

Meeting Minutes: February 2026 PEC Meeting

Date: February 23 2026

Attendees: Dennis Schmidt, Jim O'Malley, Josh Herald, Tim Muhs, Barry Bloch, Jim Speidel, Brandon Baker, Sandra Edens, Mike D'Aurelio, David Royal, and others.

1. Roll Call & Quorum

- Roll call was conducted; a quorum was confirmed.

2. Finance Report

- Tim Muhs reported a \$10,000 transfer to the building fund as budgeted.
- Expenditures included the golf outing, oratorical, and Shelton Leadership Challenges.
- All accounts are in good standing.
- Tax information was provided to Jean Yates; filing deadline is in May.

3. Membership Update

- Current membership: 154; goal: 187 (81.7% achieved, below the 85% target).
- Outreach emails sent to non-renewed members; some positive responses.
- Discussion about tracking online payments and maintaining records.

4. February Meeting Feedback

- Positive feedback; audience engagement noted.
- Proposal to include short educational segments in future meetings.

5. Upcoming March Meeting

- Veterans Bridge Home will present.
- District 11 Commander Vicki Woodard will attend as an observer.
- Apex Town Council has been invited to attend the meeting.

6. Event Planning

Oktoberfest

- No chair yet; urgency stressed as planning is behind schedule.

- Discussion about dividing responsibilities and seeking volunteers.
- If no chair is found, event may be canceled.

Patriot Day (25th Anniversary of 9/11)

- Barry Block volunteered as coordinator.
- Discussion on event script, timing, and involvement of a singer (Larkin).
- Coordination with color guard and planning for Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

7. Officer Positions for Next Year

- Some officers (Jim and Tim) stepping down; others willing to continue.
- Open positions: First Vice, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Historian.
- Elections in May, installation in June, new officers start July 1.

8. VA Disability Compensation Update

- Brandon Baker to present at next meeting.

9. Wake Funeral Crematory Request

- Discussion on donating flags for veteran cremations.
- Motion passed: flags may be provided upon request, but not actively sought out.
- Concerns about flag protocol and logistics were discussed.

10. Color Guard Update

- Upcoming event: InVINCEable Gala, March 21st at Preston Country Club.
- Volunteers needed; event supports local families in need.
- This and Memorial Day will be Jim O'Malley's last events as Color Guard lead.

11. Community Outreach

- Cambridge Manor: Opportunity to engage with veterans at the facility on the first Wednesday of each month.
- Plans to visit and encourage membership for participation.
- Transportation challenges discussed.

12. Website & Social Media

- Request for high-quality images and context for website updates.
- Facebook account access issues; JD Demers to be contacted for resolution.

13. Boys State & Girls State

- One Boys State candidate approved; another already sponsored elsewhere.
- No Girls State candidates; discussion on outreach and communication with schools.
- Consideration for sponsoring non-local candidates if no local applicants.

14. Firefighter of the Year

- Assistant Chief David Digg to schedule presentation.

15. Membership Transfers

- Discussion on processing transfers and ensuring proper credit for new members.

16. Charitable Solicitation License

- Application submitted; expected turnaround is 15 days.
- Will enable formal fundraising requests for veterans building.

17. Town Council Engagement

- Town council and mayor invited to next meeting to increase awareness of post activities.

18. Fundraising Ideas

- Gun show raffles discussed as potential fundraising activity; concerns about liability and logistics.
- Further information to be gathered before decision.

19. Collaboration with Apex Masonic Lodge

- Proposal for mutual sponsorship of golf tournament holes; motion passed.

20. Bonding & Insurance

- Post is bonded for \$25,000 as per bylaws; option to purchase additional bonding exists.
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Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned after final roundtable updates and acknowledgments.