

The American Legion
Executive Board Meeting
May 12, 2026

OPENING	The Executive Board meeting was called to order at Mulberry Memorial Post 72 on Tuesday May 12, 2026 by Commander Randy Ables at 6:01 PM. Colors were saluted and 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: Post Commander: Randy Ables – Present 1st Vice: David Bryant – Present 2nd Vice: Jim Dearth - Excused 3rd Vice: Gloria Murphy - Present Financial Officer: Dan Gramman - Present Chaplain: Able Santos - Present Historian: Charleston Murphy – Present Adjutant: Stephanie Bryant –Present Sergeant-At-Arms: James Ogletree—Present Service Officer: Don Bires—Absent Judge Advocate: Kevin Humphries—Absent Executive Committee: Lynn Price--Present Wayne Johnson – Present Donnie Mims--Present A quorum was present at this meeting.
MINUTES	Minutes are posted on the Bulletin Board and on the website to be reviewed before each meeting. Wayne Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes as posted. Seconded by James Ogletree. Motion Passed.

Committee Reports:

Farmer's Market Committee: If we do not get at least a dozen vendors, we may postpone. Will provide update. Working on banner to hang outside

July 4th Committee: Commander updated that they had our first meeting and will be meeting weekly until we get a real plan. Hoping to plan a 3-day event for the whole weekend.

Bar Committee: No report

Events Committee: No report

Boys State Committee: No update

Scholarships: Dan Gramman updated: 4 recipients. So, we will be awarding \$8,000 in scholarships. Scholarships are funded through the LPL account.

Officer Reports:

- **Finance:** Report given. Finance report can be requested at any time.

Motion by Lynn Price to accept Finance Report as read
| Seconded by Abel Santos | Motion passed

-----Charleston Murphy inquired and asked if we have looked into withdrawing gains and setting them aside for future scholarships before the market goes down. Commander recommended we bring in LPL account manager and have the discussion after the new board comes in.

Commander:

- School awards in the upcoming week. Commander and Finance Office will attend award ceremonies at the local High School and Middle schools.

1st Vice:

- Will be holding memberships and process after July 1st so they will be renewed through 2027.
- Membership is at 102.01%

2nd Vice:

- Excused

3rd Vice: See Calendar for full List of Events.

- Legion Idol has been doing well. Over the first two weeks it has brought in \$3,863 (canteen, 50/50, raffle basket)
- May 14th Opening Day of the 250th Exhibit at Mulberry Cultural Center and our Post 72 photo is featured.
- Armed Forces Day is the May 16 and the bus trip.
- Legion Dinner on the 22nd is free dinner for military. Sign up by the 21st.
- Memorial Day 1-4 PM; 3 PM Moment of Silence.

Chaplain: Chaplain sent out 3 cards to three members.

Historian: NTR

VSO: Absent

Judge Advocate: Absent

Adjutant:

- NTR

Unfinish Business:

- Voting takes place on May 19. Abel Santos volunteered to take ballots and assist the Election Committee.
- Website (currently GoDaddy) needs updated security and we are looking into avenues to replace it vs. updating it. Will research best options.

	New Business: • Commander brought up that we are sponsoring a High School Legion Baseball team. The team has received their uniforms. The total bill is \$4,392. We have already given them \$2,000. The additional expenses are for Umpires Baseballs, etc, James Ogletree made a motion to provide the baseball team with the remaining funds. Seconded by Abel Santos. Motion passed. Good for the Post: Stephanie Bryant updated that District 7 Women's Meet up was held Saturday, May 9, at Post 4 and our Post 72 Women Veterans always show up and represent and she is so proud of them. Gloria Murphy brought up about a recent incident in the canteen between a member of the Sons and Auxiliary and asked the commander to address it.
CLOSING CEREMONY	Chaplain offered Closing Prayer. POW flag retrieved and salute to the colors.
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned – Date: May 12, 2026 at 7:18 PM