

The American Legion
Executive Board Meeting
September 9, 2025

OPENING	The Executive Board meeting was called to order at Mulberry Memorial Post 72 on Tuesday September 9, 2025 by Commander Randy Ables at 6:00pm. 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. After the opening prayer a moment of Silence was held for Paul “Buster” Fandel.
	Adjutant conducted Roll Call: 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 - Present Historian: Charleston Murphy – Present Adjutant: Stephanie Bryant – Present Sergeant-At-Arms: Vacant Executive Committee: David Waterman – Absent Wayne Johnson – Present Adjutant Stephanie Bryant reported a quorum is present at this meeting.
MINUTES	Commander suspended the meeting for potential new executive board member nominations (Todd Schoen and Donnie Mims) and sergeant-at-arms nominations (James Ogletree and Scott May). Brief statements from each candidate were given and then voting was conducted. Donnie Mims was voting in as new executive member and James Ogletree was voted in as SGT-at-Arms.

Commander asked that Adjutant read the minutes from the previous EC Board Meeting from August 12 to benefit new members.

Officer Reports:

Finance: Report given. See attached.

1st Vice:

- NTR

2nd Vice:

- NTR

3rd Vice: Went over upcoming Calendar events. 3rd Vice noted immediate upcoming events:

- 9/11 Ceremony: 8:30 AM (moment of silence at 8:37 AM; prayer).
- Dept. of Florida Leadership Visit: Thu 9/12, 3:00–4:15 PM; early dinner arranged
- Blood Drive: Tue 9/24, 10:00–2:00
- Legion Night: Fri 9/26 (kitchen helpers sign-up).
- Wings & Things every Sunday
- Cornhole will now be on the calendar for every third Sunday of the Month (9/21)

Chaplain: Acknowledged the passing of Paul “Buster” Fandel.

Adjutant:

- No correspondence at this time. Still transitioning into position.

Unfinish Business:

- Charleston Murphy brought up outdated Outdoor Exterior Electronic Sign. —software is no longer working to update the sign. Starting to look at avenues

	to raise money to replace the sign. Commander suggested temporary canvas banner until money can be raised. Commander is looking into quotes of new signs (expecting \$25-30K) Still in research phase for best avenue of approach. • Wayne Johnson asked if we got any more information about the Mount Kilimanjaro “Team RWB/Blue” Veteran Support Request. --Wayne Johnson made a motion to donate \$200 to the family member of one of our Legionnaires to support their Mount Kilimanjaro hike. --Seconded by James Ogletree. Vote: 3 Yay; 4 Nay. Motion Not Passed. • Commander had been asked to research Guidance from Department of Florida (and National): Meals are not reimbursed; mileage is reimbursable. ---- Board acknowledged its prerogative to craft a Post-specific per diem policy if desired, but no motion advanced at this meeting. • Board reiterated expectations for monthly transparency: Include credit-card statements/activity within the Finance report. • Hall Rental – Policy Framework— Hall Rental Committee Jim Dearth and Charleston Murphy presented a draft of Member and Non-Member rental agreement (with blanks for rates). EC Board to mark up the draft and return written comments by the General membership meeting. A special EC session will be scheduled to finalize the policy and rates. • Back Room / Storage Reorg – Home Depot Project scheduled Tue, Oct 14 8-5 PM --Home Depot team to help clear, clean, paint, and reorganize; a POD will be placed at month-end for staging. Volunteers needed.
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	New Business: • Kitchen license: Prior certificate on wall shows 9/30/2023; likely renewed but not posted. Will follow up. • Kitchen Manager Assignment & Compensation—Jim Dearth identified that we need a new assigned Kitchen Manager. Jim Dearth made motion to appoint the bar manager Mary as Kitchen Manager (adds to her current duties), with an immediate \$300/month donation increase, subject to legal/tax compliance and (1099/withholding to be confirmed with the tax professional) a 90-day review to ensure workload is manageable; if not, Board will re-address and identify new Kitchen Manager.----Seconded by Dan Gramman. Vote: Motion Passed. • Commander out of town September 17-22 and October 4-11. Commander asked 1st Vice to stand in and run meetings in October and field questions while he is away. Good for the Post: NTR
CLOSING CEREMONY	Chaplain offered Closing Prayer. POW flag retrieved and salute to the colors.
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned – Date: September 9, 2025 at 7:47pm