

AMERICAN LEGION POST 98
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August 12, 2026

1. The meeting was called to order at 1922 hours. Over 50 Legion members, Auxiliary members and guests are in attendance. A Quorum was present.
2. Chaplain Michael Pelton offered the opening and closing prayers.
3. The Commander leads the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance
4. The Commander made his opening remarks. Some, but not all of the remarks were; Commented about maintaining relationships with the elected officials in our community.
Spoke about the group "Freedom Feast" from St. Brenden H.S. and the wonderful work that they do. They helped with the food and beverage during the meeting. They also held a fundraiser called "brunch-in-full-bloom" on 08AUG2026.
Commented on how our post continues to serve beyond our time in the military and how we all serve our community.
5. Tonight's Guest of Honor was Kassandra Seldin from Girl Scout Troop 1924. She geolocated over 1,700 graves of veterans at Miami City Cemetery.
A representative from Congresswoman Salazar's office presented her with an award of Congressional Recognition.
The Commander on behalf of Miami-Dade County district 6 present to Kassandra a Congratulatory Certificate from Commissioner Natalie Milian Orbis.
Nancy from the Auxiliary presented Kassandra with The American Legion Auxiliary National Children & Youth Good Deed Award.
6. Kevin Hernandez +1 from a group called The Valor and Unity Crew addressed the membership. They are a student-led group in the Hialeah and Hialeah Gardens area that supports veterans. They make care packages for vets. Bring youth out to volunteer. They have a family day and a Vet night. Next Vet Night is on 06NOV2026 in Doral.
7. A Motion was made by Cliff for the Post to donate \$500 to The Valor and Unity Crew. It was 2nd by Peter Ripich.
Michael Pelton pledged to MATCH the Post donation of \$500.
Peter Ripich pledged \$100.
8. The Auxiliary held their installation of officers with Nancy Casquarelli as their President.

9. The Post had their installation of officers with the following positions;

Commander Juan C. Gomez
Adjutant Daniel Rangel
1st Vice Alberto Rivera
2nd Vice Daniel Rangel
Sgt-at-Arms Joseph Pigg
Chaplain Michael Pelton
Finance Officer Cliff Van Allen
Service Officer Pedro Rodriguez
Judge Advocate Stephen Glazier
Membership Alberto Rivera

10. Four new members were added;

William Lehrschaal
Juan Gomez Castillo
Christina Cioe
Charles R Purnell Jr.

11. The Commander adjourned the meeting at 2010 hours.

For God & Country:

Dan Rangel

2nd Vice Commander

Post Adjutant