The American Legion

General Membership Meeting

October 20, 2026

OPENING	The meeting was called to order at Mulberry Memorial Post 72 on Tuesday October 20, 2026, by Commander Randy Ables at 7:02 PM. The colors were saluted and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. The POW/MIA empty chair covering was presented. The preamble was read. Chaplain offered the opening Prayer.
	Adjutant conducted Roll Call to determine if a Quorum is present: Post Commander: Randy Ables – Present 1st Vice: Jim Dearth – Excused 2nd Vice: Richard 'Kirby' Ellis – Present 3rd Vice: Gloria Murphy – Excused Financial Officer: Dan Gramman - Present Chaplain: Steven Laveck - Present Historian: Charleston Murphy – Excused Adjutant: Lynn Price – Present Assistant Adjutant: Tanya Wells - Present Sergeant-At-Arms: James Ogletree - Present Judge Advocate: Kevin Humphries - Excused Veteran Service Officer: Scott May - Present Resource Service Officers: Tom Bennett - Present Executive Committee: Lynn Price – Present Tanya Wells –Present Donnie Mims –Present Membership Present A quorum is present at this meeting. We had one guest; 1st Vice for District 7, Ian Lilly

MINUTES	Minutes are posted on Bulletin Board in Canteen and on Website for anyone to review before each meeting. Motion to accept September 15 minutes that are posted in the canteen made by Steve Laveck, 2nd by Donnie Mims. Motion passed. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES** Executive Committee Minutes were read by Lynn. Motion to accept minutes made by Scott May, 2nd by Darrick Rasch. passed. Discussion on minutes - Terry asked about using the lake. Randy said the lake is a private lake. The legion has never purchased a part of the lake. Randy said we need to ask permission from Lakepoint. Betty asked about families being untouchable. Randy commented that we were going over different families and the constitution and the by-laws, where the Auxiliary exist separate from the legion. There are things we can do. We can hold them accountable to our rules, there are certain areas where we need to give over disciplinary action or report conduct unbecoming. Auxiliary is different than the Legion, the Sons and the Riders. Riders and Sons report to us. Auxiliary has their own FEIN number, their own business number, they are housed under us. We allow them to house here and support us. We appreciate them, still they are accountable to our rules. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** **BOYS STATE** Dan Grammon spoke on Boys State committee, School Board committee and Scholarship committee. We have received all our paperwork for our committees, we begin visiting with the schools in the next couple of weeks, to speak with the guidance counselors to find eligible candidates for the Boys State conference. It will cost $1,650.00 to send 3 boys to Boys State in June of 2027. Dan is looking for someone to visit the schools with him.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Still need a few more volunteers to come and participate.

Signup sheet is behind bar.

CANTEEN AND HOUSE RULES

In the absence of Judge Advocate Kevin Humpries, on our Canteen & House Rules and great thanks to Charleston our Historian, our Canteen & house rules are now available on our website and in the canteen. Motion made by Terry Daniels to accept the new house rules 2nd by Tom Bennett. Motion passed

Officer Reports:

Finance: Finance report read as of October 20, 2026. Motion to accept finance report made by Kirby, 2nd by Linda Stiles

1st Vice: - Excused

2nd Vice: NTR

3rd Vice: - Excused

Chaplain: Memorial for Gunny which was supposed to be here but was changed to a golf course. This was decided without consulting with the Chaplain. Scott May questioned if Auxiliary violated house rules by not working

With the Chaplain on this.

Contribution and card were given to Ma Pat's family.

Linda mentioned she will be going to a nursing facility from hospital.

Veteran Service Officer: NTR

Judge Advocate: - Excused

ADJUTANT

Nancy Thomas thanked everyone for their prayers. Her son is very sick and ended up back in the hospital.

Our membership renewal numbers as of 10/22/26, are at 62.60%. Nancy is working hard on the 4 Chaplains Ceremony. It will be held on January 27, 2027.

	Historian: - Excused **Unfinished Business:** NTR **NEW MEMBERS** There are 6 new members to recognize tonight. Karen Burrell - Army Barry Burrell - Army J. Edmund Olivier - Navy Michael Ward - Navy Christopher Peebles - Army Jim Howell - Navy **New Business:** New member Alex Perez-Hernandez spoke on a program he is offering for Veterans with PTSD. He is looking for volunteers for this one-week program. Terry Daniels asked about a daily game of Yahtzee at the bar. Randy suggested he research the game & get back to us on the legality of it. Dan asked for a motion to accept the amount of $1,650.00 to send 3 boys to Boys State. Motion made by RJ, 2nd by Darrick Randy remembered the recent passing of one of our Legionnaire members Rick 'Gunny' Fontaine. He read the post everlasting followed by a moment of silence.
CLOSING CEREMONY	Chaplain offered Closing Prayer. POW flag retrieved and salute to the colors.
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned – Date: October 20, 2026, at 8:07 PM
NEXT EC MEETING	Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 6:00 PM.