

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

June 8, 2026 – Meeting Notes

Next meeting: Tuesday,

September 8

@ 6 pm. Location: Upstairs

Call to order

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:

Nancy Brochu, Jill Hopkins, Diana Proctor, Kellie-Sue Boissonnault,
Natalie Herfurth, Linda Raymond.

Preamble: Due to the length of the meeting the formalities were
omitted for this meeting

Pledge Allegiance to the flag: None

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Opening Prayer: None

Membership Report:

100% paid. 135 members

Unprocessed Membership status: None

New member / Transfers: None

2027 Cards are in.

- Status of - Jocelyn Bensen application in Aux mailbox. No money was included. Cheryl will reach out to her.
- Discussed incentives for “early bird” memberships so that we can make sure that all memberships are done in a timely manner for 2027. We voted and accepted giving incentives. The actual incentives will be voted on in the September meeting. Cheryl will be mailing membership cards in little “Thank You” cards for 2027.

Correspondence:

- Patty Condon sent a thank you card for the flowers that we sent while she was in the hospital.
- Sheri & Cheryl have PO Box keys. Cheryl will pick up membership mail, and Sheri will pick up all non-member mail.

Treasurer’s Report:

- April’s raffle basket profits will be put under ‘Other’.
- New Form created for payout request that will go to treasurer to assure all payouts are performed.

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

New Deposits as of 6/8/2026:

- \$120. Membership
- \$65.85 Poppy Fund. \$58.85 was from the poppy sales during the Wilton 250 celebration.
- \$23.80 BAE Benevity (\$42.84 to date), These deposits will go under 'Other'

Pay out (since 5/11/2026 meeting):

- \$100. Activities Committee Golf Tournament
- \$200. Dan Murray Golf Tournament
- \$100. Veterans Count/Easter Seals NH – Did this get paid out? This has not been paid out yet.
- \$370.22 Website for 3 years (Natalie)

Old Business: Updates

- **Auxiliary Website:** Natalie updated us on the new website. The new Auxiliary website is <http://bentburkeunit10ala.com>. The website has hyperlinks to other sites or sections of the website and contains a photo link to upload your memories to share with others from the Legion. Links are also built in to contact Jill Hopkins for Americanism, Nancy Brochu for poppies, and Cheryl Carter for membership. Check it out!

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- **Scholarships:** Cheryl update (May 21st recipients: Molly Meehan and Olivia Hussey). The young ladies accepted their scholarships and will contact Heika with their school information. Scholarships are paid directly to the school.
- **Convention:** Jill update (May 28-31st). Ingrid Howard, Jill Hopkins, and Sheri Skelly attended. The convention took place in Nashua this year with the 'Homeland Heroes' founder being a speaker. Unit 10 won 8 Awards. Sheri will get the name plates engraved, and awards will be hung at the Post. Gary Jensen and Kevin Stephens will make wall space accordingly. Past President Cheryl Carter, we Thank you!
 - Best Report on Education
 - Best All Around Report, District 2
 - Best Community Service
 - Best Americanism
 - Best Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation
 - Best Veteran's Affairs
 - Best Children and Youth
 - Best Photo History, Class 2
- **Historian:** (Amanda) – New QR code for photo uploads. Please see the attachment titled Help Us Capture Our Story for more information on how to upload photos taken at the Legion.
- **Honor Flight News:** Jim Boutwell did participate in Honor Flight, and stated it was a great experience, and would recommend it to anyone who qualifies. He sent us an email detailing his experiences. Copy attached to the meeting notes. Sheri to reach out to Judy Wadleigh, who is an honor Flight Guardian, and ask that she attend a meeting and share her input on being a Guardian for over 12 Honor Flights.

