

American Legion B.M.I. Post 40 General Membership Meeting

15 April 2026

Meeting Start: 1800 hours

Opening Ceremonies Completed

1) Remarks from Victoria:

- a. Baby shower for reserve families, 6 families. Thank you for donations received.
- b. American Family Day April 26th.
- c. National Poppy Day May 3rd.

2) Remarks from Jeff, Post Commander:

- a. Post is not doing the May 1st fish fry due to a hall rental event.

3) Remarks from Phil, Palms Mortuary:

- a. Memorial Day Ceremony is on the 23rd.

ROLL CALL:

Commander, Jeffrey Cambell – Present
Finance, Robert Peddicord – Present
Sergeant at Arms, Jeff Becker – Present
Communications, Barb Nelson – Present
Historian, Jerry McKee – Present
Past Commander, Tom Lynch – *Excused*
Past Commander, John Towsley – *Excused*
Quorum Established? Yes

Adjutant, Richard Kern - Present
First Vice, Brandon Lepp – Present
Second Vice, Marcia Montgomery – *Excused*
Chaplain, Richard Troutman – Present
Trustee, Don McCown – *Excused*
Trustee, Jack Coffey – Present
Trustee, Richard Milano – Present

Motion to approve minutes of 18 March 2026 General Membership meeting: Yes

Seconded: Yes Motion Passed: Yes

Introduction of perspective members or guests: Perspective member from Post 177 out of Washington D.C. here for 2 years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: 4610 for the bar looks great. Hall rental on line 4410 was strong. Insurance payment, Girl's State, and liquor license came through. \$300 donation to the auxiliary for American Family Day approved by E-Board.

Membership: 701 members. 95% of National's goal; sitting even as scheduled.

Kitchen: Bood drive had 11 people; we served 13 patty melts. Nothing else strange to report.

Chaplain: Reminder of Easter on first Sunday. Attend if you do and if you don't that's fine too. Being involved with church during Easter during a time of war and turmoil reminds us to put our faith in something else.

Building: Adjutant obtained new set of flags for the hall as a donation except for the space force (backordered).

Communications: Welcome back! Emails on track with Bridge, the sign is stuck but will be troubleshooted.

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AL Riders: Fish fry this week and pulled pork next. Helping with Family Day. Asking for monthly report from finance for the riders and will be worked.

Adjutant: VSO has put in 80 hours and seen 59 veterans.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Security: Electrician tomorrow for the wifi cameras. Still backordered for ethernet camera.
- 2) Smoker Project: Welding and final cutting next month!
- 3) Septic Tank: Waiting for update via email for engineering maps.
- 4) School awards: Marcia is doing one currently with 3 more pending.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Voting next month. Nominees were announced and accepted pending Marcia due to school awards.
- 2) July 4th is coming up for the 250th and we're still looking for ideas to celebrate.
- 3) Elections are coming up and nominations are now open. All positions open except for two trustee positions.
- 4) Department has initiated a vote for department dues but the post will not be affected because we anticipated the raise the year prior and adjusted accordingly.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION:

The meeting at this point has been adjourned with closing ceremonies at approximately 1846 hours with nothing further to discuss.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brandon R. Lepp, 1st Vice Commander