

The American Legion
General Membership Meeting
December 16, 2025

OPENING	<p>The meeting was called to order at Mulberry Memorial Post 72 on Tuesday December 16, 2025 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. Chaplain offered the opening Prayer.</p>
	<p>1st Vice Commander conducted Roll Call:</p> <p>Post Commander: Randy Ables – Present 1st Vice: David Bryant – Present 2nd Vice: Jim Dearth - Absent 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: David Waterman – Present Wayne Johnson – Present Donnie Mims--Present</p> <p>Membership Present</p> <p>Adjutant reported a quorum is present at this meeting.</p>
MINUTES	<p>Motion made by Nancy Thomas to accept the minutes from the November 2025 General Membership meeting as distributed seconded by Wes Powell motion passed.</p>

Adjutant read the minutes for the previous Executive Board Meeting dated December 9, 2025 | Lynn Price motioned to accept the EC Board minutes as read | seconded by Steve Laveck | motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Finance: Report read for December 16, 2025 See attached

- General Operating: \$4,918.04
- Outstanding Checks: \$1,265.04
- Start next General Meeting will have a report of the 2025 Finances. So members can see better where the money is coming from and what it is being spent on.
 - o Wes Powell motioned to accept the Finance Report as read | seconded by Lynn Price | motion passed.

CMD:

- -Acknowledged local Women Veterans from our Post and District who represented us at Wreaths Across America at Lakeland Veterans Memorial Park on December 13.

1st Vice:

- NTR

2nd Vice:

- Absent

3rd Vice: Noted important updated Calendar events

- 2nd Wednesday adding a Bible Study to Calander in January
- Casino Night Tickets available

Chaplain:

- NTR

Veteran Service Officer: Currently working 2 cases

Adjutant:

- Bartow Post 2 VSO is having a VA/Suicide Prevention Training in January and A VA Benefits Fair in March and wanted to invite our membership to attend and participate. See adjutant for Flyers and information.
- Membership is at 72.99% and Department would like us to be at 80% by January 7.

Historian: NTR

Executive Members: NTR

Unfinished Business:

- If any members would like to see the new hall rental contract, it will be available behind the canteen tomorrow for review.

No New Members for this meeting.

New Business:

- 4 Chaplains Committee Update: Nancy Thomas updated that they are waiting for confirmation from the Priest and Rabbi. James Ogletree is helping coordinate JROTC. Programs are ready to be tweaked with last minutes.

For The Good Post:

- 1st Vice David Bryant asked if Finance Officer could include Bingo Review for 2025 in his report.
- Nancy Thomas informed members that another passed commander from the 7th District has passed away. Ira “Andy” Anderson from Post 71 on December 12. His services will be on Saturday December 20 at Impact Church in Lake Wales.

CLOSING CEREMONY	Chaplain offered Closing Prayer. POW flag retrieved and salute to the colors.
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned – Date: December 16, 2025 at 7:28pm