

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

18 March 2026

Meeting Start: 1800 hours

Opening Ceremonies Completed

1) Remarks from Bonnie:

- a. Baby shower with National Guard at the Post April 12th. Looking for baby items for donations.
- b. National Poppy Day Sunday May 3rd at 12PM. Tea will be served.
- c. Blood drive Saturday April 11th starting at 12PM.
- d. BBQ April 26th for family day at the Post.

2) Remarks from Jeff, Post Commander:

- a. Patty melts and curly French Fries for the blood drive. Free if you donate, \$9 for everyone else.
- b. May 1<sup>st</sup> fish fry is cancelled for an event.
- c. Memorial Day event at Palms Mortuary.
- d. Ceremony of life for Fred Doten (prior District 2 Commander) has postponed the District 2 meeting this quarter. It will be in Laughlin.

3) Remarks from Agnus:

- a. Agnus and Mary from the service office introduced themselves and announced free notary services for members.

## ROLL CALL:

Commander, Jeffrey Cambell – Present  
Finance, Robert Peddicord – *Excused*  
Sergeant at Arms, Jeff Becker – Present  
Communications, Barb Nelson – *Excused*  
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 – Present  
Chaplain, Richard Troutman – Present  
Trustee, Don McCown – Present  
Trustee, Jack Coffey – Present  
Trustee, Richard Milano – Present

Motion to approve minutes of 18 February 2026 General Membership meeting: Yes  
Seconded: Yes                      Motion Passed: Yes

Introduction of perspective members or guests: Vernon Smith from Post 1 in Seattle just moved here. Sandy from Post 71 out of Michigan just hear to learn (snowbird). Clyde Martin from Post 143 out of Cedarwood, WA.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Red for the year because of asset purchases throughout the year and new insurance payment made, however we are progressing nicely.  
Membership: 682 members. 92% of National's goal; sitting 2% higher than scheduled. April 8th expectancy is 95%. Two Post 40 members have reached 50 years as members and received certificates

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from National. New paid up for life member (Jeffrey Campbell) needs verification of good standing from National. Motion: Sort of. Seconded: Barely. Motion Passed: Up for debate.

Kitchen: Nothing 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: Nothing strange to report.

Communications: Barb is still in the hospital, updates given. Website calendar has been updated with volunteers, and the sign is not a problem. Emailed calendars will be delayed.

AL Riders: Corn beef and cabbage this Friday (swapped) and next Friday is the Fish Fry. Email sent to raiders stadium for members of the Post on Veterans Day to hold the flag, pending response. New bar rail out front with each branch of service on it (break it in).

Adjutant: VSO has put in 141 hours and seen 66 veterans. Read my book.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Security: Waiting for broken camera to be replaced under warranty. Wireless cameras waiting for power install.
- 2) Smoker Project: Brick foundation set. Rails for BBQ side installed. This Saturday there should be rails for smoker side and cut expanded metal for smoker. Red brick has been brought over for outside wall.
- 3) Septic Tank: Rick is getting with engineers to get maps for quotes for the job to get done. A lot of permits need to be completed first.
- 4) School awards: Liberty high school has already requested, expecting 5 more. Looking for volunteers to present at the schools.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Memorial Day is coming up, and the normal BBQ will be accomplished. Looking for volunteers.
- 2) July 4th is coming up for the 250th and we're looking for ideas to celebrate.
- 3) Elections are coming up and nominations are now open. All positions open except for two trustee positions.
- 4) Book fair did pretty good. Auxiliary put out all the books that were donated a year ago. We kept a large variety of books to put on our bookcase. Raised \$400 and donated it to Nevada GI Dogs.

### FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION:

- 1) Adjutant gave the commander a signed copy of his book.
- 2) Iranian war has prompted targeting of everyone from ROTC members to veterans at VA clinics. Stay safe and aware. Be the One.
- 3) Keep deploying members in your thoughts.
- 4) Tomorrow at noon Phil will be here to teach us what we should be aware of regarding documentation in preparation for unexpected deaths. Free session for all with lunch included.

The meeting at this point has been adjourned with closing ceremonies at approximately 1842 hours with nothing further to discuss.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brandon R. Lepp, 1st Vice Commander