28 May 2026 American Legion Post 49 EXEC Comm Minutes

Upon opening ceremony, Commander Dargis called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM

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 Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Trustee Rick Ely, Trustee Bruce Thatcher, **Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch**, SAL Commander Brett Novy, **Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald, Club Manager Heather Hahn**, Auxiliary Chaplain Vicki Olson, **John Barkley, Jim Neely**
Other members or guests ? "Is quorum of 5 Legion members present ?"**- YES**

Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes- 30 April 2026, **Motion to approve 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

Business

-Account status: $ 134,998.31 vs $137,029.05 April 2026 vs $172,946.79 May 2025
-Quickbooks: $ -12,850.47 vs $ -8,815.54 March 2026 vs $- 2,431.51 April 2025, LOC $11,610.29
-Finance Report motion for approval. **Motion to approve by John Barkley, properly seconded and motion passed**
-SAL funds available: $25,568 approx, all in , 687 Members
- Aux funds available: $16,000 + (CD $6000) $3240 for Rummage Sale
-Club Operations Committee recommendations:
-Report by Heather Hahn as to status on cooler repairs (waiting on supplier) , which night for bartenders pasta 2times / month, Karaoke night, need $300 more to purchase machine
-Bartenders needed/scheduled for July 3, Barback to support bartenders with Cooking,
-Open Dates for dinner 7/31 and Breakfast 8/30 need to be filled
-Light up the Lake, July 3 , six volunteers needed over 2 shifts plus parking and kitchen (see below)
- Swearing in of new AL Officers at next membership meeting
- Rifle Raffle, need to sell tickets, flyer approval, Drawing held SEPT 5 at 6 PM
- 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
- Poppie proceeds $9,000 +
- need 10 ten more white adirondack chairs total $1700. **Motion by Sean Russell to approve $1700 for 10 more white adirondack chairs, Properly seconded and approved**

AL Events

-31 May Breakfast, combined AL, AUX and SAL volunteers now filled
- 4 June members meeting awards to Stacey Bartholomew and Amanda Jones
- 6 June Michigan Maritime Museum update, have two legionnaires to support including Dan and wife,
- 7 June, Honor Guard for Army Vet Terry Tatsch, bus leaves post at 1230
- 14 June, Flag Day ceremony for scouts at 1130 am, followed by Army birthday at noon, honor guard shoot
- 16 June, Honor Guard for Navy Vet Thomas Olson, bus leave sat 1030 am
- 19 June, Friday Hillsdale post 53 Legion riders here, donuts coffee saturday morning expect approx, 100 riders, taco night
- 3 July Light up the Lake, Committee Highlights/ Discussion with Heather:
  1-Parking $20, Legionnaires free- Paul Middleton lead on parking
  2-Open to public at noon- suggested donation $5
  3-No reserved seating, unless occupied, unoccupied blankets and chairs will be collected
  4- No liquids in or out, cups empty at pail at door
  5-All Bags subject to search

6-Kitchen available for sales till SAL starts serving at 5 PM
7-Extra Bartenders at Main Bar and Tiki Bar
8-Porta Potties being ordered
9-Volunteers in bright shirts, with staff on back
10Volunteers needed, 2 shifts 2-6 PM , and 6-10 PM, 2 at door, 1 lower level east, 1 gate Tiki Hut, 2- police back, pick up trash, 2 clean up after fireworks, 2 help at kitchen (noon to 5pm). Total per shift not counting parking, 6, 8 Volunteers needed for 2 shifts, 10 am to 4 pm, 4 pm to close, Other issues ?

- 18 July honor Guard funeral for Fenske at McDowell Cemetery
- 4Sept- Honor Guard for Marine Veteran James W Knapp 1100 4Sept2026 at Lakeview.The bus will leave the Post at 1030
- Sept 5 Gun Raffle drawing at 6 pm
- OCT 9 , Veterans Resource fair at post 49 4-7 PM , status Toni Kennedy - Steve Hamilton point of contact

SAL Events

-Plans for cooking July 3 Light up the Lake start time 5PM
-BC Vet Hospital Trivia night Columbus Day

Aux Events

Award ceremony at high school 5/28 for scholarship

Other Business

-Other Business to come before the leadership group ?
-West gate replacement and repair, Jim Neely suggests replacement
-Mike Andruch nominated Jim Neeley to take over as Ordinance Officer- not an elected position, accepted

Correspondence to/from AL

Sick Call Dan Farmer, Liz Aubrey, Larry Girard

Next meetings

-Membership Mtg 1900 4 June 2026
-Exec Comm/Club Operations Mtg 1630 25 June 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

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 ?

Post commander: "I now declare this meeting of Edward W. Thompson South Haven Post No.49 adjourned."
Time- 5:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Thompson
Adjutant