26 Feb 2026 American Legion Post 49 EXEC Comm Minutes

Upon Opening Ceremony, Commander Dargis Called the Executive Committee Meeting to Order

Order of Business

Adjutant Roll Call:Attendees In BOLD: 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 Jim McCloughan, **Trustee Dan Gomez**, Trustee Josh Gunneson, **Trustee Willie Reinhardt**, **Trustee Chuck Aubrey**, Trustee Rick Ely, **Trustee Bruce Thatcher**, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, SAL Commander Brett Novy, **Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald**, **Club Manager Heather Hahn**, SAL Member Dave Wiatrowski, **Auxiliary Chaplain Vicki Olson, AL Member John Barkley AL Member Dan Zwar, Aux Member Linda Teeter, SAL Member Paul Middleton**

"Is quorum of 5 Legion members present ?"- YES

Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes- 29 JAN 2026 , Motion by Earl Lash, properly seconded and approved

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 and awards

Business

-Account status: $-29,299.70 vs $-15,895.87 DEC 2025, & -$14,596 JAN 2024
-Quickbooks: $161,070.46 vs $202,939.29 Dec 2025 & $169,376.04 FEB 2024
- Note that Letter of Credit at $22K after liquidating CD of $10991.94 , Reducing Uniform account to $4000. And Target amount for Membership Target to $10,000.
-Finance Report motion for approval. Motion by John Barkley, seconded and Motion Approved
-SAL funds available: $5329.00, CD $10311.05
- Aux funds available: $34,000 + $8,600 and CD of $6700.00
-Club Operations Committee recommendations:
- Kitchen cleaning project, report by Linda Teeter
Total cost $6,105.99 split 3 ways AL, AUX and SAL $2,035.33 each.
A big THANK-YOU To Linda TEETER for heading this project!!
- Hall builders proposal bathroom ADA compliance buildout, April, 2 weeks, Restrooms to be partially out of commission some of that time. Paid for by AUX. $28,000.
-Additional project by Hall at same time to replace front door and add ADA compliance power operator at a proposed cost of $15,955 was approved at last members meeting(AL)
-Additional cooler repair needed, approximate cost $15,000 to $20,000, waiting quotes.
-Recent Kitchen hood cleaning completed, some caulk needed for grease trap

-Club Manager position being filled by Heather Hahn on a permanent basis
- Heather Reported the following for Club Operations
  -Review of March/April Calender
  - SAL St Patrick's Celebration- March 14th Time TBD
  -TV Update- Monthly, see Heather if need an update
  - Hillsdale Post Legacy Ride 6/19 evening- Taco Night Heads Up, 6/20 Breakfast- Heads Up
  - Open Dates for dinners 5/29 and 7/31,and Breakfasts 5/31 and 8/30
  -Purchasing Passports and Stamps- Backordered- out of stock
  - Awaiting quote on Cooler
  - Hall Contract "wordsmithing" in progress
  - Kitchen Checklist established for organizations using kitchen, please comply with checklist when using kitchen
  -Hall Rentals- lost 4 rentals due to loss of communications earlier
  - Check returned from June- that was not deposited earlier
  -Ice Breaker revenue was up $1400, with a profit of approximately $2000
- Check from SAL not received yet, Earl Lash is checking

-Jason Mayer reported that a new attic ladder was installed and reported on rifle raffle

AL Events Honor Guard recent funeral for Rick Young, Army vet Feb 18

- Anticipate Honor Guard on Memorial Day Weekend on a not to interfere basis with planned activities at Lakeview Cemetery, Time and Date TBD

SAL Events

- Saint Patricks Day dinner date/time TBD
- Sons Rifle Raffle- Ticket Sales Memorial Day to Labor Day (Drawing)
  - Anticipated Revenue of $5000.
  - Motion Made to approve expenses up to $2000, Motion by Jason Turner, properly seconded and approved

Aux Events

- Children's Easter Party March 28th, 11 AM to 1 PM

Draping Ceremony at next Members meeting ?

