

Open Position:

- Recently our Executive Committee Member David Waterman regrettably stepped away from his position due to personal reasons/work schedule. We had 5 volunteers come forward to offer to fill the position: Mark Winchester; Lynn Price; Todd Schoen; Steve Zehner; Caleb Homer.
- After Discussion and voting was conducted Lynn Price, U.S. Army Veteran, was appointed to Executive Committee.

Officer Reports:

- **Finance:** Report given.
Motion by Jim Dearth to accept Finance Report as read.
Seconded by Abel Santos. Motion passed

Commander:

- Report covered in new business.

1st Vice:

- NTR

2nd Vice:

- NTR

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

- Aux Bingo will be this Saturday, February 14.
- District Meeting is schedule for Sunday, Feb 15. Be here at 8:30 AM to help set up.
- Officer Nomination start at next General Meeting on Feb 17.
- Buddy Checks scheduled for 1 PM on Saturday, Feb 21.
- SAL OysterFest is scheduled for March 14. Will be held in conjunction with a fundraiser for Canteen Volunteer, Mandy.

- Casino Nights net proceeds were \$1529. Will be decided how the proceeds are being divided between C&Y and Mulberry Community Center.

Chaplain: NTR

VSO: 3 new cases completed.

Judge Advocate: Kevin Humphries read Email from SGT Goodlit, Polk County Sheriff's office, that he received after the Post was visited regarding the Electronic Pull Tab Machines. Recommended halting the machines until Legislation passes/issue is resolved.

- Commander requested Judged Advocate to contact Department and try and get their input/solid guidance regarding machines.
- Jim Dearth made motion to have Electronic Pull Tab Machines removed until the issue is resolved. Seconded by Abel Santos. Motion Passed.
- Commander and Lynn Price will research other Gametime Games to replace Electronic Pull Tab Machines.

Adjutant:

- No correspondence
- Membership is at 88.22 %. Next Goal is 90% by March 4.

Unfinish Business:

- NTR

New Business:

- Jim Dearth brought forth opportunity to purchase a newer, refurbished Bingo Machine for Monday Nights. Our bingo machine is really out of date and the new machine will allow us to play more games and bring in

more money that we can donate. Cost will be \$6800. Should be able to make money back in 8-10 months.

-----Judge Advocate Kevin Humphries offered to purchase the new Bingo Machine and donate it to Post 72 on Behalf of his Law Firm (Lopez & Humphries)

- Jim Dearth made motion to donate \$500 to Mulberry High School Baseball Team this season. Seconded by Abel Santos. Motion Passed.
- Dan Gramman made motion to match athletic sponsorship that we have with Mulberry High School to George Jenkins since half of our membership comes from Lakeland. Seconded by Lynn Price. Motion Passed.
- Gloria Murphy interested in organizing an American Legion Idol Competition in May and inviting the local Posts (4, 8, and 3) to participate. Gloria Murphy motioned to take 4 Friday's in May and put on an American Legion Idol including up to \$300 for prizes for event. Seconded by Lynn Price. Motion Passed.
- Stephanie Bryant brought up getting a cake for the American Legion Birthday in March as well as starting to prepare for American Legion Family Day April 25.
- Stephanie Bryant also brought up that she and Gloria Murphy are in the beginning phase of planning a Monthly Farmers Market type event hold in the Yard. Right now, they are planning and drafting vendor contracts, if anyone else would like to volunteer or be on the committee, please contact Stephanie or Gloria.
- Stephanie went over Social Media Etiquette with the board.

Good for the Post:

- Charleston Murphy has a rug that was donated by a member he would like to have put up and displayed in the legion. The rug was made in Afghanistan. Commander recommended getting it frame and a plaque made and it will be hung somewhere in the post. Location TBD.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Bryant recommended considering running our own Karaoke with volunteers vs paying people to run it. Commander asked him to research cost of equipment.
CLOSING CEREMONY	Chaplain offered Closing Prayer. POW flag retrieved and salute to the colors.
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned – Date: February 10, 2026 at 7:35 PM