3 September 2026 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

Upon completing the opening ceremony, Commander Dargis declared the meeting of the Edward W. Thompson Post 49 open for business

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 , Sgt. at Arms Sieg Freitag, District Commander Earl Lash, SAL Commander Steve Hamilton, **Service Officer Jason Mayer,** Historian Jim McCloughan,Trustee Dan Gomez, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Trustee Rick Ely, **Trustee Mike Andruch**, Trustee Amanda Jones, **Judge Advocate John Barkley**, **Bruce Thatcher**, **SAL Member Dan Lundgren**, **Ordnance Officer Jim Neely**, **Dan Zwar**, **Josh Gunneson**, **SAL member Paul Middleton**, Stacey Bartholomew

"Is quorum (of at least 5 Legion members) present?" YES

Reading/approval of last meeting minutes - 6 AUGUST 2026 , Motion to Approve by Jason Turner, seconded and motion passed

Draping Ceremony For Larry Girard and Dan Farmer

Awards/ Certificates:

Committee Reports

1. **Finance.**
-Account status: $ 174,281.08 vs $149,351.82 July 2026 vs $229,006.57 Aug 2025
-Quickbooks: $ 14,846.27 vs $ 5,158.50 June 2026 vs $7,080.46 July 2025
-Finance Report motion for approval. **Motion to approve by John Barkley, seconded and motion passed**
-SAL funds available: $
- Aux funds available: $ 21,195 CD $ 6,867

2. **Adjutant**
-Membership report as of : 28 August 2026: 5 New, 47 PUFL, 254 Renewals, for 306/680 = 45 %, Goal for 9-10-26 is 50 % -Circulate new member applications and consider **motion to approve** new members and Adjutant's report. **Motion to approve John Barkley, seconded and approved**

3. **Service Officers report:** Rifle raffle ticket sales in progress, drawing 5 Sept at 6 PM

4. **Club Facilities and Operations Committee**
Review latest estimate for replacement AC Compressor for kitchen from Pro temp, quotes.
Roof repairs, roofer came and made repairs to neoprene rubber around stacks, bill pending.
SAL has paid $2,500 for cooler repairs that was previously approved by them, not the $7,500 as originally thought.
Breakfast 8/30 was filled by members from each AL, SAL and AUX, proceeds about $3,000, About 200 people served. Suggest having VFW fill two extra Sunday breakfasts next year.
Recent "visit" by State "officials" to test us for liquor compliance and membership ID was

suspected to have been successfully completed.
- Rifle Raffle ticket sales proceeding, Drawing held SEPT 5 at 6 PM
- Lettering for Van and Al symbol for rear have been placed on Van.
- repair needed to right oven ignitor
- New ATM
-West Slider door also needs replacement.
- Clarify sponsorship/drink purchase for non-members, must sign log book.

5. AL Events

--3Sept-South Haven High School homecoming game flag raising color guard completed today.
-4Sept- Honor Guard for Marine Veteran James W Knapp 1100 4Sept2026 at Lakeview.The bus will leave the Post at 1030,
-4Sept- Honor Guard support 1300 for Army Veteran Peterson at Lakeview Cemetery. The bus will leave the Post at 12: 30.
-4Sept-AL Pizza Night,
-5Sept-Gun Raffle drawing at 6 PM,
-11Sept-Patriot Day- salute at noon
-11Sept- Boy Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony 1900 at Flywheelers. The bus will leave at 1815
-15Sept-Honor Guard support 1230 at McDowell Cemetery for the Hollis family to commemorate their father's (Veteran Altenberger) DOD Veteran plaque now in place at McDowell Cemetery. The bus will leave Post 49 at noon.
-18Sep-Air Force Birthday,
-24Sept-AL Exec Com Mtg 1430
-27Sept-AL Breakfast
-2Oct-AL Pizza Night,
-13Oct-Navy Birthday,
-19Oct- Veterans Resource fair at post 49 4-7 PM,,
-25Oct-AL Breakfast
-10Nov- Marine Corps Birthday,
-11Nov- Veterans Day,
-14Nov-Post 49 Salute to Dan Farmer at 1500 Service (visitation from 1200-1500), Peace Lutheran Church, South Haven. The bus will leave Post 49 at 1430.
-23Nov- Larry Carlson Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner

6. **SAL Events:**

Sept 11 Burger night, Sept 13 breakfast-
Battle Creek Vet Hospital Trivia night Columbus Day October 12, 2026

7. Aux Events:

Salute to vets , 600 flags placed. Sept 6 breakfast. No Halloween party for kids this year, Xmas still on. Report on $6,000 Garnishment of AUX funds, claim with National will not work, will attempt to retrieve those funds by consulting an attorney.

Old Business

- Possible sale of some Micron stock.

New Business

- Michigan Maritime Museum requesting $1,500 from our post to reinstate CALL TO DUTY exhibit, discussion, **Motion to approve $1000 for MMM by John Barkley, seconded and motion passed**
- Discussion regarding memorial bricks in honor of Dan Farmer and Larry Girard, Motion to approve $100 for two bricks with respective families determining wording on bricks. **Motion by Sean Russell, seconded and approved**

-Motion by Jason Turner to approve $50 for District Directory. Seconded and approved

Additional Business

Dan Farmer, funeral visitation, November 14, 2026, 12 pm - 3 pm, Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 06321 Blue Star Hgwy, South Haven, **Flowers to be purchased by AL.**

Sick call:

Communication & Donation Announcements (to/from AL).

John Barkley to make $500 donation to Alvan Pet rescue in the name of American Legion, thank you John.Jason Mayer to be the designated golfer

Next meetings

-Membership Mtg 1900 1 OCT 2026, 7:00 pm
-Exec Comm/Club Operations Mtg **1630** 24 SEPT 2026

2026 Holidays and Observances

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

Closing ceremony

Upon completion of the closing ceremony, Commander Dargis declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Thompson
Post Adjutant