Other Business

-Fund raising 28 Jan 2026 status with no additional donations noted.
-Any Future Donations going to the General Fund

Responses thru 28Dec2025 for Donations to Post 49 (with 2024 $8,000 donation)								
Donations From			**All**	**AL**	**Aux**	**Sal**	**KOC**	**Other**
Donations For								
	ADA-E	Amount, $	**$88,676**	$80,331	$150	$7,695	$500	
		Amount, %	**93%**					
	ADA-I	Amount, $	**$4,255**	$2,655	$1,100	$0	$500	Fishing Charter

		Amount, %	4%					
	General	Amount, $	**$2,828**	$2,378	$350	$100		
		Amount, %	**3%**					
Total $s			**$95,760**	**$85,364**	**$1,600**	**$7,795**	**$1,000**	
Total percent $s			**100%**	**89%**	**2%**	**8%**	**1%**	

-Tom Renner Mtg to develop a City Hall Memorial Park, VFW comments NONE
-Other Business to come before the leadership group
-West gate replacement and repair.
- Pool Table replacement with High Top and Chairs - Tabled - To be discussed with AL Membership

Correspondence to/from AL

Sick Call Dan Farmer, Mike Andruch

Next meetings

-Membership Mtg 1900 5 March 2026
-Exec Comm/Club Operations Mtg **1630** 26 March 2026 (note time change to 4:30 pm and combined meetings)
-Monthly Commander and Adjutant Zoom meetings are being held on the first Tuesday of the month, at 1400 hrs.

2026 Holidays and Observances

March: Mar. 3 – Navy Reserve Birthday, Mar 6 - Employee Appreciation Day, Mar 8 - Daylight Saving Time, Mar 13 – K-9 Veterans Day, Mar 17 - St. Patrick's Day, Mar 25 – Medal of Honor Day, Mar 29 - Palm Sunday, Mar 29 – Vietnam Veterans Day

April: Apr 1 - Passover Eve, Apr 5 - Easter Sunday, Apr 5 – Gold Star Spouses Day, Apr 14 – Air Force Reserve Birthday, Apr 23 – Army Reserve Birthday, Apr 23 - take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day

May: May 1 – Silver Star Banner Day, May 5 - National Teacher Appreciation Day, May 6 - National Nurses Day, May 7 - National Day of Prayer, May 8 - Victory in Europe Day, May 8 – Military Spouse Appreciation Day, May 10 - Mother's Day, May 13 – Children of Fallen Patriots, May 15 - Peace Officers Memorial Day, Day, May 16 – Armed Forces Day, May 25 – Memorial Day

June: Jun 6 – D-Day Anniversary, Jun 14 – Flag Day & Army Birthday, Jun 21 Father's Day, Jun 23 – Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday, Jun 27 – National PTSD Awareness Day,

July: Jul 4 – Independence Day – 250th anniversary, Jul 27 – Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

August: Aug 4 – Coast Guard Birthday, Aug 7 – Purple Heart Day, Aug 14 - VJ Day, Aug 15 - Salute to Veterans, Aug 16 - National Senior Citizens Day,

September: Sept 7 - Labor Day, Sept 11 – Patriot Day – 25th anniversary, Sept 18 – Air Force Birthday, Sept 19 – POW/MIA Recognition Day, Sept. 27 – Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day

October: Oct 13 – Navy Birthday, Oct 26 – National Day of the Deployed, Oct 31 - Halloween

November: Nov 3 - Election Day, Nov 10 – Marine Corps Birthday, Nov 11 – Veterans Day, Nov 21- Larry Carlson Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner, Nov 26 - Thanksgiving Day

December: Dec 7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Dec 13 – National Guard Birthday, Dec 20 – Space Force Birthday, Dec 20 – National Wreaths Across America Day, Dec 25 - Christmas Day, New Years Eve - Dec 31.

Any further action to come before this meeting ?

Post commander: "I now declare this meeting of Edward W. Thompson South Haven Post No.49 adjourned."

Time 5:17 PM