27 MARCH 2025 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander John Barkley called the 27 MAR 2025 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting to order at 1602, 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,**Trustee Guy Cherry**, **Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch,** SAL Commander Brett Novy**, Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald**, **Auxiliary VicePresident 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 FEB 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 - Reviewed by the Commander:

-Account status:$172,230.56 24 Mar2025 vs vs $169,376.04 24Feb2025 , $188,398.37 25Mar2024

-Quickbooks: :-$14,596.00 Jan20215 (Incl $1045 Snow Removal, $846 Plumbing, $651 Electrical, $363 Door (Heather's Maint. Recon.) vs $26,825.88 loss Dec2024 vs $13,081.53 loss Jan2024.

-Finance Report motion for approval was made by Earl Lash, properly seconded, and was approved by Committee.

-SAL 6Mar funds available: $29,280.15

- Aux 6Mar funds available: $27,623 including $10,000 “reserved for ADA improvements” plus $6,579.99 CD

-Club Operations Committee recommendations:

-Apr/May2025 calendar review highlighting special/OTP events.

-Corwell Health and Post 49 Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans event National Vietnam War Veterans Day (3/29/25) **readiness check**. Signup list review for Welcome Home beads to Vietnam era veterans as well as Commemoration Pins from the DOD’s Vietnam Veteran Commemoration Program. Gold Star families would also be honored.

-A possible event for us with COZY FM was discussed for the end of the summer.

-Sponsoring boating safety classes was also briefly discussed.

-Certificate of appreciation presented by Mayor Anni Brown.

-May through Oct regular meal rotation (Breakfast/Dinner): AL 4/1, SAL 2/2, Aux 1/4, KOC 3/3, Masons 5/5.

AL Events

-29Mar event agenda: 1200 sign-in, 1230 Call to order, Pledge, Introduction, Invocation, Presentations, Salute, Informal luncheon

-12Apr Honor Guard support for past Commander and (more than 75 yr) AL Post 49 member John Lammert celebration of life 12 noon Sat.12 April at the VFW. Bus will leave the Post at 1145.

-10May 1300 Army Salute for Vietnam War Veteran at Post 49 as part of a celebration of life

-6May 0900 meet at (north end of) South Haven Lakeview Cemetery to place approx 30 flag holders

-13May Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor Campus, Room D-112, Afghanistan presentations 7:00-9:00 P.M.from 1st Sgt Mayer & Lt Col Russell. Support discussion.

-17May Retirement Ceremony for USAF MSgt Stacey Bartholomew with Sean as the Master Of

Ceremonies and Bob leading our 3 Volley.
- Possible trip for veterans May 8 by the Senior Center.

SAL Events
None.

Aux Events.
June 5 raffle.

Other Business
- Lakeshore Carpet and Tile club, mtg. room floors, carpet ($585, $795, $30) bill was paid, AUX to reimburse.
-The current van muffler/tailpipe repair bill was paid for approximately $300.
-Fish Fry update was provided.
-$1,658.23 Quote for two new window shades in the Clubroom reviewed, will be funded by the AUX. On motion of Earl Lash, properly seconded, the committee approved installation of those blinds.
-On motion of Earl Lash, again properly seconded, the Committee approved purchasing a new microwave for the kitchen.
-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 update was provided by Linda Teeter..
-Fund raising status
-Testimonial Dinner for our Dept of MI leadership 1700 Sat 5Apr2025 at AL Grand Rapids Post 179. Tickets $35 from www.legionpost257.org/testimonial

Correspondence to/from AL None.

Sick Call
Steve Hamilton, Dan Farmer, Seig Freitag.

Next meetings
-Membership Mtg 1900 3Apr2025.
-Exec Com Mtg 1600 24Apr2025
-Fourth District Service officers training at 11:00 am, Dinner 12:30 pm, Meetings 1:30 pm:
27 APRIL 2025 Dorr 127(4310 18th St.)
-Monthly Commander and Adjutant Zoom meetings are being held on the first Tuesday of the month, at 1400 hrs.
- Nomination of 2025 Officers to be done at the next membership meeting.

2025 Holidays and Observances
Mar: 5Mar Ash Wednesday, 7Mar Employee Appreciation Day, 9Mar Daylight Saving Time, 17Mar St.Patrick's Day, 30Mar Vietnam Veterans Day,
Apr: 13Apr Palm Sunday, 16Apr Emancipation Day, 18Apr Good Friday, 12Apr Childrens Easter at Post 49, 20Apr Easter Sunday, 21Apr Patriots' Day, 24Apr Take our Daughters and Sons to Work 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 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Bob Dargis, Adjutant for American Legion Post 49