

The American Legion
Executive Board Meeting
January 13, 2026

OPENING	<p>The Executive Board meeting was called to order at Mulberry Memorial Post 72 on Tuesday January 13, 2026 by Commander Randy Ables at 6:00 PM. Colors were saluted and Pledge of Allegiance recited. The POW/MIA empty chair covering was presented. The preamble was read. Chaplain offered the opening Prayer.</p>
	<p>Commander conducted Roll Call:</p> <p>Post Commander: Randy Ables – Present 1st Vice: David Bryant – Present 2nd Vice: Jim Dearth - Present 3rd Vice: Gloria Murphy - Present Financial Officer: Dan Gramman - Present Chaplain: Able Santos - Present Historian: Charleston Murphy – Present Adjutant: Stephanie Bryant –Absent Sergeant-At-Arms: James Ogletree—Present Service Officer: Don Bires—Absent Judge Advocate: Kevin Humphreys—Absent Executive Committee: David Waterman – Absent Wayne Johnson – Present Donnie Mims--Present</p> <p>A quorum was present at this meeting.</p>
MINUTES	<p>Motion by Wayne Johnson to accept the minutes as posted. Seconded by Abel Santos. Motion passed.</p>

Officer Reports:

- **Finance:** Report given. Reminder that I will give an annual review at the next general meeting. Motion by James Ogletree to accept Finance Report as read. Seconded by Donnie Mims. Motion passed

Commander:

- Report covered in new business.

1st Vice:

- Want to schedule a Buddy Check call on 3rd weekend Feb 21 at 1 PM.
- Asked when scholarship applications will be available. They are now located at the canteen.

2nd Vice:

- NTR

3rd Vice: Went over upcoming Calendar events. See calendar for full details.

- Sunday Social starting this month (Potluck Jan 25). Will be every 4th Sunday.
- Planning to schedule a Trivia Night and Bingo Beats night in March.
- Going to start planning calendars further in advance.

Chaplain: NTR

VSO: NTR

Adjutant (Provided by 1st Vice):

- No correspondence
- Membership is at 84.2 %.
- January 24 Women's Event for District 7 being help here. Coffee and Pastries will be provided.
- American Legion National Family Day in April 25. Committee Needed.

Unfinish Business:

- Wayne Johnson made motion to move forward with CINTAS Contract that was discussed at last meeting. Seconded by Dan Gramman. Motion passed.
- Four Chaplains Ceremony will be held on Feb 1 at 2 PM. Planning still in process.
- Casino Night is Feb. 7 Tickets still available! Volunteers still needed. See Gloria if you would like to support.
- District 7 Family Picnic and Meeting rescheduled to February 15. Coordinating children's entertainment like Bounce Houses. Volunteers for setup need to be there at 8:30 AM.

New Business:

- Wayne Johnson brought up advertising on a larger scale to local community. Will research different avenues for advertising. Abel Santos will reach out to Mulberry Press.
- Dan Gramman brought up that Rosa, the kitchen manager, is having difficulty cleaning the oven. Will have someone clean the kitchen now, but responsibility is up to the Family that used the kitchen on Friday night.
- Mulberry Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner is Feb 7 is asking for donation for their event. David Bryant made a motion to support the event at the price of \$500. Seconded by Wayne Johnson. Motion Passed.
- Reminder that Post 3 is doing Veterans training and we are invited to participate. It will focus on VA Benefits, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Training. January 24 at 10AM-3 PM if anyone is interested.
- Mulberry Youth Baseball looking for sponsorships. Jim Dearth made a motion to support with the \$500 sponsorship package. Seconded by David Bryant. Motion passed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mulberry High School student and FFA member, Tamphrey Eddings asking for donations to support participation in the Polk County Youth Fair. Wayne Johnson made motion to support student with \$200 donation. Seconded by Abel Santos. Motion Passed. <p>Good for the Post:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will be honoring James McGee and his recent passing during the General Meeting with Post Everlasting.
CLOSING CEREMONY	Chaplain offered Closing Prayer. POW flag retrieved and salute to the colors.
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned – Date: January 13, 2026 at 7:15 PM