**American Legion Post 49**
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**
**26 June 2025 1600**

**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:** Present (Cmdr. Bob Dargis- excused late arrival) ,Past Commander John Barkley , 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addessi, Adjutant Dan Thompson, Finance Officer Sean Russell, Sgt. at Arms Sieg Freitag,Service Officer Jason Mayer, Trustee Dan Gomez, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald, Club Manager Emily Fitzbaker, other members or guests, Aux Member Linda Teeter
Quorum of 5 Legion members present -?"- Yes

**Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes-** 29May2025, Motion by Jim Adessi, seconded, Passed

**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**
-Account status:$180,701.80
**General account includes $33,131 donation money.**
-Quickbooks:$2,431.51 loss Apr2025 vs $ 3,678.03 loss Mar2025 vs $ 13,299.97 loss Apr2024
-Finance Officer Russell noted that $33K of General account reserved for Donations, Report motion for approval.Motion made by Jim Adessi, seconded and Passed
-SAL funds available: $21,300 with $10 K in CD's per Earl Lash
- Aux funds available: not reported
-Club Operations Committee recommendations:
Calender reviews for July/Aug
3 July Tasks ;
-Porta potty Install day before per Emily
-Tent? Emily contacting Willie Reinhardt
-Light up the Lake, help needed from 1100-2300:
-1 person inside door to greet/screen people and solicit donations for major projects
-2 parking assistants or aids. Parking lead Paul Middleton will brief all as required including parking fee for non-AL-members. Parking lead will administer towing request(s) as required.Signs ordered.
-1 or 2 monitors to police outside areas, answer questions, check 2 port-a-johns inside fence area
-1 inside person to wipe tables/floors, empty trash containers as required.

-1 person empty trash containers outside
-1 person 1100-1200 to help people set up including SAL with tables, chairs, grill, food/drinks as required
-1 person to "back-bar tiki and inside area per Emily's direction
-Health Dept inspection follow-up items reviewed

**AL Events**

-**27June 1730** meet at Post 49- Honor Guard support for AF Veteran David Holmes 1800 at Filbrandt ( Bus Leaves at 5:30PM)
-**30June 1215** meet at Post 49-Honor Guard support for Navy Veteran William Little 1315 graveside ceremony at Spring Grove Cemetery, Bloomingdale.(Bus leave 12:15)
- **2July 1115** meet at Post 49 Honor Guard Support for Marine Veteran Bruce Maas 1230 at Lee Cemetery (Bus Leaves at 1115)
-Veteran Service open house Sept target.

**SAL Events** - none reported

**Aux Events**

-July 4th parade, Float featuring 2 Service Dogs
-New Frying pans for kitchen
-New Toaster to be procured

**Other Business**

-AL Breakfast crew served
- 450 breakfasts and rec'd $4415 revenue plus $197 tips for ADA-E 25May2025.
- 350 breakfasts and rec'd $3,441 revenue plus $137 tips for ADA-E 22June2025.
-2025/2026 Election results posted on website 6June: Commander Bob Dargis, 1st Vice Cmdr Earl Lash,2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addessi, Adjutant Dan Thompson. Chaplain Larry Girard, Finance Officer Sean Russell, Sgt at Arms Seig Freitag, Service Officer Jason Mayer, Historian Jim McCloughan, Judge Advocate Jason Turner Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Willie Reinhardt.
-Veteran luncheons SH Nursing Home and River Ridge combined?
-State funding for Post 49 major improvement projects-no update.
- Monument Lights are to be installed prior to July 4th ( M. Andruch)
- Estimate on "black top" at parking lot entrance pending ( M. Andruch)
- Space Force flat in addition to all service flags to be ordered ( Emily Action)
-Fund raising status: $33,131 total (incl $8,000 last year): $25,894 ADA-E, $3,975 ADA-I, $3,262 (incl. $229 AL tips) General. Total does not include two June AL tip donations of $254 to ADA-E.
- Keri Montgomery completed brick mapping.
-Service dog recommendation to be presented to AL Membership
-Other business AUX-Architect Drawings for projects being developed, meeting at Noon Friday with City of South Haven and Architect
-Discussion regarding protocol at door during July 3rd including rules for entry and exit, along with donation request as part of "welcome" need consistent message ( Russell action) Donations will be split between 2 major projects (ADA-E, ADA-I) See Handout

**Correspondence to/from AL** None reported

**Sick Call** Dan Farmer, Steve Hamilton, Sieg Freitag, Dan Gomez's wife, Paul Middleton

**Next meetings**

-Membership Mtg 1900 10July2025.
-Exec Comm Mtg 1600 31July2025
-Monthly Commander and Adjutant Zoom meetings are being held on the first Tuesday of the month, at 1400 hrs.
-10-12July2025 MI Dept. Convention

**2025 Holidays and Observances**

**Jul: 4Jul Independence Day**, 27Jul Korean War Veterans Armistice Day,
**Aug**: 4Aug Coast Guard Birthday, 7Aug Purple Heart Day, 17Aug National Senior Citizens Day, 19Aug National Aviation Day,
**Sep**: 1Sep Labor Day, 2Sep V-J Day, 7Sep National Grandparents Day, **11Sep Patriot Day**, **18Sep Air Force Birthday,** 19Sep National POW/MIA Recognition Day, 26Sep Michigan Indian Day, **28Sep Gold Star Mother's Day,**

**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."