

**The American Legion**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**February 17, 2026**

<b>OPENING</b>	The meeting was called to order at Mulberry Memorial Post 72 on Tuesday February 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>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander conducted Roll Call:</p> <p>Post Commander: Randy Ables – Present  1<sup>st</sup> Vice: David Bryant – Present  2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Jim Dearth - Absent  3<sup>rd</sup> Vice: Gloria Murphy - Present  Financial Officer: Dan Gramman - Present  Chaplain: Able Santos - Absent  Historian: Charleston Murphy – Present  Adjutant: Stephanie Bryant – Present  Sergeant-At-Arms: James Ogletree--Absent  Veteran Service Officer: Don Bires—Present  Judge Advocate: Kevin Humphries--Absent  Executive Committee: Lynn Price – Present  Wayne Johnson –Absent  Donnie Mims--Absent</p> <p>Membership Present</p> <p>Adjutant reported a quorum is present at this meeting.</p>
<b>MINUTES</b>	Motion made by Burl Thomas to accept the minutes from the January 2026 General Membership meeting and February 2026 Executive Board Meeting as distributed   seconded by David Bryant   motion passed.

**Vetted and welcomed** transfer, Marc Deleon, U.S. Navy.

**Officer Reports:**

**Finance:** Report read as of February 17, 2026. See attached. Noted: Money from RV/Camping goes to special projects fund. Casino Night net proceeds were \$1,529 which will be divided equally between Mulberry Community Center and Mulberry Boys & Girls Club.

- 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. 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate is Scott May.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice:**

- NTR

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:**

- Absent

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice:** Noted important updated Calendar events

- Feb 22 is our Next Sunday Social Potluck with Live Music
- Feb 21 is a scheduled Buddy Check
- Feb 28 is Auxiliary Kids Bingo. Bring your kids and grandkids out!
- March 14 is Oyster Fest, must sign up for food by March 11. There will be a fundraiser for Canteen Volunteer Mandy following Oyster fest.
- March 15 is American Legion Birthday.
- March 17 is St Patrick's Day. Will be specials in the canteen.

- See calendar for full schedule of events.

**Chaplain:**

- Absent

**Veteran Service Officer:** 2 New Claims filed and completed since last week EC Meeting.

**Judge Advocate:** Absent

**Adjutant:**

- No correspondence.
- 89.66% Membership. Department Goal is 90% by March 4<sup>th</sup> which we will hit with no problem.

**Historian:** NTR

**Executive Members:** NTR

**Boys State:** NTR

**Unfinished Business:**  
NTR

**New Business:**

Steve Laveck motion to suspend the meeting to perform nominations | seconded by Wes Powell | motion passed

<u>Nomination</u>	<u>cast by</u>	<u>acceptance</u>
Commander	Betty Ables	Randy Ables
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Steven Laveck	David Bryant
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	-----	-----
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice	Lynn Price	Gloria Murphy
Finance Officer	Nancy Thomas	Dan Gramman
Historian	David Bryant	Charleston Murphy
SGT at Arms	David Bryant	Wes Powell
Chaplain	-----	-----

	<p>EC Reps                      Don Bires                      Mark Winchester     Wes Powell                      Todd Schoen     Charleston Murphy                      Lynn Price</p> <p>David Bryant motions to reconvene the general membership meeting   Seconded by Charleston Murphy   motion passed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gloria Murphy notified membership that we are getting a new Bingo Machine for Monday night Bingo. Our Post 72 Judge Advocate and his Law Firm are donating the money for us to purchase new equipment. Be sure to thank Kevin and his partner for their donation!</li> </ul> <p><b>For The Good Post:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nancy Thomas thanked everyone for their participation in the Four Chaplains Ceremony on Feb 1 and also for their support and participation in the District 7 Meeting and Family Picnic on Sundar Feb 15.</li> </ul>
<b>CLOSING CEREMONY</b>	District 7 Chaplain Nancy Thomas offered Closing Prayer. POW flag retrieved and salute to the colors.
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Meeting was adjourned – Date: February 17, 2026 at 7:43pm