

May 2025

Opening and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting began with Tom Pike leading the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer led by Harvey. The prayer thanked the commander, the facility, and honored the souls of the forces, asking for blessings on the day's accomplishments.

Attendance and Administrative Matters

- No new visitors or members were reported.
- Minutes from the previous meeting were confirmed as sent out and received by members.
- The director's report highlighted the Kansas City honor flight program involving local school students and veterans, emphasizing the program's positive interaction between youth and veterans.

Assistant Director's Report

Mark Davis reported no new nominations for the leadership team and reminded that voting on leadership positions was scheduled for the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- The starting balance was \$4,256.99.
- Income included \$275 in dues and a \$300 donation from the Kansas City honor flight lunch delivery.
- A pending check for \$600 was noted for Fairfax Little League support.
- The available balance was \$4,231.99 with no expenses reported.

Member Updates and Health

- Wilbur had surgery recently and a get-well card was circulated for him.
- Tim Park, who renewed his dues, is facing health and employment challenges, including back surgery and loss of his job.

Old Business

- The ongoing raffle had 35 tickets left to sell, with efforts focused on selling them at the upcoming Mother's Day breakfast event at the post.

- Elections were discussed with no new candidates; all existing officers agreed to continue in their roles. A motion to accept the current officers was passed unanimously.

Leadership Roles Clarification

- Greg was identified as the communications director handling social media and photography, a non-leadership position.
- The historian/photographer role was clarified as not part of the leadership team.

New Business and Upcoming Events

- The post breakfast was scheduled for May 11th, with a call for volunteers to assist in raffle ticket sales.
- The next general membership meeting was set for May 14th, including dinner and post elections, with options for in-person or Zoom attendance.
- Voting procedures for post elections were explained, including electronic voting via email links.

Upcoming Rides and Events

- Run to the Thunder ride was planned for Memorial Day weekend, May 25th, with lineup starting at 6:00 AM at the post and police escort to Patriot Harley parking lot.
- Members Bruce and Elsie were to assist with parking and event coordination at Patriot Harley.
- Parking passes would be distributed for the event, and preparations included providing blue tape for passes.
- Additional events included:
 - A poker run at Post 77 in Strasburg, Virginia on May 17th.
 - Thunder Bash hosted by Post 1976 on May 25th with bands, food, and beverages.
 - A memorial internment for unclaimed veterans on June 6th at Culpeper Cemetery, coordinated with the Missing in America Project.
 - A cleaning event for the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial on June 7th.
 - East Tennessee honor flight lunch delivery also scheduled for June 7th.

Veteran Internment Details

The document described a dignified transfer and burial of a Vietnam veteran whose remains were unclaimed until recently. The veteran earned a Bronze Star and will be interred alongside his wife. The transfer includes an escorted procession starting in Rutgersville, Virginia, with a briefing required for attendees.

Closing

The meeting concluded with a motion to adjourn, which was seconded and approved unanimously.