

THE AMERICAN LEGION
MULBERRY MEMORIAL POST 72
General Membership Meeting

September 15, 2026

OPENING	The meeting was called to order at Mulberry Memorial Post 72 on Tuesday September 15, 2026, by Commander Randy Ables at 7:03 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.
ROLL CALL	Adjutant conducted Roll Call to determine if a Quorum is present: Post Commander: Randy Ables – Present 1st Vice: Jim Dearth – Present 2nd Vice: Richard ‘Kirby’ Ellis – Present 3rd Vice: Gloria Murphy – Present Financial Officer: Dan Gramman - Present Chaplain: Steven Laveck - Present Historian: Charleston Murphy – Present Adjutant: Lynn Price – Present Sergeant-At-Arms: James Ogletree - Present Veteran Service Officer: Vacant - Vacant Judge Advocate: Kevin Humphries -- Absent Resource Service Officers: Scott May - Present Nichole Angel - Absent Executive Committee: Lynn Price – Present Vacant – Vacant Donnie Mims -- Present Membership Present A quorum was present at this meeting. No Guests or Other Members were present at this time of the Meeting.

MINUTES	MINUTES Minutes are posted on the Bulletin Board and on the website to be reviewed before each meeting. Motion to accept August 18 minutes that are posted in the canteen, Motion made by Jim Dearth, 2nd by Nancy Thomas. Motion passed. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES Executive Committee Minutes were read by Lynn. Motion to accept minutes was made by Abel Santos seconded by Linda Stiles. Motion passed. Nomination by Executive Committee to nominate Tanya Wells to Executive Committee. Tanya was asked to stand and asked if she would accept the nomination. She did. There are 6 new members to recognize tonight. 5 are present. Jason Mee - Army Darrick Rasch - Army Alex Perez-Hernandez - Navy Jaime Seggara Jr. - Army Vilma Woodard - Air Force Welcome to Post 72 COMMITTEE REPORTS: Gloria spoke on Queen of Hearts and explained the growth of Queen of Hearts, she asked about offering a chip for a second drawing. Randy said to table it for the EC meeting. Trunk or Treat update - asked if there was anyone to head it. Tanya Wells offered to chair it. Christmas Ball date set for Saturday, December 19th. Randy requested more information by October's meeting.

PROGRAM CHAIRS:

The names have been submitted for all of the people that took on those positions within this post. So hopefully by the middle of next month the department will be sending the assignments to those chairs I.e. Randy is Program Chair for youth and baseball.

Jim received disaster preparedness already.

POST OFFICER REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Report read as of September 15, 2026. Motion to accept Finance Report made by Steve Laveck, seconded by Tom Bennett. Motion passed.

COMMANDER:

In accordance with our By-laws and Constitution, the Executive Committee can fill a vacant position. Jim Dearth was nominated and accepted the position to move from 2nd Vice to 1st Vice.

Richard 'Kirby' Ellis nominated and accepted the position to 2nd Vice.

1st Vice - NTR, as former 2nd vice... chair swivels are in, bar stools are being repaired. Kirby is on it.

2nd Vice - Repairs are taking a little bit of time. Coming in to get the stools while they are empty is taking a bit of time..

3rd Vice - 9/19 - Darts at 6PM in the Canteen

9/26 - Glow Bingo

9/27 - ALR Breakfast

9/27 - Farmers Market will be held outside.

It is going pretty good

10/ - Wreaths across America

10/31 - Legion spooktacular dinner
10/31 - Monster mash costume party 7-10

Dinner menu is back on the calendar

Randy spoke about 9/27 Sunday events.

8 -11 ALR breakfast,

9 - 1 Farmers Market

1- 3 Wings n things

We are filling our days in support of our legion. Randy will be here for breakfast, wings n things and Betty and I will probably be buying at the Farmers Market.

Chaplain - mention how he was just in the hospital himself. Reminded everyone that there is a white board in the Canteen if you know of anyone sick or passed away, either send Steve an email or put it on the white board.

Historian - NTR aside from the new Legion magazine in a shorter format. He held up the new magazine.

Judge Advocate - Absent

Veteran Resource Officer - Scott May has identified his desire to become Veteran Service Officer for Post 72. In that capacity, we are forwarding it to the membership because this is an appointed position by me, the Cmdr. I totally support the appointment of Scott May as Veteran Service Officer. I require a Motion and a vote at this time to place him in that position. Motion made by Abel Santos, 2nd by Kirby. Motion passed. Scott, do you accept it? Yes was Scott's response.

Comment by Veteran Service Officer - Scott is planning a resource event here at the Legion in the coming year. Has already been planning it while as a Resource Officer. Let's go Service Officer Scott!!

Commander:

In the absence of an adjutant, Lynn was asked to take the position. She accepted. Motion made by Scott May, 2nd by Donnie Mim. Motion passed.

There is a member willing to fill the position of Assistant Adjutant. Tanya Wells, are you willing to accept the position of Asst. Adj. Yes, was her reply. Motion made by Steve Laveck, 2nd by Jim Dearth. Motion passed.

Adjutant: I am working hard to get us to reach our goal for membership renewals. Please see me to renew your membership.

Unfinished Business:

Abel Santos was recognized for serving as Chaplain of Post 72 for 9 years with a plaque recognizing his diligence of serving Post 72. Abel thanks everyone for all of their support.

New Business

Tom Bennett, Legionnaire and Rider commented on the Poker Run this past weekend which raised over \$3,100. for Project Relief. He has been working with Larry Roberts through all of the Riders rides. Larry is working to try to get other Posts to set up events to support Project Relief. It is a little overwhelming for him so Tom and Michelle are going to start learning

Scott May made a motion to nominate Tom Bennett as Veteran Resource Officer as Scott had just vacated it. 2nd by Abel Santos - motion passed.

Gloria - asked if the legion had any motorized scooters. None owned by Legion.

People complained about karaoke being too loud in the hall. Tabled to research.

	District Chaplain Nancy Thomas - we've been challenged by National to have over 100,000 members by 12/31/26. Let's go for 100,001. She commended Randy and Lynn for a job well done in bringing up Post 72's numbers.
CLOSING EREMONY	Chaplain offered Closing Prayer. POW flag retrieved and salute to the colors.
NEXT MEMBER MEETING	Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned–Date: September 15, 2026 at 8:03PM