6 AUGUST 2026 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

Order of Business
Upon completion of Opening Ceremony, Commander Dargis called the Membership Meeting to Order

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,** Chaplain Larry Girard, SAL Commander Steve Hamilton, **Service Officer Jason Mayer**, Historian Jim McCloughan, Trustee Dan Gomez**,** Trustee Willie Reinhardt, **Trustee Chuck Aubrey**, Trustee Rich Ely, **Trustee Amanda Jones, Trustee Mike Andruch, Judge Advocate John Barkley, Dan Lundgren**, Earl Lash, **Ordnance Officer Jim Neely**, Dan Zwar, **Stacey Bartholomew, Bruce Thatcher,** Paul Middleton, John Gallagher, **Kane Goodson.**
"Is quorum (of at least 5 Legion members) present?" **YES**

Reading/approval of last meeting minutes - 2 July 2026
Motion to Approve by Chuck Aubrey, seconded and Motion Approved

Awards/ Certificates:

Committee Reports

1. Finance.
-Account status: $ 126,250.61 vs $134,998.31 May 2026 vs $180,701.80 June 2025
-Quickbooks: $ 21,611.29 vs $ -12,850.47 April 2026 vs $6,412.28 May 2025
-Finance Report **motion for approva**l. **Motion by Chuck Aubrey, seconded and Motion approved**
-SAL funds available: $24,000, including $10,400 CD
- Aux funds available: $ 20,000, CD $6,800

2. Adjutant
-Membership report as of : 30 June 2026: 61 New, 48 PUFL, 559 Renewals, for 668/655 = 101.98 %, Goal for May 13, 2026 is 100%, **-**Circulate new member applications - 6 New Applications for membership approval, (Website for Department not yet updated, Dan reports about 200 renewals so far for 2027.) **Motion to approve** new members and Adjutant's report- **by Jason Mayer, seconded and motion approved.**

3. Service Officers report:
Jason Mayer suggested we give Amy our departing bartender a card and $100 gift card. On **motion of John Barkley, seconded**, members approved purchase of Gift card, Jason Mayer to followup.

4. Club Facilities and Operations Committee
-Club Operations Committee recommendations:
Report by Heather Hahn as to status on cooler repairs: Still need racks and Pressure valve installed. Recent Arcing in electrical box required emergency replacement by electrician (this was not part of the contract with pro-temp and will be an additional repair charge).
- **Motion to approve emergency repairs the amount of $400 by Kane Goodson, seconded,** approved by membership.
- Light up the Lake figures: Door $2,791, Parking $2,268, Bar Revenue $6,782
50/50 raffle, $220, no raffle held due to fireworks going off as we started to call ticket.

Lettering for Van has been ordered, each side will read “American Legion Post 49, South Haven, Mich.” Decals for back and top suggested, pending.
- Rifle Raffle ticket sales proceeding, Drawing held SEPT 5 at 6 PM
- No Halloween party for kids this year, lack personnel from AUX.
- re tree removal in back yard, **On Motion of Chuck Aubrey, seconded**, members voted no action on this, neighbor free to trim tree as legally authorized. We need to prune lower branches.
-re: color guard/ Honor Guard to SOHA High School Home Coming this year, Jason Turner to followup with highSchool for September 3 as to what should transpire, just flags and raising the Colors or rifle salute as well?

5. AL Events
- Aug 7, AL pizza night Volunteers needed
- 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 3, **Military appreciation night, Raise the colors? Jason Turner**
- Sept 4 Honor Guard Legion funeral for James Knapp, Marine vet bus leaves 1030, also AL pizza night
- Sept 5 Gun Raffle drawing at 6 pm
-11Sep-Patriot Day,
-18Sep-Air Force Birthday,
-27Sept-AL Breakfast
- OCT 9, Veterans Resource fair at post 49, Toni Kennedy and Steve Hamilton point of contact

6. **SAL Events:**
Aug 9 Breakfast
Aug 14 dinner
-Battle Creek Vet Hospital Trivia night Columbus Day October 12, 2026

7. Aux Events:
Salute to vets flags ready to go
Report on $6,000 Garnishment of AUX funds, will attempt to retrieve those funds from National.

Old Business
- White Adirondack chairs received and assembled.
- Possible sale of 10 shares of Micron stock still pending, Jason Turner and Sean Russell consulting.

New Business

Additional Business
Kane Goodson requested paperwork on his issue with Captain Bob from last year.
Brice Thatcher reports that the Maritime Museum has 26 seats available for any veterans on the Friends of Goodwill for the Salute to Veterans on Aug 15.

Sick call: Dan Farmer (gravely ill), Paul Middleton and Doc McCloughan.

Communication & Donation Announcements (to/from AL).

Next meetings

-Membership Mtg 1900 3 Sept 2026, 7:00 pm
-Exec Comm/Club Operations Mtg **1630** 27 AUG 2026
-Monthly Commander and Adjutant Zoom meetings are being held on the first Tuesday of the month, at 1400 hrs

2026 Holidays and Observances

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 ?

Closing ceremony

Upon completion of the closing ceremony, Commander Dargis adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Dargis, for Daniel Thompson
Adjutant