Membership Meeting Minutes
26 May 2026

Opening Ceremony: 7:02 pm (1902)
Standard opening ceremony held per Officer's Guide.
(Placing POW/MIA flag on empty chair, Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation by Post Chaplain and reciting Preamble to The American Legion Constitution.)

Draping of Post Charter (Post Everlasting):
Honors rendered for members: James (Ted) Grivetti and Graham Clark

Guests and Prospective Members Present:
None

Reports:

Administrative: Report provided by the Adjutant

Previous month's minutes posted to website at:
www.Post175.org/Meeting-Minutes

Motion to approve meeting minutes properly made, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

Finance / Fiscal: Report provided by the Finance Officer
Data redacted per approved membership motion. For details, please see our Post Finance Officer.

For April 2026: Income; Interest; Expenses; Sales Tax; Net Income.

Fiscal Year Summary (01 July 2025 to 30 April 2026):

Income; Interest; Expenses; Sales Tax; Net Income.

Deposits / Cash Accounts -

Money Market; Restricted/Designated; Main Checking; S.A.L; ALR;

Total Bank Deposits -

United Bank CD (Matures 07 Sept 2026) -

Breakfast Fund; Coffee Fund; Bar Fund; Petty Cash Total Cash on Hand -

Total Deposits/Cash Accounts -

Real Estate Mortgage -

Motion to approve Financial/Fiscal report properly made, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

Membership: Report provided by the 1st Vice Commander

Post has 291 paid members for the year through today. No new applications pending.

Rentals: Report provided by the 2nd Vice Commander

Event scheduled in Conference Room for Sunday (31 May). Three (3) events scheduled for June. Four (4) events scheduled for July. Things are slow after July. George Bayer and Bill Todd will conduct a trending audit to establish benchmarking for this year versus past years. We may be behind in rentals versus previous years.

Sergeant-at-Arms / Protocol: Report provided by the Sergeant-at-Arms

Lowered flag for fallen service members on Memorial Day. Back at full staff.

Children and Youth (C&Y) Programs: Report provided by the Committee Chair

All four High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) medals for Academic and Military merit/achievements have been presented. Three (3) boys will be attending Boys State. No candidates for

the Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Academy (YCLEA) as it is being held while school is in session.

Sick List (Buddy Checks): Report provided by the Chaplain

John C. should be returning home tomorrow (27 May), but have not verified with Liz C. I speak with Liz every other day, so should have verification of his return home soon.

Veteran Assistance: Report provided by the Service Officer

We have three (3) members in Service Officer training pipeline. We are in a summer stand-down. Training will resume in September. Have submitted one application for a VBMS (Veterans Benefits Management System) access card so we may have access to information resident in the VA hospital (database) system. Please use my new contact information available on the Post website, as I now have a dedicated telephone for Service Officer work.

Communications and Media: Report provided by the Committee Chair

Website is up-to-date. As we progress through the summer, and I am informed of events, I will update the website daily.

Buildings and Grounds: Report provided by the Committee Chair

Nothing significant to report (NSTR).

Special Events: Report provided by the Committee Chair

Currently enrolling folks for the next Honor Flight, which will depart Post 175 on 17 October. Attended the Ice Cream Social for the previous Honor Flight last Saturday, and they are looking forward to our event. If you are eligible for Honor Flight, it does not matter if you served in-theater or not. If you served before 07 October 1975, I highly recommend you sign up and go, it is a trip you will remember for the rest of your life.

Color/Honor Guard: Report provided by the Honor Guard Captain

Last week, Honor Guard Captain and Lieutenant served as Color Guard at a LifeCamp USA event. It was a fundraiser. And yesterday (Memorial Day) we participated in the Hanover County Memorial Day event. On Veterans Day (11 November), Oak Knoll Middle School (OKMS) will be hosting veterans to honor their service and the Honor Guard will be participating. All veterans are invited to this event.

Sons of the American Legion (SAL): Report provided by the Service Officer

Junior Shooting Sports Program (JSSP) is in recess until August. We are still in need of an instructor for air pistol. If interested, please contact SAL Commander or one of the JSSP Instructors.

