

Richmond County American Legion Minutes of August 15th 2025

The meeting was called to order at 19:04 Commander Mark Kelly. The roll call was taken and noted.

A motion to accept the minutes as distributed was seconded and passed.

Memorial Mass: Dan Venezia reports the annual memorial Mass is October 7th 7:00 PM at Cespino Russo Post for deceased members from October 2024 to the present. Send Dan the names and addresses so that the families can be contacted. Oratorical Contest: Dan Venezia reports the County contest will be held December 13th at Holy Rosary Church. **Note: the Political Forum will be held at Gold Star Post on October 17th.** Veterans Day: Frank Saladis reports the service starts at 10:30, letters to be sent to elected officials and he is looking to have JROTC and Boy Scouts participating. ALIVE: Mary McLoone reports that the VA is expanding health care for woman veterans “we know you were there too” and several acts aimed at woman health issues have been passed. POW/MIA: Dennis McLoone reports a significant number of remains are being identified and the numbers are coming down; WWII 26. Korea 7. Vietnam 1. Time and Place 9/19 POW/MIA Day, 9/21 6PM Vietnam Memorial POW/MIA ceremony, **10/17 Political Forum at Gold Star Post.** Frank Saladis reports that Gold Star Post did a flag retirement ceremony and it seems very few know what to do with old flags. If you bring flags to Gold Star Post remove all sticks, no bags and US Flags only. Frank Peters reported on the new Auxiliary Unit at Gold Star and they are having a fund raiser at Jimmy Maxon 11/12, a portion of the profits from meals will be donated to the Auxiliary, make sure you announce that you are there for the fund raiser. Joe Cammarata reports be aware of credit card scams, first charge is small to see if you catch it then larger charges follow, Anthony LoCasto stated that you should verify your checking account statement as numerous errors are being posted.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:20

Respectfully Submitted,
Frank LaMarsh, PDC
County Adjutant.