

AMERICAN LEGION- FRANK E. ROBINSON POST 586
TIPP CITY, OHIO

MEMBERSHIP MEETING- Tuesday, 28 April 2026

Post Commander called the membership meeting to order on Tuesday, 28 Apr 26 at 7:02 pm with the Salute to the Colors, Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and Preamble.

Roll Call: Commander, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, Adjutant, Finance, Service Officer, Judge Advocate, Sgt-at-Arms, Trustees (2 of 2)

- Chaplain had an excused absence
- Historian had an excused
- 2 non-officer members were present

Guests: George Cutright, transferring from Post 90 in Georgia to Post 586

Adjutant:

- It was properly moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 24 Mar 2026 membership meeting. The motion was approved. Mike Brenner reminded members that the minutes are now posted on the Post's website for review, usually within a week of the meeting.
- Adjutant Dan Elmore stated that the dues increase approved during last month's membership meeting has been accepted and processed by Department.

Committee Reports:

- Americanism: Brian Fowle stated five (5) applications for Boys State have now been received. An orientation session will be held on 12 May.
- House:
 - John Kessler summarized the recently completed inspection of the fire suppression system. Several valves and components needed to be replaced. Additional work still needs to be done to ensure the system is reliable for years to come.
 - Commander Fowle asked the House Committee to provide an updated quote for the needed follow-on work.
 - A new phone line is planned to be run to the bar area which will enable the answering machine to be relocated from the basement office.
- Membership: Brian Fowle presented two new member applicants (Richard Delp and William Younk), as well as two member transfer requests (Thomas Fletcher and George Cutright). Brian motioned, and Frank March seconded, to accept the two new members and two transferees. The motion passed.

- Communications/Media:
 - Mike Brenner stated he had recently updated the format and layout of the newsletter. He presented a sample of the new format by way of a Powerpoint presentation to the members. The new format was favorably received.
 - Mike plans to attend meetings of the other Legion Family organizations to present the new layout and to encourage them to submit inputs to the newsletter.
- Honor Guard: Bob Steggemann stated the Honor Guard would be supporting a funeral at St Christopher's Church in Vandalia on Tues, 5 May.
- Color Guard: NSTR

Finance Report: Chuck Frazier presented a year-to-date (7/1/2025 to 4/28/2026) financial summary. He emphasized the income from the bar was not substantial and encouraged the Post to explore other opportunities to bring funds in, especially in light of looming Post infrastructure expenses.

Income: \$171,567.47

Expenses: \$165,786.58

Balance: \$5,780.89

Service Officer Report: NSTR

Old Business:

- 5K Fun Run/Walk in Support of Suicide Awareness. Brian Fowle briefed that the event was highly successful and benefited from plenty of volunteers. The event's \$15K goal was achieved. Additionally, National HQ became aware of the event and expressed interest in producing an article highlighting the event. Brian suggested that this event become an annual event for the Post going forward.
- Post Officer Nominations: The following nominations were received since nominations were opened during last month's membership meeting:
 - Commander—Brian Fowle
 - 1st Vice Commander—Michael Brenner
 - 2nd Vice Commander—Melissa Fowle
 - Finance Officer—Chuck Frazier
 - Adjutant—Dan Elmore
 - Service Officer—Bob Steggemann
 - Chaplain—Julie Durka
 - Historian—Jeff Tipton
 - Sgt-at-Arms—Chuck Colby
 - Judge Advocate (appointed)—Harlan Purves

Commander Fowle introduced each nomination, asked if there were additional nominees for each position. Hearing none, she then asked each nominee if they

accepted their respective nominations. All replied in the affirmative. There being no contested positions again this year, Harlan Purves motioned to elect this slate of officers by acclamation. Bob Steggemann seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Brian Fowle recommended the officer installation be conducted during the May meeting in order to not conflict with June's scholarship event. All were in agreement with this scheduling recommendation.

New Business: None.

Correspondence: Thank you cards/notes were received from American Pride Veteran Care/Ohio's Hospice Foundation and the Miami Valley Veteran's Museum expressing gratitude for the Legion's recent donations.

Sick Call: John Kessler stated that member Robert Winger passed away on 28 Apr.

Chaplain: Mike Brenner offered opening and closing prayer in the absence of the chaplain.

Commander's Comments: Melissa Fowle expressed heartfelt thanks for the trust and support the membership has demonstrated during her three years as Post Commander.

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Elmore
Adjutant

Melissa Fowle
Commander