



SARATOGA NATIONAL CEMETERY HONOR GUARD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting, November 18, 2025

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 18 attendees at this meeting. The meeting began at 4:02 PM at the American Legion Old Saratoga Post 278 in Schuylerville.

Roll Call

OFFICERS

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

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

TRUSTEES

Gary Squires - Present
Ernie Dreimiller – Present
Joe Valerio – Absent

SQUAD LEADERS

Mon – Glenn Duffy – Absent, Bob Sellar representing
Tues - Frank Merrill – Present
Wed – Dick Noonan – Absent, Pat Festa representing
Thurs - Ted Mosher – Present
Fri - Gary Squires – Present

Approval of Minutes of the September General Membership Meeting

All association members who have an email account were sent the September 2025 General Membership Meeting minutes. The minutes were not read during this meeting. As there were no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as distributed.

Introduction of New Members

Gary Squires introduced Paul Moczydlowski as a new member of the Friday squad.

Officer Reports

Vice Commander: It was reported that our organizational flag does not have the new Space Force patch on it. Jim Kochon will visit Saratoga Flag to see if they have patches that can be purchased.

Adjutant: No report.

Finance: The Finance Officer reported that for the month ended October 31, 2025, there was a beginning balance from all sources of \$51,075.48 and an ending balance of \$50,524.93 available funds from all sources.

Chaplin: No report.

Quartermaster: The Quartermaster asked squads to look through their lockers to see if they had any extra uniform items that could be turned in. The QM also suggested a new wreath be considered for the Deceased Member Memorial ceremony. He will look into pricing for a new wreath.

Ordinance: The Ordnance Officer report - 6 different issues and repairs to various rifles. One rifle was picked up from the gunsmith. There are 15 rifles in service at this time.

The report is filed with the Adjutant.

Color Guard: Jay recommends doing fewer events as the number of volunteers is dwindling. He recommends doing only cemetery events and supporting the Saratoga Ladies. Anyone interested in joining, contact Jay.

Laura Lemoine will help Don Boone coordinate flag folds.

Squad Leader Reports

Monday Squad: Squad member Phil Christian resigned due to ongoing medical issues.

Tuesday Squad: Nothing to report regarding the squad.

Wednesday Squad: Nothing to report regarding the squad.

Thursday Squad: The squad has one new member and two additional people who have made one observation.

Friday Squad: Squad member Jack Hayes retired. Barry Baker has been ill and may not return. Send any new members this way.

The Commander will place a list of individuals in each squad's mailbox who can be called if a squad needs help.

Agenda Discussion Items

1. Cemetery Activities after the Shutdown

Most, if not all, of the cemetery employees have received some back pay.

2. AP3 Program

The Commander was able to speak with the administrator of the AP3 program (the Army grant that would pay the association \$50 for every Army MFH the association completed), who requested some additional information, which was provided. Hopefully, this information will complete the application process, and our association will be in the program soon.

3. Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Orders

It is the responsibility of the association member with a DNR to carry the physical order on their person while on cemetery grounds **and** ensure the squad leader knows you have the DNR on your person. Should you fall ill, the medical personnel responding will not look for a DNR; they will begin reviving you unless your DNR can be found immediately on your person.

Open Agenda Discussion Items

- A. Plaque for Association Bench** – The plaque to be affixed to the bench in the memorial path will cost \$352.00. Previous funds collected in the amount of \$110 was given to Jay for deposit in the general fund.
- B. Bus Driver Forms** – All bus drivers need to complete the health form and return the form to Josh in the office. The “physical” will be on Tuesday, December 9th, between 9 AM and noon.
- C. The Way We Were Car Show** – Set up began at 6:30 AM, and the event ran through 4:30 PM. Judy and Ernie Dreimiller, along with Laura and Allen Lemoine, were there all day. They were joined in the afternoon by Jack Grande and Ed Benson. Donations in the amount of \$200 were received and given to the Finance Officer.
- D. Website Renewal** – The renewal is moving forward. Jay recommends keeping only one year available in the archive rather than the 4 years as is currently being saved.
- E. Wreaths Across America** – Gary is asking for a couple more volunteers to be with him in section 2. He would appreciate the help.

F. Patriot Flight - The next flight is scheduled for **April 14, 2026**. First-time veterans fly for free. Volunteers pay their own way.

50/50 Drawing: There was \$62 collected, with \$31 to the winner, Bob Sellar.

The meeting closed with a prayer and a salute.

The meeting ended at **4:55 PM**.

The next **Executive Committee Meeting** will be on **Tuesday, December 16, 2025**.

The next **General Membership Meeting** will be **Tuesday, January 20, 2026**.

Both meetings will be at the American Legion Old Saratoga Post 278 in Schuylerville at **4:00 PM**.