

The American Legion
General Membership Meeting
April 21, 2026

OPENING	The meeting was called to order at Mulberry Memorial Post 72 on Tuesday April 21, 2026 by Commander Randy Ables at 7:00pm. 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.
	EC Member Lynn Price conducted Roll Call: Post Commander: Randy Ables – Present 1st Vice: David Bryant – Excused 2nd Vice: Jim Dearth - Present 3rd Vice: Gloria Murphy - Present Financial Officer: Dan Gramman - Present Chaplain: Able Santos - Present Historian: Charleston Murphy – Present Adjutant: Stephanie Bryant – Excused Sergeant-At-Arms: James Ogletree--Present Veteran Service Officer: Don Bires—Present Judge Advocate: Kevin Humphries--Present Executive Committee: Lynn Price – Present Wayne Johnson –Present Donnie Mims--Absent Membership Present Lynn reported a quorum is present at this meeting.
MINUTES	Minutes are posted on Bulletin Board in Canteen and on Website for anyone to review. Lynn Price read the Executive Board Minutes of April 21, 2026. Motion made by Wayne Johnson to accept minutes as read. Seconded by Jessica Braun.

Vetted and welcomed

Matt Schauff - Army

Timothy Butler - Army

Tanya Wells - Navy

Rick Jenkins - Army

Committee Reports:

Bar Committee Report: NTR

Boys State: NTR

Scholarships: NTR

4th of July Committee: Commander gave a report on July 4th celebration. He has a committee and will set up 1st meeting next week.

Officer Reports:

Finance: Report read as of April 21, 2026. See attached.

CMD:

- -There was a significant event - here a week ago on April 14th where a member assaulted another member here at our post. There has been a lot of hours spent going through what was said and done, videos, conversations with JA Kevin, conversations with my District commander, conversations with my department, conversations with National. We are still working through the final legs of that. As of today, the person who assaulted our member is no longer allowed to be at this site, on this property or in this post. They have been trespassed. By law, you can no longer return to this facility if you are trespassed. There are local laws that were broken, and the local law enforcement is working through that. We will work through what we are governed by, which is our bylaws and our

constitution for the American Legion. There will be a special EC board meeting immediately following this meeting in the office to make the final action that we are going to take. He has been arrested and trespassed here. We will not suffer violence at this post. Let that be heard, let that be clear that if that occurs, we will take action quickly and if necessary permanently. Your EC board will take final action tonight which is the direction we are going to take. We will protect you and our members and our families when they are here on site.

- Unity Ride on April 22, 2026 (tomorrow) They will be pulling in in the morning. Please attend to support the Unity Riders.

1st Vice:

- Absent

2nd Vice:

- New PA system has been ordered.

3rd Vice: Noted important updated Calendar events

- 4/25 - Family Day - Hamburgers and hot dogs will be given away, music, inflatable football game, +
 - 4/26 - ALR Breakfast
 - 4/26 - Sunday Social 2-5
 - 5/1 - Legion Idol Karaoke competition starts 6:30 - 9:30 will go on for 4 Fridays 8, 15, and 22
 - 5/5 - Cinco de Mayo celebration - 4-8 - Bar specials and Mexican food
 - 5/10 Mother's Day - Sons are providing a free meal to all Moms, all others pay \$10.
 - 5/25 - Memorial Day
 - 5/29 - Son's Shrimp dinner
 - 5/31 - Farmer's market 9-1
- See calendar for full schedule of events.

Chaplain:

- NTR

Veteran Service Officer: NTR

Judge Advocate: spoke with District Adjutant - regarding Conduct unbecoming - where Florida has Statutes of Limitation. The American Legion has no Statutes of Limitation.

Adjutant:

- Absent

Historian: NTR**Executive Members:** NTR**Unfinished Business:**

Conducted nominations for 2026-27 Officer Positions.

<u>Nomination</u>	<u>cast by</u>	<u>acceptance</u>
Commander	Betty Ables	Randy Ables
1 st Vice	Steven Laveck	David Bryant
2 nd Vice	Steven Laveck	Jim Dearth
3 rd Vice	Lynn Price	Gloria Murphy
Finance Officer	Nancy Thomas	Dan Gramman
Historian	David Bryant	Charleston Murphy
SGT at Arms	David Bryant	James Ogletree
Chaplain	Betty Ables	Abel Santos(declined)
EC Reps	Don Bires	Mark Winchester
	Wes Powell	Todd Schoen
	Charleston Murphy	Lynn Price
	Wayne Johnson	Donnie Mims
	Donnie Mims	Caleb Homer(declined)

UNOPPOSED:

	Commander, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, 3rd Vice, Finance Officer, Historian, SGT at Arms, and Chaplain. There are 4 members running for EC Board and only 3 can be elected. On the third Tuesday of next month, we will be electing our EC Board Members. Our existing board is unopposed, which has been a wonderful year working with these folks and they have been the bedrock of our leadership team. Caleb Homer mentioned that our constitution bylaws for the American Legion elections allows a member to motion to have the adjutant to cast one vote in favor of all unopposed offices. Commander agreed Caleb Homer made a motion for the adjutant to make a vote in favor of electing all unopposed officers in elected positions that are running unopposed. Seconded by Jessica Braun. Motion Passed Randy explained that all unopposed officers will be voted on by one person and the ones in a challenged position will be voted on by members. New Business: Jessica Braun brought in a box of note cards and labels for Tom LaFlam who is going to DC for the Flight to honor veterans. Please fill out a card for Tom! For The Good Post: Caleb Homer mentioned the raffle the ALR are doing. Please support.
CLOSING CEREMONY	Chaplain offered Closing Prayer. POW flag retrieved and salute to the colors.
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned – Date: April 21, 2026 at 7:52pm