had 2 people who had made one observation. Both declined to continue observations as they were no longer interested in joining.

Friday Squad: Gary reported the squad is all set.

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. 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”.

2. Nominating Committee

The Vice-Commander discussed the process for the formation of the committee and the job of those members. Squad leaders need to put someone forward from their squad first.

3. AP3 Update

We have been approved for the program. We will begin completing the paperwork on February 2nd. The paperwork must be completed by the squad leader and signed by the Army representatives. Signed documents should be placed in the bin under the bugle in the appropriate folder for each month. The commander will forward the paperwork to the Army at the end of each month for payment.

Open Agenda Discussion Items

A. Website is Up and Running – All members must sign in, create a password, and submit their name to be approved as a member. There is a new look to the members’ section.

B. Statistics – The commander passed out the 2025 statistics to each squad leader. He recommended that each squad leader discuss with their squad the numbers.

50/50 Drawing: There was \$101 collected, with \$51 to the winner, Dave Seymour. Dave 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, February 17, 2026**