

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING- Tuesday, 28 Oct 2025

Post Commander called the membership meeting to order on Tuesday, 28 Oct 2025 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, Historian, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, and two of three Trustees present. The Sgt-at-Arms was absent without excuse (Frank March acted). The Service Officer was absent due to conflict with a Miami County veteran commitment.

- Four non-officer members were also present

Guests: Tamara Hegi from Operation Veteran Support & Caregiver Support was introduced and gave a short presentation on her organization, emphasizing ways Post 586 could engage.

Adjutant: Informed the membership of the upcoming Department bowling tournament, as well as the mid-Winter Conference. Both items would be placed on the bulletin board.

Minutes: Minutes of the 23 Sep 2025 membership meeting were summarized and approved.

Committee Reports:

- House:
 - Ralph Avey stated that the \$3690 approved at the Sep meeting was based on a misunderstanding of the actual costs provided by Cincinnati Dayton Fire & Protection. He apologized for the misunderstanding and stated the actual cost for the three repair/upgrade items is \$5430.
 - Ralph motioned to expend an additional \$1740 to complete the needed work. Chuck Frazier seconded. The motion passed.
 - Ralph briefed that Cincinnati Dayton Fire & Protection was recently bought by a company named Ryan Fire Protection. No changes to our contract are anticipated due to the ownership change.
- Honor Guard: Commander Fowle briefed that the Historical Society has reached out for support to honor four Civil War veterans this Sunday, 2 Nov, and encouraged members to support. It was briefed that Bob Steggmann had already lined up volunteers for the event.
- Membership: Brian Fowle stated that, as of this meeting, 219 member renewals (which includes new memberships) have been processed. Seven new membership applications and one transfer were presented as follows:

- Delbert Monnier, transfer from Post 43
- Russ Salka
- Ellen Noel
- Richard Ganion
- Morris Spees
- Braydon Kimmel
- Mason Kimmel
- Jack McMurry

Motions were properly made and seconded for each applicant. All were approved for membership.

- The Commander proposed an incentive for completing renewals by Veteran's Day each year. Her concept is that members would be entered into a drawing, the winner of which would have their dues paid by the Post. There was general agreement with this proposal. Consensus was to implement this for next year's membership renewals.
- Communications/Media: Mike Brenner discussed a proposal he is developing to move the Post to a fully electronic calendar system, citing frequent errors and inconsistencies and the reason for doing so. He will fully flesh out the proposal and present it to the membership at a future meeting.
- Service Officer: No report due to Service Officer absence.

Finance Report: Chuck Frazier provided a summary update on the Post's finances as follows:

Income: \$18,447.80

Expenses: \$17,785.13

Balance: \$662.68

Old Business: Chuck Frazier reported the Post earned \$7600 during last month's Mum Festival weekend.

New Business:

- Photo Use "Liability" Concern. Jeff Tipton brought up a potential issue associated with personal photos of members attending functions on Post property. He cited a recently heard story of an Auxiliary member from another Post being held liable by her company because she appeared in a photo taken at a Post and put up on social media. That individual then apparently sued that Post for damages. Question was raised as to whether or not our Post should develop some sort of a policy and/or publish a 'disclaimer' regarding the possibility of personal photos appearing on the Post's social media from time to time. No decisions or specific follow-up actions were made.
- Tavern Poker Idea. Member Joe Richardson, along with Jeff Tipton, discussed the possibility of creating an account/association with an entity entitled "Tavern Poker" which would enable members to play various poker games from the Post. This new capability could be used for charity events, tournaments, etc. with the idea that it might

help attract more members and guests into the Club. The Commander directed a more formal proposal (including costs and other obligations, pros/cons, etc.) be assembled and formally presented at a future membership meeting.

Correspondence: None

Commander's Comments: Thanked everyone for attending and supporting the Post.

Sick Call: Chaplain reported Gene Scott remains on the sick call list.

Chaplain: The Chaplain offered a closing prayer.

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