30 July 2026 American Legion Post 49 EXEC Meeting Minutes

Upon Opening Ceremony, Commander Dargis called the Meeting to order

Order of Business

Adjutant Roll Call: (Attendees in Bold)Cmdr. Bob Dargis, **1st Vice Cmdr. Jason Turner, 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addessi, Adjutant Dan Thompson, Finance Officer Sean Russell, Judge Advocate John Barkley, Sgt. at Arms Sieg Freitag,** Chaplain Larry Girard, SAL Commander Steve Hamilton, **Service Officer Jason Mayer**, Historian Jim McCloughan, **Trustee Dan Gomez,** Trustee Willie Reinhardt, **Trustee Chuck Aubrey**, Trustee Rick Ely, Trustee Amanda Jones, **Ordnance Officer Jim Neely, Mike Andruch**, Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald, **Club Manager Heather Hahn**, SAL Member Dave Wiatrowski, **Auxiliary Chaplain Vicki Olson, Member Leo Flory, Aux Member Linda Teeter, SAL member Dan Lungren**

Other members or guests ? "Is quorum of 5 Legion members present ?" **Yes**

Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes- 25 June 2026 , **Motion by Aubrey, seconded and voted on , 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 and awards

Business

-Account status: $ 149,351.82 vs $126,250.61 June 2026 vs $213,630.62 July 2025
-Quickbooks: $ 5,158.50 vs $ 21,611.29 May 2026 vs $9,632.03 June 2025
-Finance Report motion for approval. **Motion by John Barkley, seconded and approved**
-SAL funds available: Just less than $24,000, $10,000 in CD$500 to Legion for Hillsdale Riders subject to vote by SAL, 19% membership Paid to date
- Aux funds available: $ $20,000 Approx, with $6800 CD
-Club Operations Committee recommendations:
Report by Heather Hahn as to status on cooler repairs in Progress, finishing up current quote at just less than $35,000 , other club issues.
- Bartender Amy leaving for another opportunity
- Has SAL paid $7,500 for cooler repairs that was previously approved by them per Earl Lash? **NO**
-Dinner for 7/31 will be pizza night by AL, Breakfast 8/30 needs to be filled.
- Light up the Lake figures: Door $2,791, Parking $2,268, Bar Revenue $6,782
50/50 Raffle, $220 total. (No raffle held).
- Rifle Raffle ticket sales proceeding, Drawing held SEPT 5 at 6 PM
- Any suggestions for Lettering for Van ?- Bob D has layout, Dan T to get AL Emblem for back
- Further discussion re: tree removal by neighbor?- **Motion by Chuck Aubrey to allow for cutting back tree on neighbor's side, but tree on our side will remain, no action on our part, motion seconded, and motion passed**

AL Events

Questions:
- July 31 AL pizza night
- Aug 7, AL pizza night
- August 14th -Dinner salute to Vets,
- Aug 15, Salute to vets, Honor Guard
-Aug 16, Honor Guard legion funeral fro Frank Ambler, Army Vet
- Aug 23, AL breakfast
- Sept 4 Honor Guard Legion funeral for James Knapp, Marine vet
- Sept 5 Gun Raffle drawing at 6 pm
- OCT9th , Veterans Resource fair at post 49, status Toni Kennedy, Steve Hamilton coordinating

SAL Events(Listing by Dan L to be forwarded to Dan T)

Aux Events

- Detailed Discussion on Garnishment of $10,166,66 by Linda Teeter, Aux Exec committee to discuss next steps. Letter to be sent to Attorney per Aux Exec committee approval.
- Salute to Veterans Flags procured

Other Business

-Other Business to come before the leadership group ?

- Motion to rescind reciprocal club card recognition by VFW at Post 49 made by Jason Turner, seconded and approved. Note that motion is a reminder for the 2Sep2021 meeting minutes mandate, "Only members of same organization can offer reciprocal bar access, allowing all AL, SAL or Aux family members from any location to access Post 49 club benefits, but not members of VFW or other non-profit organizations. Note that this new understanding may also restrict AL member access to VFW clubs."

- Status on Possible sale of some Micron stock? Sean Russell to see counsel by John Barkley on when to proceed

-Jim Adessi mentioned we should look into having a color guard at South Haven Homecoming, Bob Dargis looking to follow-up.

Sick Call Paul Middleton

Next meetings

-Membership Mtg 6 AUGUST 2026, **1900**

-Exec Comm/Club Operations Mtg **1630** 27 AUGUST 2026

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

2026 Holidays and Observances

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 5:15PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Thompson
Post Adjutant