

AMERICAN LEGION- FRANK E. ROBINSON POST 586

TIPP CITY, OHIO

MEMBERSHIP MEETING- Tuesday, 23 Jun 2026

Post Commander called the membership meeting to order on Tuesday, 23 Jun 26 at 6:01 pm with the Salute to the Colors, Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and Preamble.

- The meeting was immediately paused for the awarding of annual scholarships by the Legion, SAL, Auxiliary and Riders. (The membership meeting resumed at 7:00 pm.)
- The Legion presented \$500 scholarships to the following students:
 - Hannah Steggeman, attending Wright State University
 - Kennedy Chaney, attending Wright State University
 - Victoria Layton, attending Wright State University
 - Jackson Davis, attending University of Findlay
 - Kendall Davis, attending University of Findlay
 - Madison Zornischenko, attending Sinclair Community College
 - Logan Potts, attending Bowling Green State University
 - Brooke Bashore, attending Edison State Community College

Roll Call: Commander, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, Adjutant, Historian, Judge Advocate, Sgt-at-Arms, Trustees

- Finance Officer, Chaplain and Service Officer all had excused absences
- Non-officer members present: two

Guests: Corey Norton, new prospective member

Adjutant:

- It was properly moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 26 May 2026 membership meeting. The motion was approved. The commander reminded members that the minutes are now posted on the Post's website for review.

Committee Reports:

- Americanism: Brian Fowle stated that he and Melissa Fowle recently returned from serving at Boys State.
- House: NSTR
- Membership: Mike Brenner introduced three applicants for membership as follows:
 - Nathan Lett
 - Sarah Lett
 - Corey Norton

- Mike motioned, Harlan Purves seconded, that all three applicants be accepted as members. The motion passed.
- Communications/Media:
 - Mike Brenner stated that the newsletter is currently in final draft and that inputs could be accepted through the end of the week. Mike said that he is actively soliciting inputs from the entire Legion Family. Thus far he has received inputs from the SAL, but not the other groups.
 - Mike and Brian Fowle recently met with the Tipp City Gazette to explore using the local paper as a new advertising/marketing tool for the Post.
 - Mike Brenner motioned, Harlan Purves seconded, to commit the Post to a three (3) month trial with the Gazette for \$175/mo, for a total of \$350 (the first month is free). The motion passed.
 - Mike emphasized that the ad we will run in the paper will include a QR code which will allow us to track how much visibility we are getting.
 - Mike Brenner noted that Jeff Tipton took photos of all of the scholarship winners. He requested Jeff share those photos so they can be used in the next newsletter, social media, and for post activities.
- Honor Guard: NSTR
- Color Guard: NSTR

Finance Report: Chuck Frazier provided a summary report covering the period 7/1/2025 to 5/31/2026.

Income: \$194,710.35

Expenses: \$186,568.19

Balance: \$8,142.16

Service Officer Report: None provided due to excused absence.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Mum Festival. Brian Fowle announced the initial planning meeting will be held Wednesday, 22 July at 6:30 pm.
- VFW Golf Tournament Support. John Kessler briefed that the VFW golf tournament team approached him to ask if the Post would consider cooking for the event scheduled for 22 Aug. The discussion among the membership was very favorable to supporting.
 - John Kessler motioned, Melissa Fowle seconded, to authorize spending up to \$750 to support the event, with the expectation that the Post will recoup all upfront costs. The motion passed.
- Laundry Service Change. John Kessler proposed the Post consider providing and laundering its own towels and aprons as a cost saving measure. He estimated that by doing so the Post would save \$400-\$500 per month. The Commander asked John to put

together more details about the proposal and be prepared to present them at the next Joint Executive Committee meeting.

Correspondence: Received a letter from Quilts of Valor soliciting recommendations for new recipients. Brian Fowle recommended submitting Del Prater for this honor.

Sick Call: Bob Steggemann

Chaplain: Melissa Fowle offered opening and closing prayer in the absence of the chaplain.

Commander's Comments: Brian Fowle announced that the Post's delegates to the Department Convention next month will be himself, Melissa Fowle and Mike Brenner.

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Elmore
Adjutant

Brian Fowle
Commander