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- **Poppy Events:** Nancy, Heika, and Sheri update.
 - Nancy raised \$224.75 for the Poppy Fund. The donations came from setting up at Memorial Day Parade (Wilton), Milford Cemetery and from donations from the canteen.
 - Sheri Skelly and Heika Siegart donated their tips totaling \$364 for the day. The Legion Canteen donated .25 cents per drink and then doubled it, adding an extra \$68.50 for a total of \$432.50 for Friday 5/22 Poppy Day.
- **Project Linus (Second Congregational Church):** Ingrid update.

After some research, Project Linus is a program where blankets are made for children (ages 0-18) in hospitals who are going through cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. We are wanting to do a project for Veterans. Kellie-Sue suggested the Warm Up America program that donates blankets to Veterans. Ingrid needs to speak with a contact at the church who was on vacation, and will follow up in September.

New Business

- SAL would like to have the **June Raffle** (Auxiliary would have August and September). **This was voted on and approved.**
- SAL would like to know if the **Aux are interested in hosting a Steak Night or Similar in Aug / Sept or Oct?** **We voted to have a brunch in October.**
- What will the **raffle benefit?** We voted and approved the next raffle will be in August. Linda Raymond will create a scratch ticket raffle

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basket for us. Cheryl will pick up the \$200. In scratch tickets. Raffle to benefit the Auxiliary Emergency Relief Fund.

- Shall we do a **Calendar raffle**, sell tickets over the summer and pull winners in September? **It was decided that we will not be doing this.**
- The **Aux does not Meet in the Month of July or August.** We meet the 2nd Monday of the month, which would be September 14th. Is there any interest to changing the meetings from 2nd Monday to the 2nd Tuesday of every month? Holding upstairs? We voted that the September meeting will be held the second Tuesday of the month. We will try the new schedule and location to see if it works for everyone. We will go back to the old schedule if needed. Boy Scouts use the upstairs area on Mondays.
- For the summer should we work on organizing **cleaning the Auxiliary Room**? We will revisit this at the September meeting.
- We would like our **sponsored 'Girls State Candidate'** Ayla O'Toole to come to our September meeting and debrief the Aux on her experience at Girls State (which is held June 2026), could we vote on giving her a gift card for taking the time to come to our September meeting? Cheryl Carter already spoke to Ms. O'Toole to invite her our September meeting. Ms. O'Toole will be attending our meeting. We voted to give her a \$50 gas gift card as appreciation. Cheryl Carter will pick up the gift card.
- We need to create a **Standard letter for Scholarships** with what the requirements are for us to pay out the scholarships. Cheryl Carter will create the letter.

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- A **Veteran Coffee Social** will start on Saturday, June 20th from 8:30-9:30am at the Legion. This is for veterans before the bar opens and there will be coffee and pastries. The goal is to offer this once a month. Donations of pastries are always accepted.

Grateful / Thank you:

A big Thank you to all the volunteers involved that attended the Memorial Day Remembrance on May 25, 2026:

- Jill, Cecila, Nancy W., Nancy B., Natalie, Sam, Kellie B., Heika, Amanda and Sheri

Thank you to those who went to the Cemeteries:

- Jill, Nancy B., Sam and Sheri

Thank you cards to sign and send to the Legion and to Peg Duggan for memorial day photos (sent 6/13/26).

Thank you for those who supported Poppy Day and to Nancy B. who set up to promote the Poppy.

Thank you to those who attended and voted the delegates at the 2026 Aux Convention:

- Jill, Ingrid and Sheri

Thank you to Jill for representing Unit10 at funeral services for a Greenville 80-year Auxiliary member (6/8/26).

Thank you Jill for representing Unit 10 at a funeral service in Boscawen for a Veteran who had no family (6/12/26).

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Donation Requests and Approvals:

- Pastries for Veterans Coffee Social 6/20/26
- Desserts for the SAL Steak night 6/17/26

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.

Evening Prayer: None

The meeting was adjourned at: 7:23 pm

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

- Brunch in October. Who will benefit from this?
- Project Linus / Warm Up America: Ingrid action item. Which basket will be earmarked for this?
- Auxiliary Closet Clean Up.