30Oct2025 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 DanGomez**, Trustee Josh Gunneson, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Trustee Rick Ely, Trustee Guy Cherry, **Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch**, SAL Commander Brett Novy, **Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald**, **Club Manager Emily Fitzbaker, SAL Member Dave Wiatrowski, Auxiliary Chaplain Vicki Olson, AL Member John Barkley, AL Member Jim Neeley, Aux Member Linda Teeter**
"Is quorum of 5 Legion members present ?" **Yes**

Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes- 25Sep2025 meeting minutes. Motion by Earl, 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- None

Business

-Account status:
-Quickbooks: Total Funds Available; $202,487 vs. $227,879 30 Sep 25, & $232,965 24 Oct 2024
-Finance Report motion for approval.Moved by Earl Lash, properly seconded, and motion passed
-SAL funds available: Approx $16196.30 , total incl $10,204.83 CD 25Sep= $26,400
- Aux funds available: $36,265.35 (including $10k set aside for ADA improvements) plus $6,744.70 CD 25Sep
-Club Operations Committee recommendations:
-Cal review for Nov and December
-Clean mtg room floor.Prior to ABO, 12Noon on Nov 17th
-20 Nov Special Open House with Chamber of Commerce 5-7 PM Help needed 12Noon-? Pizza and softdrinks
-Clean mtg room floor.Prior to ABO 12Noon Nov 17th
-Store/shelve Halloween leftovers, currently on floor of the storage room.
-Remove Christmas decorations from "cold storage" date/time - 25 November,
- Larry Carlson Dinner- Nov 23rd , Prep turkeys Nov 22, Cook on 21st
- Beer cooler issues resolved
- Gordon Provider offering Sanitizing and Soap Dispensers over kitchen sink,,, approved

AL Events

-2Nov District Mtg Sunday 1130 sign-in at Benton Harbor Post 105.
-4Nov Election Day,
-10Nov Marine Corps Birthday 1PM celebration at Post 49, Cake- by Pete P
-11Nov Veterans Day: meet at Post 49 1030 for travel to 1100 Salute at Glenn School, (1130 at SH nursing home?), 1200 noon salute at Post 49 followed by Veterans luncheon
-20Nov South Haven Chamber of Commerce open house, 1700-1900
-23Nov Larry Carlson Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner (1100-1200 takeout, 1200 buffet) at Post 49, preparation and help requirements timing and number of people required.
-1Dec Trees for Troops 9AM at Wahmhoff tree farm, Address: 22330 M-40, Gobles, MI 49055
-7Dec Pearl Harbor Day 1300 salute at Post 49, Honor Guard Shoot at 1300
-13Dec Wreaths Across America, TBD Ceremony followed by 1200 placing wreaths at Lakeview cemetery,

SAL Events

-50/50 fund raising raffle in the works, will end Dec 15.

-Working with architect Peterson on indoor ADA Improvements status

- Discussion on getting $ estimate and plans to Linda Teeter by Dave W for grant application

-Donated $7,500 to ADA-E and included below.

Aux Events

20Dec Children's Christmas Party at Post 49 timing and help requirements ?

Other Business

-AL Breakfast crew 25Oct served about 155 breakfasts and rec'd $1,550 revenue (includes 1 gift certificate from Aux) plus $110 tips for ADA-E .

-State funding for Post 49 major improvement projects- See SAL comment on issue

-Letter of credit approved by Sturgis Bank for control/use by the Finance Officer as required.

-Fund raising status to date:

Responses thru 26Oct2025 for Donations to Post 49 (With 2024 $8,000 donation)								
Donations From			**All**	**AL**	**Aux**	**Sal**	**KOC**	**Other**
Donations For								
	ADA-E	Amount, $	**$41,676**	$33,331	$150	$7,695	$500	
		Amount, %	**85%**					
	ADA-I	Amount, $	**$4,255**	$2,655	$1,100	$0	$500	Fishing Charter
		Amount, %	**9%**					
	General	Amount, $	**$2,828**	$2,378	$350	$100		
		Amount, %	**6%**					
Total $s			**$48,759**	**$38,364**	**$1,600**	**$7,795**	**$1,000**	
Total percent $s			**100%**	**79%**	**3%**	**16%**	**2%**	

-Approve Donations previously recommended from template for check writing late Nov-Dec 2025.

