29 JAN 2026 American Legion Post 49 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: (**Those in attendance 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 Thatche**r, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, SAL Commander Brett Novy, **Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald**, **TEMP Club Manager Heather Hahn, SAL Member Dave Wiatrowski, Auxiliary Chaplain Vicki Olson, AL Member John Barkley, AL Member Jim Neeley, Aux Member Linda Teeter, AL member Dan Lundgren.**
"Is quorum of 5 Legion members present ?" **Yes**

Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes- 22 DEC 2025 meeting minutes. Motion by Earl Lash, properly seconded and motion 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- Dennis Olsen, Awarded Certificate of Appreciation.

Business

-Account status: $15,895 vs -$34,031 Nov 2025 & -426,825 Dec 2024
-Quickbooks: Total Funds Available; $202,939 vs. $217,854 Dec 2025, & $162,867 Jan 2025
-Finance Report motion for approval.Moved by Earl Lash, properly seconded, and motion passed
-SAL funds available: $22,749 plus CD $10,240
- Aux funds available: $34,306 (including $10k set aside for ADA internal improvements) plus $6,786 CD
-Club Operations Committee recommendations:
Kitchen cleaning project, Sunday 1-31, 3:00 pm to Saturday Feb 7, 8:00 am, cost split three ways AL, AUX and SAL,(approx 2k each) Volunteers needed to move items back into kitchen Feb 7
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 possible project by Hall at same time to replace front door and add ADA compliance power operator at a proposed cost of $14,800. On motion of Earl Lash, properly seconded, committee approved this contract proposal.
- Additional cooler repair needed, approximate cost $15,000 to $20,000. Heather to obtain a quote from Pro temp for this project.
- Recent plumbing repairs were made, Bar sink repaired, Kitchen hand washing sink replaced

-Cal review for Feb, March

AL Events

Ice Breakers weekend, chili ready to go

SAL Events

Dan Lundgren, along with Jason Mayer and Mary Fitzgerald, will undertake cleaning and reorganizing the storage room.

Aux Events

Fish Fry to commence Feb 20 every Friday.

Other Business
-Fund raising status to date:

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%**	

-Other that had fallen down was temporarily repaired.

Correspondence to/from AL

Sick Call Dan Farmer, Mike Andruch, Dan Gomez, Glenn Higgs

Next meetings
-Membership Mtg 1900 5 Feb 2026.
-Exec Comm Mtg 1600 26 FEB 2026
-Monthly Commander and Adjutant Zoom meetings are being held on the first Tuesday of the month, at 1400 hrs.

2026 Holidays and Observances
February: Feb 2 - Groundhog Day, Feb 3 – Four Chaplains Day, Feb 14 - Valentine's Day, Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday, Feb 19 – Coast Guard Reserve Birthday
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- 5:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Bob Dargis for
Dan Thompson
Post Adjutant