28 AUG 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 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 Dan Thompson**, Finance Officer Sean Russell,** Judge Advocate Jason Turner, Sgt. at Arms Sieg Freitag, **Service Officer Jason Mayer,** Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Trustee Rick Ely, **Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch**, **Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald, Club Manager Emily Fitzbaker, John Barkley, AUX Chaplain Vicki Olson, AUX Member Sue Addessi, SAL member Dave Wiatrowski.**
"Is quorum of 5 Legion members present? Yes

Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes- 31 July 2025, Motion by Chuck Aubrey, seconded and approved.
Meeting purpose reminder. Review recommendations from committees (including the Club OperationsCommittee), 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
SUE ADDESSI, gave synopsis of the Amish Shetler family accident and injuries associated therewith.
Business
-Account status:
-Quickbooks: $7,080.46 vs. $9,632.03 June 2025 vs. $10,659.40 July 2024
-Finance Report motion for approval made by Chuck Aubrey, properly seconded, was approved by the Committee.
-SAL funds available: $31,094.94 (as of 8Aug)
- Aux funds available: $23,347 (excluding 10 k set aside for improvements to ADA Interior).
-Club Operations Committee recommendations:
-Cal reviews for Sept/Oct.
-Lakeside recommended additional work re: Fire Extinguishers, Exit signs/lights. Chemical Tank. Emily to check with SH Fire Dept recommendations in regard to changing Chemicals in kitchen fire suppression system by Lakeside.
-5 Sept conflict with AL pizza night resolved, Emily arranged to have Lions Switch and do tacos on Sept 5, while AL pizza night will move to Sept 19.
AL Events
-**29 Aug 2025 support/fundraiser at Odd Fellows hall in bangor for disabled vet**
-30 Aug 2025 saturday Army veteran Hill at bethel Church, 246 pipestone, Benton Harbor 1300, bus leaves at 1200. Also Honor Guard salute 1500 for Army vet Meredeth Overhiser at South Haven VFW. Bus leaves 1430
-Support needed for Sunday breakfast, 2 members each from AL, SAL and AUX
-5 Sept Flywheelers Honor Guard Support for Boy Scouts at 1900. Bus leaves 1815.
-11 Sept 12 Noon Salute to vets and first responders
-Veteran Service open house Oct target. .
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
On Line Shopping for Aux in works
500 flags distributed at salute to vets, 24 sept happy hour, possible gifting tree to be setup for this next christmas.
Other Business
-AL Breakfast crew Aug 24 served 300 breakfasts and rec'd $2,976 net revenue plus $177 tips for ADA-E.
-Veteran luncheons SH Nursing Home and River Ridge. Vicki Olson reported that 6 veterans were served .
-State funding for Post 49 major improvement projects-no update.
- On motion of Sean Russell, properly seconded, members approved a $1,000 donation for

Amish Shetler family recently injured in serious accident. On Motion of John Barkley, properly seconded, members approved an additional donation of $500 to be made from the next AL breakfast funds on Aug 31. Donation boxes to also be placed on the bar, in anticipation of a fundraiser to be held September 13 for the family by other third parties.

- John Barkley gave a summation of funds raised to date for post improvements:

Responses thru 24Aug2025 for Donations to Post 49 (With 2024 $8,000 donation)								
Donations From			**All**	**AL**	**Aux**	**Sal**	**KOC**	**Other**
Donations For								
	ADA-E	Amount, $	**$31,354**	$30,509	$150	$195	$500	Fishing Charter
		Amount, %	**82%**					
	ADA-I	Amount, $	**$4,255**	$2,655	$1,100	$0	$500	Fishing Charter
		Amount, %	**11%**					
	General	Amount, $	**$2,828**	$2,378	$350	$100		
		Amount, %	**7%**					
Total $s			**$38,437**	**$35,542**	**$1,600**	**$295**	**$1,000**	
Total percent $s			**100%**	**92%**	**4%**	**1.0%**	**3.0%**	

Correspondence to/from AL None.

Sick Call Dan Farmer, Steve Hamilton, Larry Girard, Larry Smith.

Next meetings

-Membership Mtg 1900 4 SEP 2025.
-Exec Comm Mtg 1600 25 Sept 2025.
-Monthly Commander and Adjutant Zoom meetings are being held on the first Tuesday of the month, at 1400 hrs.

2025 Holidays and Observances

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**
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

Post commander: "I now declare this meeting of Edward W. Thompson South Haven Post No. 49 Adjourned." Time 4:59 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Dargis for
Dan Thompson, Adjutant AL Post 49