

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING- Tuesday, 24 March 2026

Post Commander called the membership meeting to order on Tuesday, 24 Mar 26 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, Sgt-at-Arms, Trustees (1 of 2)

- Chaplain had an unexcused absence
- 3 non-officer members were present

Guests: Representatives from the USO, Miami Valley Veterans Museum, Tipp/Monroe Community Services and Miami County Hospice were present to receive previously approved charitable donations from the Post. Bob Steggemann represented Gifts for Yanks and received their donation on their behalf.

Adjutant:

- It was properly moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 24 Feb 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.

Committee Reports:

- Americanism: Brian Fowle stated three applications for Boys State have been received; interviews are in process. The Post is hoping for three additional applicants.
- House: NSTR
- Membership: Brian presented one new member application for Floyd Smith, and one member transfer for Daniel Henry. Brian motioned, Dan Elmore seconded, to accept the new member and approve the transfer request. The motion passed. The Post is now only 8 members short of its target of 325.
- Communications/Media:
 - Brian Fowle and Mike Brenner appeared on local TV to speak about the upcoming 5K Run/Walk event. Mike discussed the need for additional advertising and marketing leading up to the event.
 - Newsletter inputs are due to Mike NLT 25 Apr.
- Honor Guard: NSTR
- Color Guard: NSTR

Finance Report: Presentation of the finance report was delayed. Therefore, Bob Steggemann motioned, and Frank March seconded, to accept the finance report “as is”. The motion passed.

The below summary financial figures for the period 2/1/26 to 3/24/26 were submitted to the Adjutant the day after the membership meeting:

Income: \$15,287.91

Expenses: \$5,291.69

Balance: \$9,996.22

Service Officer Report: NSTR

Old Business:

- Potential Dues Increase: Brian Fowle motioned, and Frank March seconded, that the Post increase its dues by \$5 starting in the 2027 membership year. There was very limited discussion among the few members in attendance. The motion passed.
- Constitution & By-Laws (C&BLs): Dan Elmore stated that the C&BLs received formal Department approval and are now final. A copy is posted on the bulletin board, as well as on the website.
- Hall Rental Agreement. Frank March stated that the new agreement is now finalized. Some discussion ensued regarding whether or not the agreement should be posted to the website. The general consensus seemed to be that it should not.
- Consolidated Post Report (CPR): Per Dan Elmore, the report has been completed and submitted to Department.

New Business:

- Third District Golf Tournament Sponsorship. Brian Fowle motioned, and Frank March seconded, that the Post sponsor a hole at the tournament for \$100. (The funds would be drawn from the charity account.) The motion passed.
- Post Officer Nominations: Melissa Fowle indicated that nominations are now being accepted for all post officer positions for the upcoming year.

Correspondence: Several solicitations for charitable donations were received during the past month, which was after contribution decisions had already been finalized. Given this, Harlan Purves motioned, and Frank March seconded, that we table any new donation requests until later in the year, at which time they should be considered enmasse vice standalone. The motion passed.

Sick Call: None

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

Commander's Comments: Melissa Fowle encouraged members desiring to see changes made to Post activities or operations to consider running for an officer position. She also emphasized the importance of attending the membership meeting to express thoughts and ideas that might benefit the Post.

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