

**Bent-Burke Unit#10, American Legion Auxiliary,
Department of New Hampshire**

May 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Next meeting June 8, 2026, 6:00PM

Call to order:

6:00 PM with President Sheri Skelly presiding.

Roll Call	Officer	In attendance	
		Yes	No
President	Sheri Skelly	X	
1 st Vice President	Cheryl Carter	X	
2 nd Vice President	Nancy Wheeler	X	
Secretary	Rachel Keene		X
Treasurer	Heika Siegert	X	
Historian	Amanda Lones	X	
Chaplain	Ingrid Howard	X	
Sargent-At-Arms	Samantha Goodspeed		X

Additional attendees: Deirdre Deschenes , Nancy Brochu, Linda Raymond, Jill Hopkins, Jeanette Daigle, Kellie-Sue Boissonnault

Preamble: Led by Nancy Brochu

Pledge Allegiance / Opening Prayer: Led by Ingrid Howard

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Membership Report: by Cheryl Carter

100% paid. 135 members

Unprocessed Membership status:

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Heather	Battles
Kelby (check)	Broderick
Jennifer	Burbee
Angela (no response)	Erickson
Cindy (check)	Gibbons
Morgan	O'Connell
Johanna (Cash)	Winterburn

Jill will present check at convention to Joyce Flanders for 3 ladies highlighted in yellow above.

Cheryl Carter now has key to mailbox that Jill had.

New member / Transfers: N/A

Correspondence:

Thank you emails from Bila O'Toole (Girls State) and Sydney Beam (St. Paul's School donation). They have been emailed to Amanda to add to the scrapbook.

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Treasurer's Report:

Report is available per request. Email Rachel Keene at
rachel.c.keene@gmail.com.

New Deposits:

\$10. In sweatshirt money 5/9/2026

\$19. BAE Benevity (Giving Portal) 5/5/2026

\$55.75 Poppy Donations from Wilton 250 Event 5/9/2026

Pay out:

\$25. Outgoing President gift

Old Business:

Auxiliary Website: We are creating a website for the Post 10 Auxiliary that will be updated by Natalie. She is researching our options. She reported that the free version would have ads and many restrictions. Estimated cost per year for the features we want will be approximately \$200. Natalie will research further and provide more information at the next meeting. We will be voting on a website chairperson. Amanda Lones will assist Natalie with the set up.

5.11.26 Voted to purchase a 3-year domain (GoDaddy). Natalie will purchase and get reimbursed from Heika. Sheri provided requirements for website. Natalie will have update for June meeting.

Scholarships: will be distributed on Thursday May 21 @ 7:00pm at WLC. Cheryl will present for Auxiliary. Recipients are Molly Meehan

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and Olivia Hussey \$1000. Each. Can someone take photos?

Convention: May 30th - May 31st Attendees: Jill, Joyce, Ingrid and Sheri

New Business

Grateful / Thank you:

A big Thank you to all the volunteers involved in the Wilton 250 celebration held May 9, 2026:

- Cheryl Carter for working with the Wilton 250 committee and recruiting volunteers for event
 - Cheryl Carter and Linda Raymond – Planting flowers
 - Cheryl Carter, Lisa Gibbons, Kristen Marios for helping hand out bells and flags.
 - Nancy Brochu setting up an Auxiliary table downtown (and Diana Proctor)
 - Nancy Wheeler, Sheri Skelly and Samantha Goodspeed for marching in the parade.

It was a very wet day and a big Thank you to ALL volunteers.

Thank you card and Gift Certificate (\$135. Taco Time) provided to Cheryl Carter for her years of services as president. Thank you to those who contributed to the gift card.

Thank you to Nancy Brochu, Jeanette and Jill in leading the Preamble.

Review of Officer Positions:

Sheri Skelly will set aside time to meet with the officers and or Chair ladies to discuss their positions.

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Donation Requests and Approved:

- Hole sponsor Legion Tournament May 21st \$100.00
- Hole sponsor Dan Murray Tournament June 5th \$200.00 (we will not have a meeting before this tournament)

Veterans Count/Easter Seals \$100.00 (this donation stays in the state of NH)

Milford Flag Ceremony: Sunday May 17th @ 11:45am there will be a flag ceremony at Riverside Cemetery in Milford. Nancy B will have a table set up. Anyone is welcome to join.

Project Linus (Second Congregational Church): looking for donations to buy felt for infant blankets and fidget blankets for seniors Ingrid will see if they do or are willing to provide fidget blankets for the VA or veterans. This maybe something we can either provide a donation or do a raffle to benefit the cause. If a basket raffle is deemed appropriate Linda Raymond and Dee agreed to create.

Memorial Day Parade: steps off at 9:00am at the post. Wear white shirt, black or navy pants and comfortable shoes. Hats are not necessary.

- Wreaths at monument 2, one large for monument and one small to be tossed in the river.
- Wreaths at cemeteries 1st cemetery only one wreath needed,
- 2nd cemetery two wreaths needed,
- 3rd cemetery only one wreath needed,
- 4th cemetery 2 wreaths needed.

Honor Flight News: Jim Boutwell has been selected to go on the

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Veteran honor flight on May 31st_ Part of that experience is getting to read surprise cards and notes while on the flight. Please spread the word! The address to mail them to:

Honor Flight NE

C/O James Boutwell Flight 5/31/26PO Box 16287

Hookset. NH 03106

5.11.26 Jim became ill, Cheryl was to reach out to Don Condon to see if Jim is still going on the flight.

REMINDERS:

- Don't forget to submit your community service sheets.
- If you are a BAE Employee, the 'Bent-Burke Unit 10 American Legion Auxiliary is now listed in the workplace giving Portal.

District Dates:

These are listed in the secretary binder if anyone would like to see them or you can text Rachel Keene directly for this information. Her number is 603-213-0790.

Post Dates / Events:

Bands: 7 pm to 10 pm: May 16th: DJ Kyle

Trivia Nights: May 13th (pizza) and May 27th (potluck) starts at 7 pm

Cribbage: May 19th at 6:30 pm

Steak Night: May 20th at 6 pm

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Legion Golf Tournament May 21st at 8 am

Poppy Day May 22nd

Memorial Day Parade May 25th at step off is 9:00am.

Line dancing every Thursday.

Evening Prayer (Ingrid)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm

Secretary's Report:

With corrections of the following: N/A

If you want to opt out of receiving the minutes via email, please send a request to Rachel Keene rachel.c.keene@gmail.com.

Parking lot items (to be discussed at later meetings):

Sydney Beam Donation: This young woman is requesting a donation in order to attend St. Paul's Advanced Studies Program from the Legion family. We voted to donate \$200.

5.11.26 Status as of this meeting: Sydney has received the donation from the Auxiliary. Cheryl has requested that she take pictures so they can be added to our scrapbook.

Granite Girls State: We have a WLC Junior (Ayla O'Toole) interested in attending. She is looking over the information and will let us know before May 1st_ We voted to cover the cost of \$425 to send her.

5.11.26 Status as of this meeting: Eila has completed her application and received her check. Cheryl has requested that she take pictures so they can be added to our scrapbook.



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