American Legion Post 49 Mission Support Spending to Non Profits, Veterans/Families

	Organization	Items covered, information	2025CY Spending C-Completed P-Proj. 11/25	Address, Misc Comments
1	Direct emergency support of local vet's	Cell phone bills, gas, food/groceries, short term motel lodging	$1,500 C AL $1,000 P AL $170 C AL	Emergengy funding for car repairs, gas, ST rent, Heating Oil,food
2	Wilwin Lodge	Lodging and recreation for veterans, families	$1,000 C SAL $500 P AL	Wilwin Lodge, 3383 E Hawley Rd, Custer, MI 49405
3	AL Homeless Veterans	Direct support in temporary shelters	$1,000 C SAL $1,000 P AL	American Legion Department of Michigan 212 N Verlinden Ave, Lansing, MI 48515 ATTN Wanda Ophaug,
4	Fisher House, Battle Creek, MI	MI home for disabled vet's, families	$500 P AL	Fisher House of Michigan, PO Box 130466 Ann Arbor, MI, 48113
5	Primal Outfitters		$1,200 C SAL $600 C Aux $2,192 C AL	$600 dinner profit match + $352 trans. cost for fishing tournament + $1,200 for ports potty contract bill from AL, $600 from Aux and $1,200 donated from SAL
6	AL Veterans and Children Foundation	Supports MI Veterans families in financial hardship and direct support, training for AL Service Officers	$1,000 C SAL $500 P AL	American Legion Department of Michigan 212 N Verlinden Ave, Lansing, MI 48515 ATTN Wanda Ophaug,
7	Tunnels to Towers	Pay home mortgages, upgrades for primary providers killed in service	$636 P AL	
8	American Gold Star Women of Michigan	Providing direct support, support animals	$500 P AL	AGSM Western Mich. Chapter,1606 Eastview Dr.,Niles, MI 49120
9	Wreaths Across America	Purchase/place wreaths 17Dec at Lakeview, other cemeteries	$1,000 P AL	Wreaths Ordered, centrally by Post 49
10	Poppies	Buying poppies for AL Post 49	$1,000 P AL	
11	SH, Glenn, Pullman Schools	Supplies	$500 P AL	Heidi Rupley for Lincoln children school supplies.
12	Service Dogs	Trains emotional assistance dogs to help injured warriors to recovery from PTSD, TBI, mobility impairments.	$1,000 P AL	$600 to Magnum K9 Pets, Sturgis, MI 49051
13	Other Misc	Reserve for remainder of CY	$500 P AL	?
14	Food service for veteran memorial meals served at Post 49		$1,000 C AL $500 P AL	food service for 6 memorial events at post
	Total		$8,136 P AL $18,998 Total C&P AL	

-Note that the list is a subset of all 2025 donations approved previously
- Wreaths Across America check combining AL SAL and Aux donations must be written early Nov to insure order placed by Lynne Farmer

-Other business:
-Review AL Post 49 Donation requirements as approved previously for donating to non-profit organizations:
-Proof of non-profit current status- 501c EIN, proof of insurance and current tax reporting to IRS
-Rating of non-profit greater than 93% covering mission, deliverables to mission and financial status
-For startups that are not rated formally as non-profits (as first approved and practiced with “Patriots Garage”)
-Mission statement,
-Annual/current year finance summary audit,
-Current year people and events served that can be audited.

Correspondence to/from AL

Sick Call Dan Farmer, Mike Riston

Next meetings
-Membership Mtg 1900 6Nov2025.
-Exec Comm Mtg 1600 **25Nov** 2025 (note rescheduled/new date)
-Monthly Commander and Adjutant Zoom meetings are being held on the first Tuesday of the month, at 1400 hrs.

2025 Holidays and Observances
Nov: 2Nov Daylight Saving Time ends, 4Nov Election Day, **10Nov Marine Corps Birthday**, **11Nov Veterans Day**, **23Nov Larry Carlson Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner**, 27Nov Thanksgiving Day, 28Nov Native American Heritage Day,
Dec: 7Dec Pearl Harbor Day, **13Dec Wreaths Across America**, 13Dec National Guard Birthday, **20Dec Children's Christmas Party at Post 49,** 25Dec Christmas Day, 31Dec New Year's Eve

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

Daniel Thompson
Post Adjutant