

THE AMERICAN LEGION



Date: July 18, 2026

Location: The Local Tavern

Scheduled Time: 1130-1230

Official Start Time: 1130

ROLL CALL:

OFFICE/POSITION	PRESENT	ABSENT	VACANT
COMMANDER- Travis Biswell	X		
1 st VICE COMMANDER - Marco Vines	X		
2 nd VICE COMMANDER			X
JUDGE ADVOCATE – Kym Reed	X		
FINANCIAL OFFICER – Karol Kielzcewski	X		
ADJUTANT – Karie Wallace	X		
CHAPLAIN –			X
HISTORIAN – Renee Biswell	X		
SERGEANT AT ARMS			X

Quorum? (50% of officers) Yes

LAST MONTHS MEETING MINUTES:

Motion to approve: Renee, and the motion was carried

SPECIAL GUESTS:

- **Mr. Neil Farris and Family**
- **New member Jason Pilkington**
- **Past District Commander Tony Gordon**
- **SW Vice Jon Tenbrink**
- **District 14 Adjutant Makisha Tenbrink**

Special thank you for joining us today!

FINANCIAL REPORT:

	Main Post acct	Poppy acct	Cash App	Vets and Vines	50/50/
MONTHLY STARTED	\$0	\$0	\$	\$	\$
ENDED WITH	\$ 352.72	\$0	\$ 962	\$0	
MONTHLY DEBITS	\$	\$0	\$0	\$0	
MONTHLY CREDITS	\$	\$0	\$	\$0	

Discussion:

\$300 for T-shirts will be withdrawn of the main account and additional \$500 added from our new Sponsor will be deposited into the main checking account.

Motion to approve: Karie

Motion carried.

BALLOTING OF NEW APPLICATIONS:

SICK CALL, RELIEF, AND EMPLOYMENT

- Karol
- Friend of Karol Steven Fas
- Addyson Sammons

POST SERVICE OFFICER REPORT



COMMITTEES:

T-SHIRTS AND BOOTHS (Karol, Renee):

- Progress on the T-shirts, logo has been generated, and Karol is looking to create 2 options to be voted on. There are approximately 20 colors to choose from. Final pricing still being determined based on shirt fabric. Extended sizes will have an additional charge.
- 5/16/2026- Karol brought 2 T-shirts to see. T-shirts will be \$4.00 each plus \$1 for extended sizes. Karol will choose colors for us to decide on. We are looking to buy 100 shirts. Travis, Marco, Kym and Karie all donated \$100 to purchase T-shirts so that we can give each new member a new T-shirt. Then if anyone wants to buy one, they will be \$10 each to be able to generate some revenue.
- 6/13/2026 – NO UPDATE
- 7/18/2026 – **T-shirts are ordered.**

WELCOME COMMITTEE:

- Email information to everyone. Officer biographies are still needed. We will create training for my legions. We will also provide a folder with information when we initially have new members. Travis asked to have a Mylegion set up handout for the next meeting to hand out to everyone. There will be instructions for the American Legion Basic Training as well.

Reminder: Once completed, please provide a copy of your training certificate to the Adjutant so you may receive a completion pin.

- 5/16/2026 – Still looking for bios. Karie will have a list for the next meeting of who still needs to turn in DD Form 214's etc.
- 6/13/2026 – no follow up
- **FOLLOW UP IN JULY**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MOTION: BYLAWS

Constitution and Bylaws: Kym has completed revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws and distrusted them for review. Feedback by April 11, 2026, to afford time to make any corrections prior to the next meeting to be able to vote at that time.

Discussion;

- Travis: The bylaws and constitution start and the national and department, then the post. Reminder that we cannot diminish from the state and national.
- 5/16/2026- Karol made a motion to accept the by-laws, and the motion was carried. Kym will provide a copy for submission to the state for review.
- 6/13/2026 – The by laws have been submitted to the state, we do not have any updates from the state yet, at this time. Once we get those bylaws back, we will pursue 501(C)3 status.
- 7/18/2026 – No updates, still pending state approval.

MOTION: BRYANT HORNET BASKETBALL

Karie motioned to explore the possibility of sponsoring the Bryant Hornet basketball team. Karie has motioned to set up a meeting with Coach Abrahamson to explore the possibility. The team is currently celebrating back-to-back state championships, Coach Abrahamson's 300 career win, Coach of the year and several player accolades, and there are several students on both girls and the boy's teams that are considering military careers and supporting them would be a great way to support young service members right when they begin their careers.

DISCUSSION:

- Travis noted that they are best. We have many ideas on what we could potentially support them. They have a state-of-the-art arena.
- Mentorship of those that want to join the military.
- Possibly Color Guard
- Veteran night. Recognize Veterans.
- Karie to talk to Coach A. Travis and Kym will also. Bryant Connect Committee is formed to work on this.

Motion carried

- 5/16/2026 – no updates on this
- 6/13/2026 - No updates on this.
- 7/18/2026 – See North Little Rock Air Show

MOTION: 50/50 BASKETBALL MONEY

Karie made a motion to commit the 50/50 money to the basketball initiative.

DISCUSSION:

Motion carried

MOTION: BBQ IN THE PARK

Karie made a motion for a meal like that of a pasta dinner or a pancake breakfast. This would be a way to make money but also to invite the community to get to know what we are about.

Discussion:

- Kym is looking into Mills Park as an option of a place to have it.
- Date will be July 18th and TBD time.
- This will be in lieu of our July meeting.

Motion carried

- 6/13/2026

MOTION: MOVE THE BBQ TO 2027

Karie made the motion to postpone this event until 2027 to allow for planning and appropriate advertising.

DISCUSSION:

- Mills Park was again discussed as a possible location.

