

The American Legion
General Membership Meeting
January 20, 2026

OPENING	<p>The meeting was called to order at Mulberry Memorial Post 72 on Tuesday January 20, 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. Historian 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 - Present 3rd 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--Present Veteran Service Officer: Don Bires—Present Judge Advocate: Kevin Humphries--Present Executive Committee: David Waterman – Absent 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 December 2025 General Membership meeting as distributed seconded by Wayne Johnson motion passed.</p> <p>Adjutant read the minutes for the previous Executive Board Meeting dated January 13, 2025 Burl Ives motioned to</p>

accept the EC Board minutes as read | seconded by Doug Law
| motion passed.

Vetted and welcomed new members, Bridgette Etling, U.S. Air Force, and Rex Ely, U.S. Army.

Officer Reports:

Finance: Annual Report read for Annual 2025. See attached

- Lynn Price motioned to accept the Finance Report as read | seconded by Richard Ellis | 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:

- NTR

3rd Vice: Noted important updated Calendar events

- Legion Dinner on Friday, January 23
- After Hours on January 31 with DJ Bob
- Four Chaplains Ceremony is on Feb. 1 at 2 PM
- Superbowl Party on Feb 8
- Casino Night Tickets are \$25 and we still have tickets available
- Looking ahead March 14 will be OysterFest

Chaplain:

- Absent

Veteran Service Officer: NTR

Judge Advocate: Someone donated the Post a burial plot. Researching on options as to what this means. Want to ensure we stay in compliance with our non-profit status.

Adjutant:

- No correspondence.
- 84.2% very close to next goal.
- Rolled out Texting Platform. If you are not getting our notifications, please contact me.

Historian: NTR

Executive Members: NTR

Boys State: Have 1 application for Boys State. 2 more application. Next month will start planning for School Medals.

Unfinished Business:

NTR

New Business:

- Richard “Kirby” Ellis made motion to donate \$500 to support Central Area Ride In expenses on March 29 that is in honor of Kirk Miller. Ride in is being hosted at Post 72. | Seconded by Doug Law. | Motion Passed
- Gloria Murphy asked if we have found a recipient for piano. Still working on where to donate it.

For The Good Post:

- Nancy Thomas informed us that a Past Department and National Chaplain, Robert Vick, has passed away. His celebration of life is scheduled for January 24th. Please keep his family in your prayers.
- Nancy Thomas also provided an update on the Four Chaplains. Everything is coming together and she is just waiting to hear from the Catholic Priest, but everything is going well and as planned.

	-Commander conducted Post Everlasting to honor the memory and services of James McGee, USN, who passed away recently .
CLOSING CEREMONY	Chaplain offered Closing Prayer. POW flag retrieved and salute to the colors.
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned – Date: January 20, 2026 at 7:46pm