Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

2026-03-10

Minutes - Executive Committee Meeting

Quorum was declared and meeting was called to order at 19:02 hrs. by the Commander.

Opening ceremonies by Commander, and prayer by the Chaplain.

Adjutant Report of the minutes from Executive Committee Meeting of 10 February 2026:
The minutes from the previous Executive Committee Meeting were posted to the Post 175 website on 20 February 2026 for Post 175 members to review. A motion from the floor to accept the report was received. A "second" to the motion was made. The membership voted to accept the minutes. The big brown envelope (CPR) was received today. Advised members to gather their information for completion of the CPR to submit on time, by 22 May 2026.

Introduction of guests and prospective and new members:
Elizabeth Navas.

Committee Reports:

Finance Officer: Report provided by the Finance Officer.
Cash on Hand (COH) at Atlantic Union Bank and United Bank cash accounts/money markets $xx,xxx, restricted/dedicated fund $x,xxx, main checking $x,xxx, SAL has $x,xxx, and ALR has $x,xxx for total deposits of $xx,xxx, CDs at United Bank of $xx,xxx for a total CDs of $xx,xxx. COH of $xxx for total cash available of $xx,xxx The real estate mortgage balance is $xxx,xxx. For February, we have $x,xxx in income, $x,xxx in expenses, with interest income of $xxx, for a net operating income of -$x,xxx. For the FY, we had $xx,xxx in income, $xxx in interest income, and $xx,xxx in expenses, with a net income of -$xx,xxx. A motion to accept was received, a second was received and the motion passed by voice vote.

Membership: Membership report provided by 1st Vice.
We are not going to meet our goal for this month. Our goal is 281 and we at 276 or 88.5%. If you have any suggestions on how to reach people let us know. We have emailed, sent letters, made phone calls, what can we do next? We have one transfer Walter C. We received a motion to accept, received a second, motion passed by voice vote. We have 2 new members for first vote, John A, and Bryan McI. We received a motion to accept, received a second, the motion passed by voice vote.

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Rental Status: Rental report provided by 2nd Vice.
We have had a lot of activity asking about rentals, but no rentals so far. There is an event this coming Saturday. We have church conferences in April. For the year we have 9 rental events.

Americanism Committee (Youth Support):
The winner of the Essay Contest will be at the Post for the General Membership meeting on 24 March 2026. We are recruiting for Boys State, as well as Youth Cadet Law Enforcement.

Buildings and Grounds: Report provided by Building and Grounds Chair.
We now have T-Mobile in our back yard, so the phones are working better.

Honor Guard: Report provided by Honor Guard Captain.
Nothing to report.

Judge Advocate: Report provided by Judge Advocate.
Nothing to report.

The American Legion Riders (ALR): Report provided by Riders Director.
We are looking forward to the Virginia Legacy Run. USA250 ride is possible from Philadelphia to Washington D.C. There will be an ALR Chaplain virtual meeting this weekend.

Sons of The American Legion (SAL): Report provided by SAL Commander.
Membership we are at 71%. We have one more school visit coming up at Laurel Meadow. JSSP, we did shoot in a CMP match, but results will not be available for some time. We did receive our NRA Foundation Grant this year. It is approximately $2,100 for equipment which will be mostly pistols. Would Congressional service be reportable hours for our CPR? There are times when they would and there would be times that they would not. It's a fine line that must be considered closely.

Chaplain (Sick Call, Relief & Employment): Report provided by Post Chaplain.
We have a member that just had surgery. We have a member who cannot come to meetings because he cannot walk…if you can, drop him a line. The wife of a member needs help with her husband, our member.

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Service Officer: Report provided by Service Officer.
We have two trainees who are finishing up their training. We spoke with Tech for Troops to get them in here to talk to us.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Report provided by Sergeant-At-Arms.
Nothing to report.

Historian: Report provided by Historian.
No report.

Communications and Media: Report provided by Communications and Media Chair:
Website is up to date. Training links are on our website.

Special Events: Report provided by Special Events Chair.
No report.

District 13: Report provided by District 13 Commander.
No report.

American Legion Auxiliary (ALA): Report provided by ALA President.
We have the Quilts of Valor sit and sew for two days, March 23 and 24 from 1000 to 1600. We have a fund raiser and a letter hand delivered to certain organizations, friends and family providing information on what we do.

Unfinished Business:
There was a question about the 501(c)(3). The Department is coming along with their 501(c)(3). The other question was about people running programs signing a document stating that they know what they are doing to run the program. This was a Memorandum authored by the National Judge Advocate on 13 August 2026. This Memorandum offered Four Rules of an American Legion Program containing information on Leadership, Rules, Reports, and Controls.

New Business and Correspondence:
The JROTC in Mechanicsville is looking for sponsorship. There was a motion to provide $250 to her and the group for a shooting trip. A second was received, the motion passed by voice vote. Also, Tom E agreed to match the contribution by the Post. We have 17 members at the Post who are women. The females will be invited and can bring a guest. Women Veterans Day will be 13 June 2026. The Be the One program will be restarted at the Post by Kelly S.

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Memorial to a departed Post member:
None.

For The Good of The American Legion:
The Lion's Club has offered the Post donations without having a great deal of money for that purpose. There was a request to offer the Lion's Club the small conference room to have meetings. This would be free of charge during a time that would not impact the Post.

Closing prayer: Closing prayer provided by Chaplain.

Commander: Commander declared this meeting of The American Legion Post 175 is hereby adjourned at 17:58 hrs.

Respectfully submitted by Bob White, Adjutant. ***Bob White***
Commander: ***Warren Rice***