AMERICAN LEGION- FRANK E. ROBINSON POST 586
TIPP CITY, OHIO
MEMBERSHIP MEETING- Tuesday, 27 Oct 2026

Post Commander called the membership meeting to order on Tuesday, 27 Oct 26 at 7:00 pm with the Salute to the Colors, Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and Preamble.

Roll Call: Commander, 2nd Vice, Adjutant, Finance, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Trustees

- 1st Vice, Service Officer, Historian and Sgt-at-Arms had excused absences
- Non-officer members present: 2

Guests: None

Adjutant:

- It was properly moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 22 Sep 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 approximately 100 Americanism & Government tests have been delivered to Tipp City schools. Additionally, the committee is exploring the 4th grade flag education program within Tipp City schools.
- House:
    - Ralph Avey briefed that they received a quote or $1600 from Eagle Electric to rewire and clean up existing wiring, breakers, etc., to better (and more safely) support the additional electrical load brought on primarily by additional gambling machines. Frank March moved, and Melissa Fowle seconded, to accept the $1600 quote and authorize the work. Motion passed.
    - Ralph Avey also briefed that the AED machine is being updated with new paddles and other necessary components to bring it back up to code. An inspection is expected within the next several weeks; our system will be ready for such an inspection by then.
- Membership:
    - Dan Elmore presented one new applicant, Glenn Gass, for membership. Glenn is a Vietnam-era Navy veteran. Melissa Fowle motioned, Ralph Avey seconded, to accept Glenn as a new member of the Post. The motion passed.
    - Dan Elmore presented the transfer request from Robert Schwartz (currently a member of Post 43 in Troy). After much discussion, Melissa Fowle moved, and Harlan Purves seconded, to table the transfer request in order to allow

additional time for Robert to present supporting documentation and other information regarding his current status at Post 43. The motion passed.

- Communications/Media:
    - Tipp City Gazette Advertising. Mike Brenner briefed that the monthly invoice for advertising in the Gazette is $175. He believes the Post is not receiving a large amount of value from this expenditure and recommended discontinuing the paid monthly advertisement. Frank March motioned, Ralph Avey seconded, to discontinue the monthly Tipp City Gazette advertising.
    - November/December Newsletter. Mike Brenner expressed sincere appreciation for all those who contributed to the newsletter. This is the first newsletter to include a section on the Thundering Third District and its activities; Mike stated it is important for members to understand how our local Post fits into the overall District picture.
    - American Legion Emblem and AI-Generated Graphics. Mike Brenner summarized the recent meeting of the Department of Ohio Media and Communications Committee. (Responsibility for representing the Third District on the committee is transitioning from Commander Brian Fowle to Mike.)

      One important topic discussed was the proper use of the official American Legion emblem, particularly in materials created using artificial intelligence (AI). **AI-generated versions of the American Legion emblem should not be used.** These tools frequently create inaccurate versions that do not comply with the Legion's official branding standards. AI can still be used to create flyers, graphics, and promotional materials. However, users should specifically instruct the AI tool not to generate the American Legion emblem and instead leave space for the approved emblem to be added afterward. All published materials should use the official, approved emblem in accordance with the American Legion's brand guidelines.

    - Event Photographs. Mike encouraged everyone who sponsors or attends events at the Post, such as the recent Trunk or Treat, to take photos and share them on the Facebook page. If someone is uncomfortable posting directly to the Facebook page, they can send the photos to Mike and he will post.
    - Website and Digital Signage Updates. Members noticing errors or outdated information on the website or digital display at the Post should let Mike know as soon as possible and he will correct.
- Honor Guard: NSTR
- Color Guard:
    - Brian Fowle is soliciting volunteers to support the Post's Veteran's Day ceremony. Interested members should contact Brian. Showtime at the Post is 1030 on 11 Nov.
    - Tipp City is hosting a Christmas Parade on 21 Nov and has asked the Post to provide a color guard. Brian will be soliciting volunteers for this event.

Finance Report: Acting Finance Officer, Harlan Purves, summarized the finance report covering the first month of the previous month, 9/1/2026 to 9/30/2026.

Income: $74,410.19
Expenses: $20,372.62
Balance: $51,037.57

Harlan stated that most of the income for September came from the sale of the vacant lot ($40,976.00). Overall, the Post's finances are in very good shape.

Dan Elmore motioned, and Melissa Fowle seconded, to accept the finance report as presented. The motion passed.

Service Officer Report: NSTR

Old Business:

- Bands for Live Entertainment. Mike Brenner, as chair of the band committee formed during last month's membership meeting, presented a well-thought-out, detailed proposal (including comprehensive budget and logistics plan) for a live band night at the Post featuring the veteran band, Crossroads Collective Band. The cost for the band for a three-hour performance is $600.
    - Melissa Fowle motioned, and Tim Dumbauld seconded, to approve Mike Brenner's proposal for a live band night on Dec 4th, including the proposed budget. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Buddy Checks. Brian Fowle briefed that he needs approximately 13 members to help make the buddy check phone calls. Calls are set to begin AFTER the November 3rd election to avoid confusion with political solicitation calls. Rosters and scripts are available at the Post for those willing to help.
- Quarter Auctions.
    - Harlan Purves motioned, Melissa Fowle seconded, to cancel the 15 December Legion Quarter Auction due to the volume of other scheduled activities leading up to the holidays. Motion passed.
    - Brian Fowle is asking for volunteers to solicit donations from local businesses to support the November Legion Quarter Auction. Letters are available to take and provide to businesses.
- Annual Christmas Tree in the Park. Harlan Purves motioned, Ralph Avey seconded, to spend $85 to have a Legion tree in the park again this season. Motion passed.
- Proposal to Change Legion Membership Meeting Night. Due to increasingly frequent conflicts between events such as Quarter Auctions and the fourth Tuesday Legion Membership Meeting, Harlan Purves motioned, Ralph Avey seconded, to move the

meeting night to the fourth Monday of every month. The motion failed. Meetings will remain on the fourth Tuesday of the month and will be conducted in the basement meeting area if required for event deconfliction.

Correspondence: A thank you card from Logan Potts was received expressing his gratitude for the scholarship money the Post provided.

Sick Call: None reported for members.

Chaplain: Julie Durka offered opening and closing prayers.

Commander's Comments: No additional.

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Elmore	Brian Fowle
Adjutant	Commander