**24 APRIL 2025 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Post Commander John Barkley called the 24 APRIL 2025 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting to order at 1600, and declared the meeting of Edward W. Thompson Post No. 49 open for Business.

**Adjutant Roll Call**: **Cmdr. John Barkley, 1st Vice Cmdr. Earl Lash**, **2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addessi**, **Adjutant Bob Dargis, Finance Officer Sean Russell, Judge Advocate Jason Turner, Sgt. at Arms Sieg Freitag**, **Chaplain Larry Girard,** Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Service Officer Jason Mayer, Historian Jim McCloughan, **Trustee Dan Gomez,** Trustee Patrick Whitlatch**,** Trustee Willie Reinhardt, **Trustee Chuck Aubrey,** Trustee Rich Ely, **Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch,** SAL Commander Brett Novy**, Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald**, **Auxiliary Vice President Linda Teeter, Club Manager Emily Fitzbaker, Auxiliary Chaplain Vicki Olson,** Bruce Thatcher, AUX member Shelley Ammerman, **SAL Member Dave Wiatrowsk**i. **Quorum** (of at least 5 AL members) present.

**Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes-** 27 MARCH 2025 Executive meeting minutes were approved on motion of Earl Lash, properly seconded.

**Meeting purpose reminder.** Review recommendations from committees (including the Club Operations Committee), adopt those recommendations that are judged to be useful for the successful operation and management of the post,and present major recommendations/changes to the general Membership Mtg for member approval.

**Introduction of Guests** None.

**Business** - Accounts reviewed by Sean Russell:
-Account status: $174,470.77 21Apr2025 vs. $172,230.56 24Mar2025 vs $187,751.69 22Apr2024
-Quickbooks:$7,578.32 Feb2025 vs $ 14,596.00 loss Jan2025, $ 4,525.71 Feb2024
-Finance Report motion for approval was made by Earl Lash, properly seconded, and was approved by the members on voice vote.
-SAL funds available: $27,652.18
- Aux funds available: Not available.
-Club Operations Committee recommendations:
-Apr/May2025 calendar review highlighting special/OTP events, club rentals, other.
-Additional/new bartender hiring status.
-Facebook posting for regular May through Oct Breakfasts/Dinners. May through Oct regular meal rotation (Breakfast/Dinner): AL 4/1, SAL 2/2, Aux 1/4, KOC 3/3, Masons 5/5.
-AUX approved microwave purchase, windowblinds.

**AL Events**
-1May2025 election support - monitor ballot box/voting 12Noon to 1900
-1May2025 1900 Membership Mtg at Post, including voting final call and ballet counting.
-2May2025 1330 Honor Guard support for Army Veteran Miller. Bus leaves Post at 1300 for Peace Lutheran Church, 06321 Blue Star Memorial Hwy, South Haven, MI 49090
-2May 1700-1930 Pizza Dinner. Need support preparing/cooking dinner starting 1630.
-6May 0900 meet at (north end of) South Haven Lakeview Cemetery to place flags, 30 flag holders
-10May1300 Army Salute for Vietnam War Veteran John Jackson at Post 49 as part of celebration of life.
-13May Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor Campus, Room D-112, Afghanistan presentations 1900-2100 by 1st Sgt Mayer & Lt Col Russell. Bus leaves the Post at 1800 for trip to LMC.
-17May Retirement Ceremony for USAF MSgt Stacey Bartholomew. 1300 to be confirmed.
-Volunteers for Poppy Sales 23-26May2025 should Sign up at the Post for locations/days.
-25May2025 0600-1200 Breakfast. Expect approx 350 breakfasts.
-26May2025 Memorial Day Parade. Be at Post by 0800 to March in Parade to Lakeview Cemetery.

**SAL Events**
Breakfast and Burger nights begin in May.

**Aux Events**.
-Poppy days sign up sheet is being circulated.
-Possible float will be constructed for July 4 parade contingent upon the parade actually happening.
-Home Depot contributions for post improvements to be explored.

**Other Business**
- On Motion of Jason Turner, properly seconded, the Exec Com approved a Harberfest donation of $500.
- Commander noted volunteers are needed to map out memorial brick names to add a row and column information to records to facilitate locating bricks.
-Commander reviewed ADA-Internal improvements incl.restroom door opening upgrades only.
-Facebook postings for May through Oct Breakfasts/dinners
-26May readiness: most people responded based on last years roles, Paul Middleton - 5 cars,drivers for 0830 loading at Post:(Mayor, Grand Marshall, VFW Commander, Aux President, SAL Squadron Com.
-**Grand Marshal nominations** for next member meeting: candidates include John Wallat, Mike Andruch and Jim Adessi. Voting 1 May.
-Landscape leveling proposal plan approved and waiting funding. Internal (ADA levels of accessibility) improvements plan/funding TBD.
-State funding for Post 49 major improvement projects-no update.
-Fund raising status: $32,625 total (incl $8,000 last year): $25,625 ADA-E, $3,975 ADA-I, $3,262 (incl. $229 AL tips) General. .
-Welcome Home Vietnam Vet's certificate needs.

**Correspondence to/from AL** None.

**Sick Call**
Steve Hamilton, Dan Farmer, Seig Freitag, Dan Gomez' wife.

**Next meetings**
-Membership Mtg 1900 1May2025.
-Exec Com Mtg 1600 29May2025
-Fourth District Service officers training at 11:00 am, Dinner 12:30 pm, Meetings 1:30 pm: 17Apr2025 Dorr 127(4310 18th St.)
-Monthly Commander and Adjutant Zoom meetings are being held on the first Tuesday of the month, at 1400 hrs.
-10-12 July 2025 MI Dept. Convention

**2025 Holidays and Observances**
**-May:** 1May National Day of Prayer, 1May First Day of Military Appreciation Month, 5May Cinco de Mayo, 6May National Teacher Day, **8May V-E Day**, 9May Military Spouse Day, 11May Mother's Day, 15May Peace Officers Memorial Day, 17May Armed Forces Day, **26May Memorial Day.**
**Jun: 14Jun Army Birthday, Flag Day**, 15Jun Father's Day, 19Jun Juneteenth,
**Jul: 4Jul Independence Day**, 27Jul Korean War Veterans Armistice Day,

**Finding No further actions to come before this meeting, Post commander** declared this meeting of Edward W. Thompson South Haven Post 49 Executive Committee adjourned at 5:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Bob Dargis, Adjutant for American Legion Post 49