

**The American Legion**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**October 14, 2025**

<b>OPENING</b>	<p>The Executive Board meeting was called to order at Mulberry Memorial Post 72 on Tuesday October 14, 2025 by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander David Bryant 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.</p>
	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander conducted Roll Call:</p> <p>Post Commander: Randy Ables – Present 1<sup>st</sup> Vice: David Bryant – Present 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Jim Dearth - Present 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice: Gloria Murphy - Present Financial Officer: Dan Gramman - Present Chaplain: Able Santos - Present Historian: Charleston Murphy – Present Adjutant: Stephanie Bryant – Absent Sergeant-At-Arms: Present Service Officer: Don Bires—Present Judge Advocate: Kevin Humphreys—Present Executive Committee: David Waterman – Absent Wayne Johnson – Present Donnie Mims--Present</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander reported a quorum is present at this meeting.</p>
<b>MINUTES</b>	<p>Due to the Adjutant’s absence, the previous meeting minutes were unavailable for reading. Motion by Charleston Murphy to proceed without the reading of the minutes. Seconded by Wayne Johnson. Motion passed</p>

**Officer Reports:**

**Finance:** Report given. See attached.

**Commander:**

- Discussion Fall Conference (Nov 20–22, Orlando). Required attendees include the Commander, Adjutant, and VSO. Training for food safety certification (Donnie Mims) was approved, with reimbursement for mileage per Department policy.

- Commander announced a Veterans Day Lasagna Dinner for November 11 (5:30–7:30 PM) — free to all veterans and active-duty personnel. Betty, the Commander's spouse, volunteered to prepare the meal with support from Post members. Motion by Gloria Murphy to approve the Veterans Dinner as a Post-sponsored event. Seconded by Wayne Johnson. Motion passed.

- Commander introduced Kevin Humphreys as the newly appointed Judge Advocate, a Marine veteran and attorney, to assist with the 2026 Bylaw Review. Appointment affirmed by unanimous consent.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice:**

- Reported an incident involving the recovery of a deceased individual from the lake adjacent to Post property. Polk County Sheriff's Office and Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission investigated and confirmed no connection to Post 72. FWC has placed alligator traps along the shoreline for safety.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:**

- NTR

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice:** Went over upcoming Calendar events. 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice noted immediate upcoming events:

- Taters for Tatas' Breast Cancer Fundraiser (Oct 17)
- Blood Drive (Oct 20)

- Casino Night (Nov 1)
- Motown Night (Nov 5)
- Additional upcoming activities include a CPR class on Nov 1, monthly birthday celebrations, and participation in Wreaths Across America and Operation Homefront Turkey Drive.

**Chaplain:** Acknowledged passing of Gail Winks.

**Adjutant:**

- Absent

**Unfinish Business:**

- Commander revisited the discussion on the Post's electronic sign. Charleston Murphy tasked with obtaining updated quotes.
- Hall Rental Contracts and Point-of-Sale tax application were reviewed to ensure compliance with non-member events. Mary Rill, Canteen Manager, will coordinate updates with legal review by Judge Advocate Kevin Humphreys.
- Wayne Johnson to reinstate the Kitchen Manager position at \$300 monthly stipend. Seconded by Abel Santos. Motion passed. Rosa Ayersman appointed as new Kitchen Manager.

**New Business:**

- Donnie Mims made motion to increase Post donation to Mulberry High School JROTC Rifle Team from \$250 to \$500. Seconded by Abel Santos. Motion Passed
- Abel Santos motioned to donate \$200 to the Scott Memorial Golf Outing (SMO) in support of veterans' initiatives. Seconded by Donnie Mims. Motion passed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commander appointed Scott May as Vice Sergeant-at-Arms (Honor Guard Coordinator). Unanimous vote of acceptance.</li> <li>• Commander facilitated open discussion on volunteer workload and event fatigue. Special acknowledgment extended to Abel Santos for donating \$100 toward Motown Night expenses.</li> <li>• Commander directed James Ogletree to explore expanded dumpster service due to overflow during large events.</li> </ul> <p><b>Good for the Post:</b> NTR</p>
<b>CLOSING CEREMONY</b>	Chaplain offered Closing Prayer. POW flag retrieved and salute to the colors.
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Meeting was adjourned – Date: October 14, 2025 at 7:47pm