General Membership Meeting Minutes

04/28/26

Minutes - General Membership Meeting:

A Quorum was declared, and the meeting was called to order at 19:08 hrs. by the Post Commander.

Opening ceremonies by the Commander, and prayer by the District Chaplain, Jim Edmunds.

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

New Member(s):

None.

Committee Reports:

Adjutant Report of the minutes from General Membership Meeting of March 24th, 2026: The minutes from the General Membership Meeting were updated on the Post website on 06 April 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. Also, a reminder for everyone to submit their hours, miles, and unreimbursed expenses for the year 01 July 2025 through 30 June 2026, for the Consolidated Post Report (CPR) that is due 22 May 2026.

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 the month of March, we had income of $x,xxx, interest income of $xx, expenses of $xx,xxx, and sales tax of $xxx, for a net income of $-x,xxx. For the Fiscal Year, we had income of $xx,xxx, interest income of $xxx, expenses of $xx,xxx, sales tax of $xxx, for a net income of $-xx,xxx. A motion was received to accept the finance report, second, the motion was approved by voice vote.

Membership: Report provided by the 1st Vice Commander.
We have 286 members of the 312 members goal, 91.67%. We have 3 applicants for second vote including Jamie S., Joseph H., and James S. We received a motion to accept the applicants, second, the motion was approved by voice vote. We also have 2 transfers

including Antonio D. and Anthony Y. We received a motion to accept the transfers, second, the motion was approved by voice vote.

Rental Status: Report provided by the 2nd Vice Commander.
We have 15 contracts signed up for the remainder of the year including one signed today. We have had a lot of show and tells and a lot of interest. Our contracts are front end loaded up through August; we are a little thin in the fall. These numbers do not include Post events.

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

Chaplain: Report provided by the Chaplain.
Nothing to report, except to follow up on Post members. It was reported that one of our members, Lowell B., is waiting to have gallbladder surgery. Another member, John C. broke his shoulder today and was at VCU for pain management and consultation for treatment protocol.

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.
We would like to thank Doug S. for spackling and painting of the interior of the building, at no cost to the Post. We are also reimagining the layout of the plaques, pictures, etc., on the walls to better represent the Post, Legion Riders, Sons of the American Legion, and Auxiliary.

Honor Guard: Report provided by the Honor Guard Captain.
There is a Veteran's luncheon by AARP in Ashland on 05 May 2026.

ALR: Report provided by the AL Rider's Director.
On Saturday, we will be escorting and participating in an event by Homes for Heroes to have a veteran, SSgt. Bryan Pearce, to receive the keys to a smart home for him and his family. 08-09 May 2026 will be the Virginia Legacy Run Leadership ride, 18-21 June 2026 will be Virginia Legacy Run and 22-27 August 2026 will be the National Legacy Run. We will have a Virginia Fun Run as well coinciding with the National Legacy Run to go from Springfield to Louisville, where the National Convention is being held.

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Communications and Media: Report provided by the Communications/Media Chair.
Website up to date. The calendar is showing the AARP event in Ashland, and the Memorial Day event at Wayside Park, among other events. Dr. Staley, head of Secondary Education for Hanover County, has stated there are 231 students signed up for "Hanover Salutes" which recognizes the students who will graduate and go directly into the military. The newsletter is being reviewed and revised, soon to be released.

Youth Support: Report provided by the Youth Support Chair.
We have 3 high school students for the Boys State, none for Youth Cadet Law Enforcement. We are doing NJROTC Military and Scholastic Excellence medals for Mechanicsville High School soon.

Historian: Report provided by the Post Historian.
None.

Special Events: Report provided by the Special Events Chair.
We are recruiting for the Honor Flight coming up on 17 October 2026, that will depart from Post 175.

SAL: Report provided by the SAL Commander.
Membership remains at 18 of 25 (72%) of membership goal. 21 May 2026 is the last Flag Education program of the year at Laurel Meadows Elementary School. 17 July 2026 is our next fish fry. We also formally recognize the National Rifle Association Foundation; we received a grant ($2,500) from them again this year and all the equipment has arrived. We received the air pistols to add to our Junior Shooting Sports program.

Unfinished Business:
Women's Veterans Day Dinner will be on 13 June 2026 after the District Convention. Also, the Hanover Tomato Festival will be held on 10-11 July 2026. 10 July will be from 17:00 to 21:00 and 11 July 2026 will be from 09:00 to 13:00 at Pole Green Park. National Night Out is 01 August 2026 and the Post will be participating again this year at Green Top Sporting Goods from 10:00 to 14:00.

New Business and Correspondence:
Finalization of the nominations for the elected Officers at the Post include: Commander – Robert White; 1st Vice – Kelly Schips; 2nd Vice – Bill Todd; Adjutant – George Navas & Bob Marsland; Finance Officer – Lyn Spencer; Sergeant-at-Arms – Tom Bynum; and Judge Advocate – Warren Rice and Jack Barbour. On 13 June 2026, the 13th District Convention will be held at Post 175 and District elections will be held that day, please come out to support the members of Post 175 who are running for positions in the District for 2026-2027.

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Memorial to a departed post member:

For The Good of The American Legion:

Closing prayer: Closing prayer provided by the District Chaplain Jim Edmunds.

Commander: Commander declared this meeting of The American Legion Post 175 is hereby concluded at 20:04 hrs.

Respectfully submitted by Bob White, Adjutant. *Bob White*

Approved: *Warren Rice*