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Minutes of the in-person meeting that was held on 10 June 2026.

Meetings are normally held at 23 Hutchinson Street, Franklin, MA on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 1900.

Officer Roll Call:

Commander – Dick Hynes	Present
1st Vice Commander – John Milot	Present
2nd Vice Commander - John Hefele	Excused
Adjutant – Joe Landry	Present
Finance - Dave Labonte	Present
SGT at Arms – Tim App	Present
Chaplain - Bob Markunis	Excused
Historian - Steve Szilniczky	Present
Service Officer - Shannon Nisbett	Excused
Quartermaster - Frank Coughlin	Present

14 members were in attendance.

Meeting called to order by Commander Hynes at 1900.

- Colors posted by SGT at Arms Tim App.
- Opening prayer offered by Acting Chaplain Art Buliung.
- POW/MIA flag and chair placed at all meetings of the American Legion as a physical symbol of the thousands of POW's and MIA's still unaccounted for.
- Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.
- Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion recited by all.
- Officer Roll Call.

Reading the minutes of the previous meeting:

- Minutes of the previous meeting had been posted on the Post's website so that members could read them beforehand. Members who were present at the meeting were given a hard copy for their evaluation.
- After a discussion was held, a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes, subject to audit. A vote was taken, and the minutes were accepted, subject to audit.

Reading of Communications and Bills:

- The bill for the Rome Restaurant event has not been received yet.

Finance Officer report (Dave Labonte):

- A copy of the financial report for the previous month had been posted on the Post's website so that members could read it beforehand. Members who were present at the meeting were given a hard copy for their evaluation.
- Dave reported that the General fund has $22,000.00 in it.
- After a discussion was held, a motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report. A vote was taken, and the financial report was accepted.

Post Commander report (Dick Hynes):

- None.

1st Vice Commander report (John Milot):

- Membership is at 100% with 81 paid up members.

2nd Vice Commander report (John Hefele):

- None.

Historian report (Steve Szilniczky):

- None.

Quartermaster report (Frank Coughlin):

- None.

Chaplain report (Bob Markunis):

- None.

Service Officer report (Shannon Nisbett):

- None.

Unfinished business:

- Franklin TV now has a new Executive Director. Her name is Liz Hawkins and she will take Pete Fasciano's place. He will stay on to assist her in the transition period and will be a consultant for equipment in the future.
- There will be five Fallen Hero Ceremonies in June and one in July on the Common.

- Dick thanked everyone who helped in the Memorial Day ceremonies. He said that the Rifle Squad and Color Guard did an outstanding job. He said that he is very proud of the Post and the way that everyone helped.
- The luncheon event that was held at the Rome Restaurant was a huge success. Thirteen members and spouses attended and had a great time. The food was very good, and each member paid $10.00 each.
- John Hefele presented two $500.00 Scholarships to two Franklin High School graduates.
- The Post will be sending one young man and one young woman to Boy's State and Girls' State respectively. This year, both programs will be held in the same week.
- Jim Gurganis is working with Tyler on the upcoming Legion Baseball Playoffs that will be held in August.
- Dick reminded all that there is an upcoming luncheon for Korean Veterans that will be held at Franklin TV on July 27th between 11:00 AM and 1:30 PM. Last year, we had four Veterans but this year, we only have three.
- There will not be a meeting in July.
- The Franklin Fathers Edward Grant Memorial Kick Ball Tournament will be held at Beaver Pond Recreational Area on Sunday, June 14th. There will be approximately 200 people there. There will be eight teams playing and John Hefele will throw out the first pitch. A 50/50 raffle will be held and half of the money will be donated to the Post. A short ceremony on Eddie Grant will be held and his history will be read. Natalee Webb-Rubino provided new information about Eddie Grant and this will be added to his biography.

New business:

- Ed Foti will once again host a pool party at his house on July 25th with a rain date of July 26th. Please notify John Hefele if you are planning to attend and tell him if you are bringing anything to eat. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided by the Post. Also, bring your bathing suit as Ed has a large swimming pool.
- On Friday, the Strawberry Stroll will take place on Main Street from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. The VFW Post's booth will be next to Post 75. This is a "uniformed" event so members who attend should wear their uniform with yellow ascots and braids. Otherwise, they should wear their Legion cap.
- The Post will be sponsoring a Girls Fast Pitch Softball League this summer. It will be held at Pisani Field on Peck Street. A Color Guard has been requested for the opening game on June 22nd. John Hefele will throw out the first pitch.

For the good of the Legion:

- This past weekend, Dick attended the Department Convention in Marlboro, MA with Joe Landry and Bob Markunis. Awards were given out to thirteen law enforcement Officers.
- District 6 will now be called the Southeast District (Norfolk County).
- Dick Hynes, Bob Markunis and John Milot will continue being on District Staff. Dick will move from Adjutant to Finance Officer. John Milot will move from Commander to SGT at Arms, with Bob Lewis taking the Commander's role. Bob will continue as Chaplain. Joe Manning will assume the duties of 1st Vice Commander.

- The new Department Commander will be Bob Jerdan, who is the first Department Commander to come from District 6.

Closing the meeting:

- Acting Chaplain Art Buliung led members in prayer.
- POW/MIA flag retired by SGT At Arms Tim App.
- Colors retired by SGT at Arms Tim App.
- The meeting was adjourned by Commander Hynes.