Apple Valley American Legion Auxiliary

Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2025

Call to order at 7:00 PM by Mary Lyman.

Opening prayer was given by Janet Thompson, Chaplain.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said by all.

Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary was said by all.

Roll call of the officers was done with all in attendance.

The last meeting minutes were read and approved as read.

Introduction of new member, Marie.

Treasurer’s report was given by Joan Guse, Treasurer. There were no corrections noted and they will be filed for audit.

President Report – Mary presented the 2025-2026 Standing Rules. It was voted by membership, accepted and filed. A sheet was sent around the table to update phone and email addresses.

Officers Reports

1st VP - Gina Dierfeldt – Gina discussed the Poppy Kit and planning a poppy making day on possibly Sunday October 5th or October 12th.

2nd VP – Cheryl Hammer – Cheryl gave the report on the July 4th Brat and Hotdog Stand. She gave a big thank you to everyone who helped. Profit for the day was $1367.93. She discussed the Event Calendar for 2025-2026. We need bakers for the Bake Sales on September 20th and December 6th. We need volunteers for the Meat Raffle and Horse Racing on November 15th. We also need pie donations and volunteers to cut pies on November 11th for Veterans Day and we need volunteers to help with the Post Christmas Party December 11th.

Committee Reports

Operations – Joan Guse – Joan reported the Post going to start bingo in September at Bogarts. They are also making gift baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. They are looking into rescheduling the picnic.

Membership - Jan Lauby – We have 21 members paid for 2026. We ended 2025 with 235.

VAR/ Hastings Home – Janet Thompson- Janet announced Elaine has made 18 heart pillows. If anyone would like to make heart pillows, Janet has the patterns. They also need neck pillows. She went to the convention where 95 units with 180 members attended. Janet also passed around the certificates our unit received. She sent a “get well” card to Joe T. Let Janet know if anyone is sick so she can send a card. The Hastings Home is looking for Bingo volunteers.

Media – Megan Colbert – Megan spoke about getting a Quilt of Valor for our past Third District President, Tamara Thayer’s son. He is a veteran of the War in Afghanistan.

We have 3 Quilts of Valor donated by our friend, Carol, and 3 Vietnam Veteran nominees to present them to during Veterans Day Ceremony, November 11th.

Mary spoke about how the Quilt of Valor Foundation contacted us to present a Quilt of Valor to a Korean War and Vietnam Veteran who recently relocated back to Lakeville, MN.

Old Business – None

New Business – Joan is going to switch checking accounts to earn more interest. The post 50th celebration planning will be next year. She asked if we would like to donate to schools in our school district or possibly organizing a winter clothing drive.

Our next meeting is September 16, 2025.

Attendance - Bernice Spindler stated 14 members in attendance.

Closing Prayer by Janet Thompson

Adjournment of business meeting at 8:12 PM.