

# AMERICAN LEGION- FRANK E. ROBINSON POST 586

## TIPP CITY, OHIO

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING- Tuesday, 9 Dec 2025

Post Commander called the membership meeting to order on Tuesday, 9 Dec 2025 at 7:29 pm with the Salute to the Colors, Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and Preamble.

**Roll Call:** Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, Adjutant, Finance, Judge Advocate, Sgt-at-Arms, Trustees (1 of 3 present) present

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Chaplain, Historian, Service Officer all had excused absences
- One non-officer member was in attendance

**Guests:** Member Jeff Kramer gave a brief talk about Save A Warrior. He thanked the Post for its continued support of this organization.

#### **Adjutant:**

- Brian Fowle motioned, and Harlan Purves seconded, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 25 Nov 2025 membership meeting. The motion was approved. The minutes were formally approved as written.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Americanism: NSTR
- House:
  - Ralph Avey received an estimate from Choice Comfort for installing a tankless hot water heater in the Post. The water heater would service all restrooms, bar sink, kitchen sinks, etc. The dishwasher will remain on its own dedicated gas water heater. The written estimate, valid for 30 days, is for \$5365. The installation includes a 12 year warranty conditional upon the unit being serviced annually. Some level of "cost benefit analysis" is yet to be completed (i.e., compare average monthly gas bill against projected savings from the tankless unit). An Executive Committee meeting is likely to be called within 30 days to vote on the proposal.
  - Cincinnati Dayton Fire Protection completed all planned upgrades to the Post's fire protection (sprinkler) systems this week.
- Membership:
  - Membership numbers (includes renewals and new members for the coming year) currently sit at approximately 256.

- Brian Fowle stated that one of the seven Korean War Era members has passed away. Memberships for four of the remaining six have been renewed. Brian is currently working to renew the remaining two.
- Communications/Media:
  - 22 Dec is the deadline for newsletter submissions
  - Mike Brenner evaluated the potential use of an electronic device for managing and displaying the calendar in the bar area. Due to various factors, he does not recommend pursuing an electronic option further. He recommends retaining the paper scheduling/calendar book currently in use.
- Honor Guard/Color Guard: NSTR

**Finance Report:** No report was available to be summarized given the short time (two weeks) between the previous month's meeting and this one.

**Service Officer Report:** None provided due to service officer excused absence.

**Old Business:** Charitable Contribution Planning. The Legion has approximately \$15,000 to donate in 2026. It was decided to again set aside \$4000 for scholarships, leaving \$11,000 to contribute across multiple organizations. The members in attendance assembled the following initial list of recipient organizations (the list will be finalized and voted upon during the January membership meeting):

- Save A Warrior
- Miami County Hospice
- Tipp/Monroe Community Services
- Miami Valley Veterans Museum
- Battle Buddies
- Scouting Troop 586
- Girl Scout Daisy Troop
- USO
- Wounded Warrior Project
- Tunnels to Towers
- Shop With a Cop (see New Business entry regarding this very time-limited charity opportunity)

**New Business:**

- Shop With a Cop Donation. Brian Fowle motioned the Post donate \$1500 to support 10 families at \$150/each. Ralph Avey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Fun Run/Walk in Support of Suicide Awareness. Brian Fowle summarized his efforts thus far to assemble an organizing committee for the event which would be conducted on 25 Apr 2026 in conjunction with other awareness events. He envisions the event beginning and ending at the Post and also suggested some sort of veteran's "resource fair" might also be set up. More details forthcoming as the date gets closer. Harlan

Purves motioned that the Legion support this event in conjunction with the broader Legion Family. Chuck Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Correspondence:** None

**Sick Call:** Gene Scott, Frank March

**Chaplain:** Commander offered opening and closing prayer as the chaplain was not in attendance.

**Commander's Comments:** Melissa Fowle presented a thank you card and gift card to Ralph Avey for his many years of dedicated service and support to the Post as a Trustee.

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Elmore  
Adjutant

Melissa Fowle  
Commander