

# Newsletter

January - February 2026

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#### POST OFFICERS 2024-2025

#### **LEGION OFFICERS**

Commander - Melissa Fowle

1st Vice - Brian Fowle

2nd Vice - Michael Brenner
Adjutant - Dan Elmore
Finance Officer - Chuck Frazier
Sgt-At-Arms - Mike Frazier
Chaplain - Jessica Slankard
Service Officer - Bob Steggemann
Judge Advocate - Harlan Purves
Historian - Jeff Tipton
Past Cmdr - Bob Steggemann
Trustee - Ralph Avey
Trustee - John Kessler
Trustee - Frank March

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President - Sherri Matthews
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2nd Vice - Dorothy Prater
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Treasurer - Caitlyn Brinkman
Chaplain - Marlene Shook
Historian - Marlene Shook
Sgt-At-Arms - Cathy Jadwin
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## **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**



Melissa Fowle Commander

I hope that everyone had a fantastic Holiday Season! We really had a great time with all of the Holiday get-togethers. A BIG shoutout to all those who planned and executed all of the events! It was amazing to see all of our Legion family pitch in and make these events successful.

Now we enter a new year. 2026... a year full of uncertainties... yet there are so many possibilities. In order for our Post to thrive, we have our traditions but we need creative ideas and people to make them become reality. We need our members to take a chance on something new. We encourage those who would invest their time, talents, and service for our Veterans, our community, and for each other. Please consider attending new ventures, volunteering for a cook, attending and supporting events. I also ask that you keep your comments positive in front of others. If you have a concern or feedback that might be upsetting, I ask that you try to do so privately. There's no need to tear down those who are trying to contribute to our Post.

Legion membership is doing very well! We need less than 50 members to renew or join our Post to be at quota! That's fantastic! If you haven't renewed, please consider doing so.

I would like to thank those who did Buddy Checks to find out how our Legionnaires are doing. This is important as we need to keep in touch with our members and see if there is anything that our Post can do to help. If you haven't been contacted, please check in with the Post. We may not have your current contact information (phone number or current address). If you know of a member who is not getting our emails, encourage them to send in their email address to the Post. If you know of a member who is in the hospital, a nursing home, or rehab, we would like to be made aware. Staying connected is important and can impact the health and welfare of our Legionnaires and their families.

I'm looking forward to seeing what the New Year is going to bring! I pray for health and happiness for all!

For God and Country, Commander Melissa

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# American Legion Post 586 Newsletter

## FROM THE FIRST VICE COMMANDER



Brian Fowle
1st Vice Commander

What does it mean to be a member of the American Legion? Sure, your membership gives you access to our local American Legion Post so you can hang out with friends and other veterans, come to dinners and events, and even help put on some of those events. But it's more than that. Locally, your membership also enables our Post to help our local youth by giving out scholarships for higher education and sending them to the Boys and Girls State program every year. Your participation directly helps us to give out significant donations to local and national charities, assist local veterans with getting access to the benefits they have earned or to just lend an ear with a phone call or a buddy check. The bigger picture is you are a part of the largest VSO (Veteran Service Organization) and each member of the American Legion helps to strengthen our numbers and our voice when our leadership is lobbying congress for veterans issues and oversight of VA operations. Americanism, National Security, Children and Youth, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation...these are the four pillars of the American Legion and should be a large part of the reason you are a member.

Thank you to all of our American Legion family who have renewed their membership in the American Legion for the 2026 membership year already. If you haven't renewed your membership for the 2026 membership year yet, please consider renewing right now. Please mail or drop off your membership dues at the Post. Legionnaires and Sons (SAL) you can renew easily by logging on to your account at <a href="https://www.mylegion.org">www.mylegion.org</a>. We hope and pray for you all to be blessed and well in this coming year (2026).

Brian Fowle 1st Vice Commander

### A NEW MONTHLY TRADITION AT THE POST



Mike Brenner 2nd Vice Commander

Trivia With Mike

Back in November, we kicked off something new at the Post with our first Trivia Night, starting with a Travel Trivia theme. In December, we followed that up with Christmas Trivia, and both nights were a lot of fun with great participation, laughs, and some friendly competition.

Going forward, Trivia with Mike will be held on the third Friday of each month.



Our next Trivia with Mike will be Friday, January 16, and we're excited to keep building on the momentum we've started. Here's what you can expect each month:

- Dinner at 6:00 PM
- Trivia begins at 6:30 PM
- Three rounds of 15 questions
- A musical clue each night
- A different theme every month

To add to the fun, prizes are awarded to the winning team in each round, and at the end of the evening we'll also recognize an overall winner, with a nice grand prize.

Most importantly, these Trivia Nights have already proven to be a great way to strengthen the camaraderie we enjoy at American Legion Post 586. It's been rewarding to see members, friends, family, and guests enjoying themselves, meeting new people, and spending time together at the Post in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere.



As we continue to refine the format and rotate themes, the goal is simple: keep Trivia with Mike fun, welcoming, and interactive, and make it something members can look forward to each month.

Be sure to keep an eye on Facebook, the Post website, and email for upcoming themes, dinner details, and reminders. If you haven't joined us yet, we'd love to see you on Friday, January 16, and on the third Friday of every month thereafter.

With great honor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Mike



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**U.S. AIR FORCE** 



"We may not all wear the uniform anymore, but we never stop serving."

Service doesn't end with discharge papers or retirement ceremonies. It continues through our work at the Post, our support of fellow veterans, and our involvement in community events. Whether it's mentoring, volunteering, or simply being there for one another, our mission lives on through each member who chooses to stay engaged and give back.





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Monday: 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Tuesday: 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Wednesday: 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Thursday: 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Friday: 3:00 PM - 12:00 AM
Saturday: 3:00 PM - 12:00 AM
Sunday: 11:30 AM - 7:00 PM

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# **JANUARY 2026**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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18  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	19 6pm Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce 7pm Auxiliary Meeting		Happy Hours 3-11	6pm Taco Salad 7pm Euchre	23  6pm Beef Stroganoff	24
25 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	26	27  EGION 7PM Quarter Auction 7pm Legion Membership Meeting	Happy Hours 3-11 7pm Dart League Starts Back Up	<b>29</b> 7pm Euchre	6pm Cmdr Mellissa's Chicken & Noodles	31

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