31 JULY 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, **"Is quorum of 5 Legion members present? Yes**

Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes- 26 JUNE 2025, Motion by John Barkley, 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 None.
Business
-Account status: $213,630.62 vs $172,946.79 29May2025 vs: $208,616.43 26June2024, noting that $38,047 of the $213,630.62 are donations and committed to special projects.
-Quickbooks: $ 9,632.03 vs. $6,412.28 May 2025 vs. $14,152.69 June 2024
-Finance Report motion for approval by Chuck Aubrey, seconded and approved.
-SAL funds available: $10,101.92, $10000 in CD's
- Aux funds available: $23,400, $6700 in CD's
-Club Operations Committee recommendations:
-Cal reviews for Aug/ Sept
-AUX recently had the kitchen cleaned by Lakeside Fire and safety (hood degrease, floor and fryer cleaning)and paid the invoice of $936, thank you.
-Lakeside recommends additional work re: Fire Extinguishers, and Exit signs/lights and Chemical Tank, Tabled pending Asst Fire Chief/ Member evaluation
Emily investigating bar pricing, will prepare spreadsheet for further consideration when available
AL Events
-**2 AUG 2025** Saturday meet at Post 49- Honor Guard support for ARMY Veteran Jim Bausbhke, Bus leaves at 1015 am for ceremony at Lakeview Cemetery.
-**16 August 2025**- Salute to Veterans- Buss leaves at 1130, Honor Guard salute NOON
- **23 AUG 2025** ,Two Air Force Veterans, Dorthy Gene Holliday and Norma Lou O'Dell 1100 23August2025 at McDowell Cemetery, 107th Av, Casco Twp, MI.**The bus will leave the Post at 1030 Saturday 23 August.**
-Veteran Service open house Sept target.
SAL Events
50/50 fund raising raffle in the works, will end Dec 15.
Aug 15 Will host Shooting event for Vets at South Haven Rod and Gun club.
Working with architect Peterson on indoor ADA Improvements, door openers.
Aux Events
On Line Shopping for Aux in works
Girls State participant- Loved it
Social Gathering Event- Fall

Coloma Lady Riders- August 30th

Other Business

-AL Breakfast crew July 27 served 298 breakfasts and rec'd $2,790 revenue plus $133 tips for ADA-E and ADA - I. Split 50/50.

-State funding for Post 49 major improvement projects-no update.

-Fund raising 13 July status: $38,047 total (incl $8,000 last year): $31,012 ADA-E,$4,207 ADA-I,$2,828

- General Discussion, Ratification of and Approval of draft Regulations regarding Trial procedures and Motion practice for Post 49 Disciplinary proceedings of Post 49 members and Summary Suspension of post members. Motion to approve, Sean Russell, seconded and approved

-Service dog recommendation- Discussed Motion to approve, by J Barkley, seconded.-Service dog recommendation- Review and Motion received mixed comments/support and will be taken to 7Aug AL Membership meeting for further review, discussion and vote.,

-New Van is ready to go - Thank Sieg, Letter and Certificate of Appreciation is being sent by Commander Dargis, Member Freitag cited need for new mirrors, will investigate, potential for contribution to cover some/all cost

-For those using Kitchen , please make sure to Clean pan on bottom of fryer

-Discussion regarding ADA-E (outside area)- Sean researching potential for loan to get project going, under logic if we build it funding will come, potential for Membership fund contribution, Thompson will make recommendation at Member meeting, Motion to approve taking a loan to cover balance of costs, Motion by John Barkley, seconded and approved.

Correspondence to/from AL

Sick Call Dan Farmer, Steve Hamilton, Sieg Freitag, Larry Girard

Next meetings

-Membership Mtg 1900 4 SEP 2025.

-Exec Comm Mtg 1600 28 AUG 2025

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

2025 Holidays and Observances

Aug: 4Aug Coast Guard Birthday, 7Aug Purple Heart Day, 17Aug National Senior Citizens Day, 19Aug National Aviation Day,

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 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Thompson, Adjutant AL Post 49