

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING- Tuesday, 25 Nov 2025

Post Commander called the membership meeting to order on Tuesday, 25 Nov 2025 at 7:04 pm with the Salute to the Colors, Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and Preamble.

Roll Call: Commander, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, Adjutant, Finance, Historian, Service Officer, Judge Advocate, and three Trustees were in attendance. The Chaplain had an excused absence. The Sgt-at-Arms was absent without excuse.

- 2 non-officer members were in attendance.

Guests: None

Adjutant:

- It was properly moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 28 Oct 2025 membership meeting. The motion was approved. The commander reminded members that the minutes are now posted on the Post's website for review.
- Summarized the recent upgrades to the Post's network connectivity. Publicly called out and thanked Chuck Frazier for leading the effort to engage Spectrum leadership and negotiate a more favorable, up-to-date contract which, ultimately, got the ball rolling. Adjutant also highlighted Ed Brinkman's (SAL adjutant) help in upgrading and relocating the upstairs router which markedly improved coverage throughout the main floor. Ed was also instrumental in working with the onsite Spectrum technician. Once all network actions are completed, Adjutant will send out written/typed network details/instructions to the leadership teams.

Committee Reports:

- Americanism: Melissa Fowle summarized the recent results of the Americanism & Government tests given at Tippecanoe High School. For unknown reasons, tests were only given to 10th and 11th grades (no 12th grade tests were in the packet). Tippecanoe High School had an 11th grade boy who had the highest score in the District for the Posts that had turned in their tests up to the time of the 25 Nov membership meeting. This was the first time in a very long time that Tipp City had a score high enough to submit! (However, we learned a few days after the conclusion of the membership meeting that, unfortunately, an 11th grade boy from Montgomery County edged him out.)

- **House:** Ralph Avey stated that the last month has been consumed with general maintenance around the facility. He publicly thanked the Rider's for purchasing four (4) new mirrors for the men's restroom.
 - Ralph told the membership that he will be resigning as a Trustee effective 3 Jan 26. The commander thanked him for his years of dedicated service to the Post.
 - Brian Fowle recommended the signs on the outer doors be updated to reflect current policy on bringing in outside food for consumption. (Current policy states: no outside food allowed when the kitchen is up and operating). The updated policy will also be published on the website.
- **Membership:**
 - Brian Fowle stated that the Post has seven (7) Korean War era members remaining on the rolls and motioned that the Post pay for their renewals. Frank March seconded. The motion was approved.
 - Brian Fowle summarized three new membership applications as follows:
 - John Danner, USMC
 - Gerald Klosterman, USAF
 - Michael Williams, USA
 Brian motioned to accept all three applicants, Dan Elmore seconded. The applicants were unanimously accepted for membership.

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

Income: \$31,118.05

Expenses: \$22,971.18

Balance: \$8146.87

Service Officer: NSTR

Old Business: Jeff Tipton offered an update on planning for the New Year's Eve party. The latest status is that tickets will be sold for \$10/person, attendance will be limited to 200, and the Auxiliary is changing its original support for the event (details still TBD).

New Business:

- **Charitable Contributions.** The commander asked all members to begin thinking about recommendations for the Post's annual charity contributions, emphasizing that the intended organizations must be 501(c)3. A detailed contribution plan will be formulated during the 9 Dec 25 membership meeting.
- **Water Heater Replacement.** Ralph Avey proposed obtaining an estimate for a tankless water heater, which he believes will save the Post utility expenses going forward. Costs and a proposal will be presented at the next membership meeting.

- **Sgt-at-Arms Replacement:** The commander brought up the fact the current Sgt-at-Arms, Mike Frazier, has accrued three (3) unexcused absences which, according to the Constitution & By Laws, equates to a resignation. Based on this, the commander appointed Chuck Colby to take over the position. Harlan Purves motioned to accept the appointment. Dan Elmore seconded. The motion was approved.

Correspondence: Received a thank you letter from Save A Warrior for the Post's donation of \$1113. Solicitations from several other organizations were received and will be considered during next month's charitable contribution planning.

Commander's Comments: Melissa Fowle thanked the color guard and honor guard for all their support this fall at numerous football games, ceremonies, etc.

Sick Call: Bob Winger, Gene Scott

Chaplain: Was not present due to excused absence. 2nd Vice offered opening and closing prayer.

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Elmore
Adjutant

Melissa Fowle
Commander