

The American Legion
Executive Board Meeting
November 11, 2025

OPENING	<p>The Executive Board meeting was called to order at Mulberry Memorial Post 72 on Tuesday November 11, 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 - Present 3rd Vice: Gloria Murphy - Present Financial Officer: Dan Gramman - Present Chaplain: Able Santos - Present Historian: Charleston Murphy – Present Adjutant: Stephanie Bryant – Absent Sergeant-At-Arms: James Ogletree—Present Service Officer: Don Bires—Present Judge Advocate: Kevin Humphreys—Absent Executive Committee: David Waterman – Absent Wayne Johnson – Present Donnie Mims--Present</p> <p>Commander reported a quorum is present at this meeting.</p>
MINUTES	<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 David Bryant. Motion passed</p> <p>Officer Reports:</p>

Finance: Report given. See attached. Motion by Abel Santos to accept Finance Report as read. Seconded by Wayne Johnson. Motion passed

- Taxes turned in for review to our CPA

Commander:

- Wreaths Across America donation. Motion by Abel Santos to donate \$204 to purchase 12 wreaths toward the event. Seconded by David Bryant. Motion passed
- Alexander Bartelo, Army Veteran, owns a painting company, and has volunteered to paint our building for free. Board will verify his eligibility and wants to cover his membership for free as a way of saying Thank You.
- Non-Profit of the Year Mulberry Chamber of Commerce—Submission required soon. Adjutant and 1st Vice will complete write up.
- Confirmed # of rooms for Fall Conference Nov. 20-23
- Army Veteran living in Angler's Green manages an outreach program are designing and creating Thank You for Your Service Veterans Certificates. Support VA facilities and retirement homes. Don O'Connell asking for donation of \$350 to support his outreach. Motion by David Bryant to donate \$350 to support their outreach. Seconded by Abel Santos. Motion passed----- Will bring to membership for support.
- Bartow Radio station is asking for a donation to promoted Post 72 as part of their Don't Drink & Drive Message during the holidays. Motion by Wayne Johnson to participate in the 2-day Advertising at the price of \$199. Seconded by James Ogletree. Motion passed
- Turkey and Hams are set for Thanksgiving. Sides and desserts needed. Dinner 2-5 PM. Post closes at 6 PM.
- Families have asked to own the entertainment on their scheduled dinner nights. Motion by Jim Dearth to have the Family that is hosting dinner also responsible for

entertainment scheduling and payment. Seconded by Dan Gramman. Motion passed

1st Vice:

- NTR

2nd Vice:

- NTR

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

- Casino Night rescheduled for February
→ Looking for gift baskets/gift card items By end of January for Raffles
→ Looking for 10 sponsors for tables for \$100
- Children's Christmas Party—November 29
- Discussion about hours/entertainment for upcoming holidays.

Chaplain: NTR

VSO: NTR

Adjutant:

- Absent

Unfinish Business:

- Charleston Murphy went over updated numbers for purchasing a new LED outdoor sign. So far, this vendor has given the best quotes.
--16mm sign-\$22,728
--10.66 sign- \$26,000
--8.8 mm sign-28,894
--6.67mm sign-\$31,899
-----Repair cost for current sign is \$3,322 but 10-year warranty is almost up.

	<p>----Need to find donors to help support and plan to focus on sign fundraising in 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hall Rental Contract Update: Motion by Dan Gramman to rent our Hall to Members Only with a \$150 usage fee. Seconded by Gloria Murphy. Motion passed--- Motion made by Wayne Johnson to add a motion to add a \$100 refundable security deposit for cleaning fee. Seconded by Dan Gramman. Motion passed. <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mulberry Christmas Parade is December 13. Float is already in the works and Legionnaires have donated money for candy. Commander is encouraging membership to attend and support parade. • Jim Dearth would like to put a 75 in TV in the Hall where the Preamble is currently hung. Motion made by Jim Dearth to purchase tv for the hall; price not to exceed \$700. Seconded by Wayne Johnson. Motion passed. • Motion by Gloria Murphy to give up to \$200 donation to build donation baskets from the EC Board and membership. Seconded by Abel Santos. Motion Passed. • Charleston Murphy asked about status of ordering the new POW chair. Randy is working it. <p>Good for the Post: NTR</p>
CLOSING CEREMONY	Chaplain offered Closing Prayer. POW flag retrieved and salute to the colors.
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned – Date: November 11, 2025 at 8:27 PM