General Membership Meeting Minutes

02/24/26

Minutes - General Membership Meeting:

A Quorum was declared, and the meeting was called to order at 19:05 hrs. by the Post Commander.

Opening ceremonies by the Commander, and prayer by the Chaplain.

We paused the meeting at 19:09 for the presentation by Paxton Miller of his oration for the Oratorical Contest.

We reconvened 19:20 to continue the remainder of Post business.

Introduction of Guest and New Member(s):
Paxton Miller, 2026 Oratorical Contest winner and his father, Trenton.

New Member(s):

Committee Reports:

Adjutant Report of the minutes from General Membership Meeting of November 25th, 2025: The minutes from the General Membership Meeting were distributed via email on 12/03/25 for review. A motion from the floor to accept the report was made. A "second" to the motion was made. The motion was passed by voice vote.

Finance Officer: Report provided by the Finance Officer.
Cash on Hand (COH) at United Bank checking account of $xx,xxx; CDs at United Bank of $xx,xxx, CDs at Virginia National Bank of $xx,xxx was redeemed, and the account closed, 16 February 2026 and deposited into Money Market account, for a total CDs of $xx,xxx. COH of $xxx, for a total cash available of $xx,xxx. The real estate mortgage balance is $xxx,xxx. For the month of January, we had income of $x,xxx and expenses of $x,xxx for net loss of -$xxx. For the Fiscal Year, we had income of $xx,xxx, and expenses of $xx,xxx for a net loss of -$xx,xxx.

Membership: Report provided by the 1st Vice Commander.
We currently have 276 members, and we need to have 281 by 11 March 2026 to reach our next membership goal. We have 4 applicants for a second vote: Marcus B., Tonya M., Gary M., and Ed J.. A motion was received to admit these applicants to be members of Post 175, a second was received, the motion passed by voice vote. We also have a transfer: Leonard A.. A motion was received to admit this applicant to be a member of Post 175, a second was received, the motion passed by voice vote.

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Rental Status: Report provided by the 2nd Vice Commander.
We had 4 rentals in January/February, including Quibcor/AMF for a week. We are active with rental inquiries by telephone and emails. We have 8 rentals scheduled. We have additional weekend events scheduled including: 9 community breakfasts, 2 Church conferences, 1 Women's Veterans Day, 1 Craft show, and 2 Honor Flight events.

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

Chaplain: Report provided by the Chaplain.
Johnny Simmons will have a celebration of life at Monahan's Funeral Home on Creighton Parkway. We have been in touch with an Auxiliary member regarding her husband, our Post member, he is in the hospital and doing well and can have visitors. We have another member in the hospital, but no update, at this time.

Service Officer: Report provided by the Service Officer.
We have 2 in training, at this time. We are working on an online questionnaire to assist with tracking those who need assistance. We are also looking into phone and/or video conferences so required documents can be seen timely. The internet has changed and there is a new Wi-Fi setup, that allows members to join the internet, and the speed of processing has increased. All Officers have Wi-Fi access to the copy machine by phone or laptop to print Post documentation.

Sergeant at Arms: Report provided by the Sergeant at Arms.
Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds: Report provided by the Buildings and Grounds Chair.
Nothing to report.

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

ALR: Report provided by the AL Rider's Director.
Community breakfast this coming Saturday.

Communications and Media: Report provided by the Communications/Media Chair.
Website updated. There are 2 links on the landing page to renew your membership.

Youth Support: Report provided by the Youth Support Chair.

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We had our Middle School Essay Contest and last year's winner, Simon S. won again this year. We are recruiting for Boys State and for the Youth Cadet Law Enforcement program.

Historian: Report provided by the Post Historian.
No report.

Special Events: Report provided by the Special Events Chair.
Nothing to report.

SAL: Report provided by the SAL Commander.
Fish Fry upcoming in March.

Unfinished Business:
None.

New Business and Correspondence:
The Department 501(c)(3) has stalled. Post 157, Madison, has three (3) 501(c)(3)'s and they have offered for this Post to have access to one of those 501(c)(3)'s for donations. A motion has made for Post 175 to engage this mechanism for donations, a second was received, the motion passed on voice vote.

Memorial to a departed post member:
Drape the Charter in memory of Johnny Simmons, Greg Thiesen, Thomas James, who have joined Post Everlasting.

For The Good of The American Legion:
There is a 101-year-old veteran at an assisted living facility that we are working with to recognize him as a WWII veteran. This Sunday at 4:00 p.m., there will be a program at Patrick Henry High School for Vietnam Veterans to tell their stories that all are invited to attend. The Commander requested that Doug Snell check with the Commander of Post 90, Kevin Glathar, regarding the 250th Anniversary project that Hanover County is heading up.

Closing prayer: Closing prayer provided by the Chaplain.

Commander: Commander declared this meeting of The American Legion Post 175 is hereby concluded at 19:47 hrs.

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