General Membership Meeting Minutes

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Minutes - General Membership Meeting:

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

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

The meeting was suspended at 19:06 for a presentation by Simon S. to recite his winning Middle School Essay for the Middle School Essay Contest 2026.

We reconvened 19:11 to continue the remainder of Post business.

Introduction of Guest and New Member(s):
None.

New Member(s):
None.

Committee Reports:

Adjutant Report of the minutes from General Membership Meeting of February 24th, 2026: The minutes from the General Membership Meeting were updated on the Post website on 03 March 2026 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 Money Market of $xx,xxx; Restricted/Dedicated funds of $x,xxx; Main Checking of $x,xxx; Sons of American Legion of $x,xxx; American Legion Riders of $x,xxx, for a total bank deposits of $xx,xxx. We have a CD at United Bank of $xx,xxx; COH of $xxx, including Breakfast Funds of $xxx, Coffee Fund of $xxx, Bar Fund of $xxx, and Petty Cash of $xx; total cash available of $xx,xxx. The real estate mortgage balance is $xxx,xxx. For February we had income of $x,xxx, interest income of $xxx; We had expenses of -$x,xxx, for a net income of -$x,xxx. FY we have income of $xx,xxx, interest income of $xxx, expenses of -$xx,xxx, for a FY net income of -$xx,xxx.

Membership: Report provided by the 1st Vice Commander.
We have 3 applicants for second vote: Bryan M, John A, and Walter C. We received a motion to accept the three new applicants, received a second, the motion passed by voice vote. We met our membership goal for the month at 90%. We have 281members and will need to have 295 by 08 April 2026. We have 58 members that have not renewed, a couple of those have between 15 to 20 years.

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Rental Status: Report provided by the 2nd Vice Commander.
We signed 2 contracts recently and have two show and tells coming by the end of the month. We have about 12 events scheduled for 2026. We are running behind last year on contracts. Bill T. will be out of town from 07-09 April 2026 but will have his phone and calendar with him.

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

Chaplain: Report provided by the Chaplain.
Our member John C. will receive a pain pump on 17 April 2026. The JROTC Shooting Team is sending 3 girls to National for ROTC competition at Camp Perry, Ohio. Art A. will be out of town from 27 March to 07 April 2026 with Mel H. standing in for him.

Service Officer: Report provided by the Service Officer.
No report.

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.
A review of motorcycle safety facts. The Virginia Legacy Run is upcoming. The American Legion Riders present the highest visibility of any program within the American Legion. The ALR raises funds for Veterans and Children programs, raising over $500,000 in 6 years.

Communications and Media: Report provided by the Communications/Media Chair.
The Post website is up to date. There is a referendum on the ballot statewide and make sure you get out to vote.

Youth Support: Report provided by the Youth Support Chair.

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We are recruiting for the Boys State and the Youth Cadet Law Enforcement programs. We are ordering ribbons for the Scholastic Excellence and Military Excellence awards for the JROTC schools.

Historian: Report provided by the Post Historian.
None.

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

SAL: Report provided by the SAL Commander.
The fish fry last Friday was a success. We received our NRA Foundation grant for this year of approximately $2,100, most of which will be for air pistols. If you have any youth 12 to 18 years of age, we would like to have them for our shooting program.

Unfinished Business:
Andre H. is working with 3 members to be Service Officers at Post 175 and District 13.

New Business and Correspondence:
We have an individual, a political operative, who would like to rent the main hall of the Post. The answer is no, but the Commander requested his name and number so he could call and explain The American Legion Post 175 is non-partisan and not available for political rentals. We have elections coming up at the Post. If you are interested in any position, please contact Kelly S. and give her your name.

Memorial to a departed post member:

For The Good of The American Legion:
Wreaths across America, we have 522 wreaths paid for. We need 400 by December, please make a donation in the cups on the tables. The Be the One program is restarting, if you are interested in being on that team, let Kelly S. know. Kelly S. and Myrtle S. are putting together a Women's Veterans Day celebration after the District meeting at the Post 13 June 2026.

Closing prayer: Closing prayer provided by the Chaplain.

Commander: Commander declared this meeting of The American Legion Post 175 is hereby concluded at 19:42 hrs.

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