

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING- Tuesday, 28 Jul 2026

1st Vice Commander called the membership meeting to order on Tuesday, 28 Jul 26 at 7:02 pm with the Salute to the Colors, Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and Preamble.

Roll Call: 1st Vice, Adjutant, Finance, Chaplain, Historian, Judge Advocate, Sgt-at-Arms, Trustees (1 of 2)

- Commander, 2nd Vice, Service Officer and one of the Trustees had excused absences
- Non-officer members present: none

Guests: None

Adjutant:

- It was properly moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 23 Jun 2026 membership meeting. The motion was approved.

Committee Reports:

- Americanism: NSTR
- House: John Kessler asked if the Legion would consider rescheduling the Oct 27 membership meeting to accommodate a hall rental. John Kessler motioned to reschedule the meeting, Harlan Purves seconded. The motion passed. Meeting will be rescheduled to a yet to be determined date.
- Membership:
 - The adjutant presented to new membership applicants for consideration: Brett Cooper, USAF, and Even Dolley, USMC. Dan Elmore motioned that both applicants be accepted for membership. Harlan Purves seconded. The motion passed.
 - Mike Brenner introduced discussion about the Post sponsoring the renewals for 15 Korean and 1 WWII members. Dan Elmore moved that the Post sponsor the renewals for the surviving 16 Korean/WWII veterans. Julie Durka seconded. The motion passed.
- Communications/Media: Mike Brenner stated that photos taken by the Historian or for the use of the Post shall be collected in a shared resource for use. Mike said that the Historian is free to set up any share service that he prefers. Mike Brenner will then aggregate all photos in a Google Drive share for anyone who needs them.
- Honor Guard: NSTR

- Color Guard: NSTR

Finance Report: Acting Finance Officer, Harlan Purves, summarized the finance report covering 7/1/2025 to 6/30/2026. Even though the report indicates a deficit, Harlan emphasized that then reported \$7,205.71 loss is not terrible in view of the facility maintenance bills the organization has incurred.

Income: \$264,040.42

Expenses: \$271,246.13

Balance: -\$7,205.71

John Kessler motioned to accept the finance report as presented, Dan Elmore seconded. The motion carried.

Service Officer Report: None due to service officer absence.

Old Business:

- Memorial Day Parade Band. John Kessler motioned, Julie Durka seconded, to pay the band \$150 from the charity account. The motion passed.
- Buckeye Boys State Delegates Recognition. Mike Brenner introduced a proposal from Brian Fowle, Melissa Fowle and himself to host a simple reception (drinks, cake) in conjunction with the August membership meeting to recognize this year's delegates and provide them an opportunity to share their experiences. Mike emphasized that such an event would also increase visibility on the Post for their leadership and support of programs like Boys State which benefit the community.
 - Dan Elmore motioned, Harlan Purves seconded, that the Post host a simple reception in conjunction with the August membership meeting to celebrate the boys sponsored this year and provide an opportunity for them to share their experiences. The motion passed.

New Business:

- Post Everlasting Ceremony. Mike Brenner proposed the next Post Everlasting Ceremony be conducted during the September membership meeting, and performed by past commanders, as is tradition. Harlan Purves was the only past commander in attendance, but was supportive of the proposal.
- Proposal to Sell Vacant Lot. John Kessler introduced the idea to potentially sell the vacant lot adjacent to the Post and use the proceeds to offset the looming significant maintenance bills. Harlan Purves motioned, Dan Elmore seconded, that a committee be formed, with John Kessler as the chair, to formally investigate the possibility of selling the vacant lot. The motion passed.

Correspondence: The Post received two thank you cards. One from the Downtown Tipp City Partnership expressing appreciation for the patriotic and food support provided during the America 250 celebration. The other card was from Brooke Bashore expressing thanks to the Scholarship Committee for awarding her a scholarship this year.

Sick Call: Bob Steggemann

Chaplain: Julie Durka offered opening and closing prayers.

Commander's Comments: None

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Elmore
Adjutant

Mike Brenner
1st Vice Commander