30 April 2026 American Legion Post 49 EXEC Committee Minutes

At 4:30 pm the Meeting was called to order by Commander Dargis and began according to published agenda:

Order of Business

Adjutant Roll Call: ATTENDEES IN BOLD: 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,** 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 Thatcher,** Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, SAL Commander Brett Novy**, Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald, ClubManager Heather Hahn,** SAL Member Dave Wiatrowski, **Auxiliary Chaplain Vicki Olson, John Barkley,** SAL Member Paul Middleton**, AL Member Jim Neeley,** Aux Member Linda Teeter, **AL member Leo Flory.**
Is quorum of 5 Legion members present ? **YES**

Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes- 26 March 2026 Motion by John Barkley, properly seconded, and Motion approved
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 and awards

Mike Andruch to be presented award next members meeting May 7

Business

-Account status: $ 137,029.05 vs. $135,478.14 March 2026 & $175,912.12 April 2025
-Quickbooks: $-8,815.54 vs. -$10,495.71 FEB 2026 & -$3,678.03 Mar 2025
-Finance Report motion for approval by Chuck Aubrey, properly seconded, approved..
-SAL funds available: N/A
- Aux funds available: $17,369.99
-Club Operations Committee recommendations:
Report by Heather Hahn as to status on improvements and other issues:
Cooler replacement approx 3 weeks out, recent repair issues resolved, volunteers needed for July 3 Light up the Lake,
-Open Dates for dinners 5/29 and 7/31and Breakfasts 5/31 and 8/30 need to be filled
-Tally votes for Officer Elections at next members meeting May 7, 2026. Chuck Aubrey and Jim Neely Volunteered to monitor votes noon until 7 pm.
- Volunteers needed MAY 6 at 9 AM at the cemetery to place flags.,
- Rifle Raffle, need to sell tickets, flyer approval, Drawing held SEPT 5 at 6 PM.
- AUX asking for $250 for 1,000 coloring books to be distributed to local elementary students Explaining Poppy Day, committee approved on motion of John Barkley, properly seconded.
- WW 2 Vets - Department is planning a salute to WW 2 veterans at Tiger stadium vs. Seattle game 1:10 pm June 6 at Tiger stadium Detroit.

AL Events

- -Friday 1May pizza night 1700-1930 (Val planning to support along with several volunteers)

- 4 May, honor Guard funeral at Grand junction Cemetery, Army vet, bus leaves 1:15 pm.
- 7 May AL post 49 Elections, jim neely and chuck Aubrey to monitor noon to 7 pm.
- Memorial Day readiness review: parade permit and fee waiver from SH city, notifying participants that have roles, verify other cemetery visits, schedule cars for VIPs, elect AL Grand Marshall during 7May meeting.
- 4 June members meeting awards to Stacey and Amanda
- June 6, 2026 Volunteers needed at Michigan Maritime Museum to work with kids games, Several members have volunteered, old uniforms to be worn by some.
- 18 July honor Guard funeral for Fenske at McDowell Cemetery
- Sept 5 Gun Raffle drawing at 6 pm.
- OCT 10, Veterans Resource fair at post 49, on hold pending Toni Kenedy scheduling for this is the only available date.

SAL Events

July 3 Light up the Lake plans

Aux Events

Breakfast this Sunday May 3, poppy volunteers needed, scholarship has been awarded to local student.

Other Business

-Other Business: Partitions in mens room have been ordered.

-West gate replacement and repair., Jim Neely suggests replacement-

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Correspondence to/from AL

Sick Call Dan Farmer

Next meetings

-Membership Mtg 1900 2 April 2026

-Exec Comm/Club Operations Mtg **1630** 30 April 2026 (note time change to 4:30 pm and combined meetings)

-Monthly Commander and Adjutant Zoom meetings are being held on the first Tuesday of the month, at 1400 hrs.

2026 Holidays and Observances

March 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 ?

none.

Post commander: "I now declare this meeting of Edward W. Thompson South Haven Post No.49 adjourned."

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Dargis, for
Daniel Thompson
Post Adjutant