25 Sep 2025 American Legion Post 49
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post commander: *leads the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance, remove caps*."I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." *Recover.*
Post commander: Hand Salute, Two
Post commander: "Seats".
Post commander: "I now declare this meeting of Edward W. Thompson Post No. 49 open for business"

Order of Business

Adjutant Roll Call: Cmdr. Bob Dargis, **1st Vice Cmdr. Earl Lash**, 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addessi, **Adjutant DanThompson**, **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,JimMcCloughan, **Trustee DanGomez,** Trustee Josh Gunneson, **Trustee Willie Reinhardt**, **Trustee Chuck Aubrey**, Trustee Rick Ely, Trustee Guy Cherry, **Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch**, SAL Commander Brett Novy, **Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald**, **Club Manager Emily Fitzbaker**, **SAL Member Dave Wiatrowski**, **Auxiliary Chaplain Vicki Olson, AL Member John Barkley** Other members or guests ? "Is quorum of 5 Legion members present ? Yes

Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes- 28 Aug 2025, Motion By Chuck Aubrey seconded and approved

Meeting purpose reminder. Review recommendations from committees (including the Club Operations Com.), 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

-Account status:
-Quickbooks: $24,723.89 vs. $7,080.46 JULY 2025 vs. $15,331.52 AUG 2024.
-Line of Credit approved,
-Finance Report motion for approval. Motion by Chuck Aubrey, seconded and approved
-SAL funds available: (no report)total incl approx $10,000 CD
- Aux funds available: $33,147 (includes 10k set aside for ADA improvements) plus $6,702 CD
-Club Operations Committee next meeting move to Nov 25th, Moved by Earl Lash, seconded and approved.
-Calender reviews for Oct/Nov
-SH Fire Dept recommendations for Fire Extinguishers, Exit signs/lights. Chemical Tank. Fire Dept found we are in compliance with existing code- no further action required
-Life Line health screening at Post 0800-1100 8Nov. for $178. Call 866-651-7926 to reserve spot
- Emiliy's results from survey of other clubs / non-profits charges for drinks cf. post 49, Survey finds that our drink prices are consistent with Moose and VFW- no further action

AL Events

-AL Breakfast 28Sep with prep at 0600
-Al Pizza dinner 3Oct with prep at 1600
-1300 13Oct Navy Birthday at Post 49.
-AL Breakfast 26Oct with prep at 0600
-1300 10Nov Marine Corps Birthday at Post 49.
-1200 11Nov Veterans Day Celebration at Post Honor Guard Shoot at 1230
-Veteran Service open house this CY ?

SAL Events

-50/50 fund raising raffle in the works, will end Dec 15.
-Working with architect Peterson on indoor ADA Improvements, door openers.

Aux Events

-"Meet and Greet" - 11 new faces
-On Line Store working with" Lil Oscars"
- Will work with AL on "Wreaths Across America"
-Flight of Honor Donation

- Fish Prices up from $69 to $89, holding off on price increase until after start of year, consider options after then
-Cudos to Shirley and Denny Love for Cleanup efforts!

Other Business

-AL Pizza Dinner crew 19Sep served about 50 pizzas and received approx $500 revenue plus $72 tips for ADA-E .
-Veteran luncheons SH Nursing Home and River Ridge. Sep report out.- expect dozen people
-Fundraiser/donation for Amish accident injury report out. $1500 (AL) , $1000 (SAL)
-State funding for Post 49 major improvement projects- update ?
-West lawn leveling project for safe walkability scheduled start ASAP.
-Estimated $7,000 donations approved previously for payment by YE2025. Propose final approval 6Nov2025 after account review.

Responses thru 16Sep2025 for Donations to Post 49 (With 2024 $8,000 donation)								
Donations From			**All**	**AL**	**Aux**	**Sal**	**KOC**	**Other**
Donations For								
	ADA-E	Amount, $	**$33,854**	$33,009	$150	$195	$500	Fishing Charter
		Amount, %	**83%**					
	ADA-I	Amount, $	**$4,255**	$2,655	$1,100	$0	$500	Fishing Charter
		Amount, %	**10%**					
	General	Amount, $	**$2,828**	$2,378	$350	$100		
		Amount, %	**7%**					
Total $s			**$40,937**	**$38,042**	**$1,600**	**$295**	**$1,000**	

-Any other business to come before this group ? Semi Annual HVAC inspection Complete by **PROTEM**

Correspondence to/from AL

Sick Call Dan Farmer, Brett Novy, Jim Adessi

Next meetings

-Membership Mtg 1900 2 OCT 2025.
-Exec Comm Mtg 1600 30 OCT 2025
-District 4 Nov 2 meeting at Benton Harbor Post 105 starting at 1200 noon (No Service Officer meeting).Lunch served after the meetings, cost is $6.
-Monthly Commander and Adjutant Zoom meetings are being held on the first Tuesday of the month, at 1400 hrs.

2025 Holidays and Observances

Sep: **28Sep Gold Star Mother's Day.**
Oct: **13 Oct Columbus Day and Navy Birthday, 25 Oct Children's Halloween Party at Post 49**, 31Oct Halloween
Nov: 2 Nov Daylight Saving Time ends, 4 Nov Election Day, **10 Nov Marine Corps Birthday**, **11 Nov Veterans Day**, **23 Nov Larry Carlson Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner**, 27 Nov Thanksgiving Day,
Dec: **7 Dec Pearl Harbor Day**, **13 Dec Wreaths Across America**, 13 Dec National Guard Birthday, **20 Dec Children's Christmas Party at Post 49,** 25 Dec Christmas Day, 31 Dec New Year's Eve

Any further action to come before this meeting ?

Post commander: Meeting of Edward W. Thompson South Haven Post No. 49 adjourned.at 1650PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Thompson, Adjutant AL Post 49