Motion Carries.

MOTION: DISTRICT 15 MEETING

Motion was made to provide food for the District 15 meeting. Post 28 is providing the location August 15th, 2026, 1400

Discussion:

- Karie suggested a Potluck
- Menu will be:
 - Karol – pulled pork
 - Karie – Killer beans
 - Kym – Potato Salad
 - Renee – Ambrosia Salad
 - Travis - Drinks
 - Marco – Chicken Wings

Motion carries

- 6/13/2026 - Travis reminded everyone that we would be doing this, and we reminded everyone of what the menu was going to look like.

- 7/18/2026 – Reminder for August 15th the meeting will be at Post 28, and it will be a district meeting.

MOTION: VETS AND EDUCATION

Kym made a motion to have Vets and Education for Saline County event

Discussion:

- This would bring more Veterans together.
- Bryant 150 would sponsor.
- Kym will begin the process of looking into the location and when this could happen.

Motion carried

- 6/13/2026 – no updates on this event.
- 7/18/2026 – Kym updated that she will be having a financial wellness class at the Bryant Library, with the first meeting being August 18, 2026, at Bryant Public Library, 4 PM – 5PM. 201 Prickett Road. RSVP directly with her. This will be monthly. She is a certified Military Financial Advisor.

MOTION: October 3 & 4 2026 NORTH LITTLE ROCK AIR SHOW

Karie made a motion to explore going to the North Little Rock Air Show. Booths cost \$150. We received an email from the Air Show indicating that non-profits are free.

Discussion:

- Follow up questions does the free include a booth, or just to get in?
- Do we have to prove we are non-profit?

Motion Carried

UPDATES:

- 7/18/2026 - Karie provided that we will get tickets closer to the date, we have the dates which are the 3rd and the 4th of October. The booth is Free. We don't know a lot about when we can get there and set up. That information will be forthcoming.
- 7/18/2026 - Travis purchased airplanes, tattoos and flying balloons helicopters for kids at the airshow.

MOTION: REMOTE CONTROL AIRCRAFT

Karie made the motion to purchase the aircraft and raffle it off in order to pay for basketballs. Airplane is about \$300.

Motion Carries

Discussion:

- If we sell tickets, \$10, just 30 people to purchase tickets, then the rest of the money to the Bryant Basketball team for their basketballs.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: BOOTH AT ANTIQUE STORE

Renee made a motion to consider purchasing a booth at an antique store. Cost at Antiques and Unique's is \$2 per square foot and 5% commission on sales. They are located in Bryant. They also charge a 5% commission. They also would allow plants for the Vets and Vines. Another option would be Midtown Vintage that was considerably more expensive. Shelf is \$20 per month, an additional \$22 per month for each additional shelf. If you want 6X10 \$230 per month 10X10 \$290 month, and oversized is \$365 per month. There is a waiting list at others.

Discussion:

- Karie suggested we stick with Antiques and Unique's and brainstorm this p

MOTION: SALT BOWL 2027

Jason made a motion to consider having a booth at the Salt Bowl to recruit new members and get the word out. Currently they are looking for vendors for the Salt Bowl for these years.

Discussion:

- Karie suggested that we postpone it to next year due not have enough time to plan for that.
- Travis recommended that we research this, and that we actually go to the event, and hand out pamphlets this year and learn about the parameters.

Motion Carries

MOTION: RAVEN RIDGE COLLECTABLE COLLABORATION

Renee made a motion to consider a new business venture of Travis. He would like to donate 50% of his profit to the American Legion, Bryant 150. Collectables Pokémon, tools, baseball cards, sports, etc. He would like to put the Bryant 150 logo on his this.

Discussion:

- Tony mentioned their being a bit of a conflict with the logo. So we need to run it through national to put the logo on it.
- Karie said she thinks we should pursue the approval through national as the benefit to both the business and to us.

Motion carries

NEXT MEETING: District Meeting is August 15, 2026, at 1400 we will not have a meeting in August. Our next post meeting is September 19, 2026, 1130 Local Tavern

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: July 28, 2026, 1830 (TEAMS)1830

FOR THE GOOD OF THE POST:

Past Commander Tony Gordon shared some important information regarding the Take Care of America's Veterans Act (HR 9237).

The post had the honor of presenting a Quilt of Gratitude to Neil Farris. Neil is a Army Veteran. It was an honor to be able to present this beautiful quilt to Mr. Farris on behalf of Jack and Deanna Morris from Colorado

SW Vice Jon Tenbrink shared that the new Department Commander is applying for a \$63 million telehealth grant that will provide a laptop to each VSO to be able to assist Veterans.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Kym Reed on behalf of Small Wealth Management for their generous sponsorship of the Bryant 150.

Third Thursday Success –

- County VSO encourages you to stop by the courthouse and register your DD form 214 at the same time that you go to the Tax Assessors office right there in Benton. Additionally, you can get a little Discount Card for local businesses that offer Veteran discounts. We will be providing Pamphlets for him for distribution
- Arkansas Pediatric Clinic was interested in partnering with us as well. We will be providing pamphlets as well.
- R&L Gardening, interested in possibly advertising in our pamphlet and our Vets and Vines program.
- Master Gardeners – They would like to partner with us in educational gardening opportunities

Upcoming events:

- 7/23/2026 – Bryant Summer Nights
- 7/28/2026 – Executive Meeting
- 8/15/2026 – District Meeting
- 8/28/2026 – Salt Bowl

PREAMBLE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION CONSTITUTION

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER

FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

To uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America

To maintain law and order

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism.

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars.

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation.

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses

To make right the master of might

To Promote peace and goodwill on Earth

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy.

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.