



AMERICAN LEGION POST 72

DATE	08/18/2026	TIME	7:07 PM
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Commander----- Randy Ables	Present
1st Vice -----	Vacant
2nd Vice ----- Jim Dearth	Missing
3rd Vice ----- Gloria Murphy	Present
Finance Officer ----- Dan Gramman	Present
Historian ----- Charleston Murphy	Present
Chaplain ----- Steven Laveck	Present
Acting Adjutant ----- Lynn Price	Present
Sgt-at-Arms ----- James Ogletree	Absent
Judge Advocate -----Kevin Humphries	Excused
Service Officer -----	Vacant
VSO ----- Scott May	Absent
VSO ----- Nicky Angel	Absent
Executive Committee:	
Lynn Price	Present
Mark Winchester	Absent
Donnie Mims	Present

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	The meeting was called to Order at Mulberry Post 72 on Tuesday August 18, 2026 by Commander Randy Ables at 6:07 PM. Colors were saluted and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The POW /MIA empty chair covering was presented. The Preamble was read. Chaplain offered the opening prayer.
	Minutes - Minutes are posted on Bulletin Board in Canteen and on Website for anyone to review. Motion to accept minutes by Linda and 2nd by Kirby..
	A quorum was present at this meeting.

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	Finance Report - As of August 18, 2026, a copy of finance report can be requested at any time general operating funds \$1,881.55 Outstanding checks - \$190.35 cash available cash \$1,691.20 Motion to accept Finance Report was made by Tanya, seconded by Donnie. All in favor.
	Committee Reports Farmers Market The next farmers market will be held indoors due to heat. We will be coming in early to set up the room, we can use all the help we can get to set up tables in the hall, there will be a few vendors outside. The JROTC will be washing cars outside at the same time. This should hopefully generate ttraffic into the post. House Rules - are completed, however someone mentioned a last minute change. Will work on finalizing it and at that time we can present it for the Commander to sign.. Queen of Hearts - is going good. As with every new game, it will take about 4 weeks to reach the \$500.00 mark of the jackpot. We should start seeing the jackpot grow now The bigger the pot, the more people will participate. Boys State Committee Report - Boys State should be all ready to go... .
	1st Vice - Vacant position
	2nd Vice - NTR except working on Bingo.
	3rd Vice - September - Wings and things will be from noon to 3 on Sunday. Wednesday Karaoke will start at 7 instead of 6;30 because of Queen of Hearts. It will be from 7 to 10. There is a poker run on Saturday the 12th for suicide prevention. Maria asked for the legion to donate a basket.
	Chaplain - Chaplain asked that people contact him via email with anyone sick or in the hospital.
	Historian - NTR
	Adjutant - Vacant
	Service Officer - vacant - Don Bires is moving to Texas. During July and August, he helped two veterans with veteran programs. Judge Advocate - forwarded amendments/ Bylaws using AI tools to update them. We're working through that right now. We hope to clean that up in September and have our finals for our new Bylaws and constitution. Probably just some language cleanup and tweaking of some amendments. We will have a special executive committee meeting in September to finalize this, get it typed up and ready. Judge Advocate will review and make sure we didn't make any major changes that would have to be pre approved. Executive Committee Board - It has been brought to our attention that their are concerns with Systos, our provider of towels, paper towels and TP. There's been issues with a delivery of damp towels which is not sanitary. Also concerns of running out of paper products in less than a week. This was a weekly service and we are not getting what was promised to us. The EC board will have Randy and Rosa meet with them to make sure they are operating as promised. Bar stools are in need of repair or replacing. We are taking that out of the EC Board's hands and have asked 2nd Vice to take over repairing the bar stools.

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	Boat ramp - we have a boat ramp in the back of the lake. We are looking at cleaning that up and opening it up for members. Randy will be working with Bonnie at City Hall to see what we can do. Saturday Bingo to run once or twice a month to see if it draws in revenue. Motion made by Jim and seconded by Scott May. Advertising, we will have to make sure the new adjutant gets some assistance with the advertising to help promote the post. Gloria willing to help the new adjutant with marketing. Halloween planning - where Halloween is on a Saturday, Friday night would be a great opportunity to do something for the kids on October 30th. Membership - (See for the good of the Post) Motion to accept the EC board minutes as read. Motion made by Steve L, seconded by Jim
	Unfinished Business - NTR
	New Business - Donnie made a motion to donate \$150.00 to support the Mulberry High School Football Booster Club. This will give us a full page ad in the program they pass out every week at the football games. Seconded by Kirby. Betty approached the Board to return Bob Lutz as Bar DJ. Motion made to allow Bob Lutz be allowed to be the DJ on Legion Dinner nights through the end of December. Seconded by Donnie and ??. Charleston commented that a discussion based on what has been going on that membership has not been totally aware of and by us doing it this way, you are taking it out of the 3rd Vice's hands. The EC board needs to talk about it and discuss it, then bring it back to the membership. That's what I think should happen and there are reasons why. Motion made Tied vote. Randy's tie breaker decision is to table it until the EC Board can discuss it. 2nd motion to allow DJ's who work Friday's be allowed to DJ the Wednesday before.. Janie seconded Charleston recommended that this be tabled as well. Gloria has been trying to accommodate and do that. Betty commented that they have been doing that for the past 3 months. Jim commented. . not taking sides but entertainment is not my job. Betty replied; but the people of the legion Jim replied; our entertainment person is our entertainment person. She is supposed to be handling all of this. It's not whether we like it or don't like it, it's her job. If she's not doing her job, then it's our job to deal with that. ?? how many people come in and how much money comes in - Randy - we're not going to discuss that. Steve - this should go before the EC board. New Business (cont'd) Motion failed - this is going back to EC board. Cruise - in March. . more details to follow 9/11 - 11:00 ceremony, followed by a lunch. Randy to do a speech at 5:30 followed by a SON's dinner. Inviting first responders to attend lunch. Legion Riders - Poker Run - September 12th

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	Membership drive is in full swing. I did some numbers today and we are brushing against 50% right now. With a few more renewals found in the office today, we should meet our goal of 50% by September 2nd. Next will be 75%. . We are still offering free legion dinners on Legion dinner night thru September. We may extend that out.
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