

The American Legion
General Membership Meeting
March 17, 2026

OPENING	The meeting was called to order at Mulberry Memorial Post 72 on Tuesday March 17, 2026 by Commander Randy Ables at 7:00pm. Colors were saluted and Pledge of Allegiance recited. The POW/MIA empty chair covering was presented. The preamble was read. District 7 Chaplain Nancy Thomas offered the opening Prayer.
	<p>1st Vice 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 – Present Sergeant-At-Arms: James Ogletree--Present Veteran Service Officer: Don Bires—Present Judge Advocate: Kevin Humphries--Absent Executive Committee: Lynn Price – Present Wayne Johnson –Present Donnie Mims--Present</p> <p>Membership Present</p> <p>Adjutant reported a quorum is present at this meeting.</p>
MINUTES	Minutes from the February 2026 General Membership meeting and March 2026 Executive Board Meeting posted on Bulletin Board in Canteen and on Website for anyone to review.

Vetted and welcomed transfer, Leland Roy, U.S. Army.

Committee Reports:

Bar Committee Report: Committee handled a complaint. A family member was suspended from the canteen and drinking on the premises for 30-days.

Boys State: 1 local boy from Post 72 is registered to go to Boys State in June. Doug Law has stepped down as chair and Dan Gramman will be handling it for the rest of this year. Dan Gramman made a motion that we give our delegate \$100 spending money for Boys State week. Richard Ellis seconded. Motion passed.

Scholarships: Dan Gramman reminded everyone that we give scholarships to children and grandchildren of our members who are graduating. Applications available at the canteen.

Officer Reports:

Finance: Report read as of March 17, 2026. See attached. Lynn Price motioned to accept the Finance Report as read | seconded by David Bryant | motion passed.

CMD:

- Established Election Committee for upcoming nominations and elections: Kevin Humphries; Stephanie Bryant; Wes Powell; Lynn Price; Todd Schoen. 1st Alternate is Scott May.

1st Vice:

- Membership is at 100%.

2nd Vice:

- New bingo machine is working out great.

- Working with Canteen Manager to rearrange a few things to accommodate more dart machines for a dart league.

3rd Vice: Noted important updated Calendar events

- April 5 is Easter Dinner from 2-5 PM.
- April 22-Unity Ride
- April 25—American Legion National Family Day: More details to follow
- April 28 Tacos and Trivia Nights planned. Family friendly.
- April 29th -Blood Drive on the 29th
- May we are planning a Legion Idol competition More details to follow
- Farmers Market coming in the next couple months
- See calendar for full schedule of events.

Chaplain:

- Sent 1 sympathy card.

Veteran Service Officer: 2 cases completed.

Judge Advocate: Absent

Adjutant:

- No correspondence.

Historian: NTR

Executive Members: NTR

Unfinished Business:

Conducted nominations for 2026-27 Officer Positions.

<u>Nomination</u>	<u>cast by</u>	<u>acceptance</u>
Commander	Betty Ables	Randy Ables
1 st Vice	Steven Laveck	David Bryant

2 nd Vice	Steven Laveck	Jim Dearth
3 rd Vice	Lynn Price	Gloria Murphy
Finance Officer	Nancy Thomas	Dan Gramman
Historian	David Bryant	Charleston Murphy
SGT at Arms	David Bryant	Wes Powell
	David Bryant	James Ogletree
Chaplain	Betty Ables	Abel Santos(declined)
EC Reps	Don Bires	Mark Winchester
	Wes Powell	Todd Schoen
	Charleston Murphy	Lynn Price
	Wayne Johnson	Donnie Mims
	Donnie Mims	Caleb Homer(declined)

New Business:

- During EC Meeting purchase of a new pull tab machine was discussed and motion was made by Abel Santos to purchase a second machine. Motion was brought to the General Membership for approval. Caleb Homer made motion to accept EC Board’s proposal to purchase an additional pull tab machine | Seconded by Thomas Bennett | Motion Passed
- Richard Ellis made motion for Post 72 to give Unity Rider’s \$500 to support Veterans and Veterans Suicide Prevention on April 22 when they stop at the post | Seconded by Betty Ables | Motion Passed.
- Mulberry Cultural Center is asking for artwork to commemorate the Red, White and Blue Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the United States. Lynn Price is asking to spearhead our participation in submitting a photo or artwork for the cultural center. Commander approved.
- Gloria Murphy made motion to have Graduation Parties only scheduled between 12-6 PM | Seconded by Wendy Winchester | Motion Passed.
- During most recent EC Meeting James Ogletree made motion to have approval for advertising in the Mulberry Press at \$35/wk for 13 weeks brought to the General

	<p>Membership for a vote. Caleb Homer made motion to accept the EC Board’s advertising proposal. Seconded by Nancy Thomas Motion Passed.</p> <p>For The Good Post: NTR</p>
CLOSING CEREMONY	District 7 Chaplain Nancy Thomas offered Closing Prayer. POW flag retrieved and salute to the colors.
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned – Date: March 17, 2026 at 7:52pm