Richmond County American Legion Minutes of October 17th 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Commander Mark Kelly. The roll call was taken and noted. A motion Al Klingele to suspend the normal order of business for the purpose of the political forum was seconded and passed. Chairman Lester Modelowitz was introduced and he explained the need for a veterans' cemetery to the candidates. The candidates answered the questions they were previously given, those running for positions as judges only discussed their qualifications for the position.

49th District 50th District 51st District

John Shea David Carr Frank Morano
Radhakrishna Mohan John Buthorn
Cliff Hagen

Staten Island Civil Court Supreme Court Borough President Matthew Santamauro Mathew Blum Michael Colombo

Remy Smith Raymond Rodriguez

Following a 25 minute recess the regular meeting was reconvened at 9:00 via a motion by Dennis McLoone. A motion by Tony Konczcynski to accept the minutes as distributed was seconded and passed. Jamie Gonzales reports the Boy Scout program is doing well. Sick Call: Mary McLoone reported William Magnuski has been ill. Legislation: Al Klingele reported the American Legion is asking for all members to go to Legion.org and submit a request to their elected official to pay the troops during the shutdown. Membership: Anthony Giuliani reports that the 2nd District is number one in the state and Richmond County is first in the district. Commander Kelly reported that the annual Pearl Harbor Day service will once again be held on the pier at the foot of Sharrott Ave. across from Resurrection Cemetery. Time and Place: Dennis McLoone reported the next meeting will be at Gold Star Post on November 21st. Good of the Legion: Frank Peters reported it is an honor to serve on the National Executive Committee and reported on the passing of the resolution that Michael Ollis' be awarded the Medal of Honor. Frank LaMarsh and Frank Peters spoke about the issues of not belonging to the American Legion and the need for a strong voice. The meeting was closed at 9:40.

Respectfully Submitted, Frank LaMarsh, PDC County Adjutant.