Flag Education program has ended for this year. We visited 11 elementary schools (an increase of two (2) schools over last year) and distributed 971 Pledge of Allegiance books, and 895 'stick' flags to first graders. Many thanks to our Auxiliary, Legion Riders and Legion members that participated for their dedication.

Fish Fry is a fundraiser to support our JSSP and Flag Education programs is set for July 17th. Please see Jim Oliver or Art Aumock for tickets.

Redirect (Chaplain): The air pistol instructor we seek must be qualified. They will have to attend the JSSP training program. If you are already qualified, please see either myself or Jim Oliver.

The American Legion Riders (ALR): Report provided by the Deputy Director

Our horizon is set for 18 to 21 June for the 9th Annual American Legion Virginia Legacy Ride. We will assemble in Colonial Beach on the 18th for safety instructions and a briefing. On the 19th we will journey through back routes though central Virginia to Ruckersville, have a nice lunch and mid-day repast, and return to Colonial Beach where we will have ceremonies and recognitions. The following day, on Saturday, we will get up bright and early, eat our biscuits on our bikes and head towards

Gloucester. And, gosh, it will be a pleasant ride every day in the sunshine, or in the rain, here in Virginia.

And oh, by the way, you don't have to have a motorcycle, You can have a virtual participation in this event. So please see me, I've got the forms and am happy to have you enroll as a virtual rider in our annual Legacy Run.

Legal Matters: Report provided by the Judge Advocate

Nothing to declare.

Unfinished (Old) Business:

None

New Business and Correspondence:

James H. presented a letter to the Commander from Veterans Affairs. Letter was read. It is seeking support for the Richmond Blazers to compete in the National Veterans Golden Age games. The Golden Age games are a competition for veterans over 55 in 18 different sport categories.

Mr. H. then spoke to the membership about the program, as he is a participant. In the past, the federal government provided financial support. This year, there is no funding for food, travel, or hotels from the federal government. The games last six (6) days. Mr. H. requested the membership provide financial support for his participation.

Q: Does the organization have a tax exempt status? A: It does not.

Comment (Commander): Any member of the Post can contribute as they see fit.

Motion was properly made that the Post match donations made by the membership in support of the Richmond Blazers. Motion was seconded and approved by voice vote, with one (1) member dissenting.

For the good of The American Legion / Post:

Q's: Does the Post have any plans in place to celebrate the 4th of July? Is there anything the County is doing that we may participate in?

A: We do not, and are not aware of anything.

Post is celebrating the 250th Anniversary by placing 250 flags in front of the Post on 12 June for our District Convention on 13 June.

Redirect (1st Vice Commander): The County is celebrating the 250th at the Tomato Festival this year.

Redirect (Special Events Chair): The Hanover County Veterans Committee (HCVC) has a tent and table reserved at the Tomato Festival that is open to any VSO (Veterans Service Organization) to share information about their programs and organization: July 10th (Friday) from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm and July 11th (Saturday) from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you would like, bring your program information that benefits veterans, and please join us (at our tent / table.)

Redirect (1st Vice Commander): Also; National Night Out is scheduled for 01 August at Green Top sporting Goods.

Q: Do we have results of the Post elections? A: Yes, that's next.

Election Results: Provided by Nominating Committee Chair

By popular vote, the following members have been elected to the following positions:

Commander: Robert (Bob) White
1st Vice Commander: Kelly Schips
2nd Vice Commander: William (Bill) Todd
Adjutant: George Navas
Finance Officer: Lyn Spencer
Sergeant-at-Arms: Thomas (Tom) Bynum

Judge Advocate: Warren Rice

Anyone wishing to review the ballots, they are available until June 25th.

Comment (Commander): It is up to the incoming Commander to set up the June meeting and installation. It will be a combined / joint Legion Family installation ceremony.

Closing Ceremony:

Standard closing ceremony held per Officer's Guide.
(Benediction by Post Chaplain. Closing statement by Post Commander.)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:34 pm (1934)

Respectfully submitted: *George Navas*, Chair, Comms and Media Ctee.
Approved for Distribution/Posting: *Warren Rice*, Commander