

Post 72 Executive Committee Meeting**Location:** Post 72 Meeting Hall**Date:** (08/13/2025)**Time:** 06:00 – 7:25 PM**1. Call to Order**

- a) Commander Randy called the meeting to order at 06:00 PM.

2. Opening Ceremony

- a) Officers were instructed to take their stations.
- b) Members and guests were asked to stand and face the American Flag.
- c) Colors were posted and the salute rendered.
- d) Chaplain offered the opening prayer.

3. POW/MIA Ceremony

- a) Sergeant-at-Arms placed the POW/MIA flag on the empty chair.
- b) The Commander reminded all that the POW/MIA chair is displayed at all official American Legion meetings as a physical reminder of those missing in action.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

- a) All joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion

- a) Members recited the Preamble.

6. Roll Call of Officers

- Commander – Present
- First Vice Commander – Present
- Second Vice Commander – Present
- Third Vice Commander – Absent
- Finance Officer – Present
- Historian – Present
- Chaplain-Present
- Adjutant-Present
- Sergeant-at-Arms – Vacant
- Executive Committee Members
 - Wayne Johnson -- Present
 - Dave Waterman – Absent

A quorum was established

7. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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- a) **Dan Gramman** motioned to postpone reading of the minutes from previous meeting was until the next membership meeting so new adjutant could be trained.
 - a. **Seconded** by Wayne Johnson /MOTION PASSED

8. Officer Reports

1) Finance Officer(SEE REPORT):

- a) General Operating Fund Balance: **\$3,693.10**
- b) Outstanding Checks: **\$858.36**
- c) Cash Available: **\$2,834.74**
- d) Investment Account: **\$27,360.23**
- e) Membership Account: **\$1,826.20**
- f) Special Projects Account: **\$351.73**
- g) L.P.L. Finance Account: **\$139,188.50**
 - (Net gain of **\$10,436.52** over last year and approximately **\$4,200** over last month)
 - **MOTION TO** Accept Finance By David Bryant; Seconded by Charleston Murphy
 - **MOTION PASSED**

2) First Vice Commander:

Reported that the canteen personality conflict complaint has been resolved; no further action is required at this time.

3) Second Vice Commander:

- a) CPR course in the works for later this Fall.

4) Third Vice Commander:

- a) Not present.

5) Chaplain:

- a) Advised members to be mindful of those in the hospital.
 - a. Sick Call / Relief
 - i. Pete Finstad, Legionnaire, is hospitalized at Lakeland Regional. Commander scheduling a visit.
 - ii. Acknowledged our Auxiliary members who are currently ill/who have passed. Charmaine Hunter; Patricia Fendel; Sharon Polk and Patricia Henry; concerns & condolences were expressed.

10. Adjutant Report

- a) Adjutant noted that correspondence is still being organized due to transition.

11. Unfinished Business

- a) Discussion on dart machines and outside sign repairs is still in progress.

- b) Door and kitchen renovations (painting, 5S implementation, storage cleanup, etc.) will proceed when temperatures moderate.

12. New Business

- a) Credit Card Usage and Oversight: Discussion held on limits, card holders, and need for regular review of bank/statement activity. Discussion recommended that credit card statements should be included in the financial report for transparency.
 - a. David Bryant recommended Bar Manager receives credit card increase for local alcohol purchases vs purchasing from expensive distributors.
- b) Discussion held on Per Diem and Mileage Policy for Conferences
 - a. Mileage is reimbursed per government rate. Per-Diem rates still need clarification. Commander will research and present a proposed standardized policy at the next meeting for approval.
- c) Adjutant reminded Officers that Department and District want us to remind members that 3-year renewal option is available. Discussed different strategies to encourage the 3-year renewal option.
- d) Dan Gramman brought up discussion for updating QuickBooks:
 - a. The current bookkeeping system (QuickBooks 2016) is obsolete and incompatible with new hardware. Finance Officer presented quote for updated subscription:
 - o **1 user:** \$1,717/year
 - o **2 users:** \$2,727/year
 - o **3 users:** \$3,390/yearCommander will bring to next Family Meeting for their approval on Tuesday.
 - o **Dan Gramman** made a Motion to purchase new Quickbooks software for 3 users for the price of \$3,390/year.

Seconded by Jim Dearth /Motion Passed.

- e.) Dan Gramman recommended in the coming months we considered creating a Budget.

1) Hall Rental Fees & Policy Review:

- a) A committee (Jim and Charleston) was formed to review hall rental rates, deposits, and rental eligibility (members vs. non-members). Recommendations will be presented at the next EC meeting.

2) Flight to Honor Sponsorship Request:

- a) Legion Member requested permission to fundraise to participate in the local Flight to Honor Program.
 - a. **Jim Dearth** made a Motion that we approve matching fundraising efforts up to the actual cost of the flight/trip for the Post 72 member wishing to serve as an escort on a Flight to Honor.

David Bryant Seconded / Motion Passed

3) POW/MIA Memorial Chair Purchase:

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- a) Purchasing new dedicated POW/MIA memorial chair (Cost: \$160) to replace the current temporary chair.

4) Team Red, White & Blue – Mt. Kilimanjaro Fundraiser:

- a) Board received a request from Post 72 Legionnaire for donation to support a Veteran Family Member who is participating in Team Red, White & Blue event to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro. **Wayne Johnson** made motion to table decision until the next EC meeting pending more information and research.

Seconded Charleston Murphy/ Motion Passed**5) Boys & Girls Club Donation:**

- a) Post 72 Families are planning to support our local Boys & Girls Club. Commander is hoping to achieve a \$2000 donation plus a smoker and griddle. **Jim Dearth** made Motion to donate \$500 to the Mulberry Boys & Girls Club as part of Post 72 community outreach.

Seconded by Wayne Johnson/ Motion Passed**Private Member Pools & Gambling:**

- a) Post 72 member inquired about running a private pool out of Post 72.

EC Board discussed inquiry and resolved that the Post will not host, sponsor, or be affiliated with any private gambling or pool activities (NFL sheets, Nascar pools, etc.) run by individual members. Private fundraising or pools may not use Post facilities, bulletin boards, or imply Post sponsorship. Post will adhere to Florida Gambling Laws and Regulations.

6) Security / Access Controls:

- a) Commander announced that door combinations will be updated starting with the office. Access codes will be issued to authorized members only.

13. Good of the Legion

- a) Condolences were expressed for the families of Sharon Polk and Patricia Henry. Members were reminded to remain mindful and supportive of members facing illness and loss.

14. Closing

- a) Closing prayer was offered by the Chaplain.
- b) POW/MIA flag was retired.
- c) Meeting adjourned at 07:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Bryant
Post 72 Adjutant