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Minutes of the in-person meeting that was held on May 13, 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	Excused
2nd Vice Commander - John Hefele	Present
Adjutant – Joe Landry	Present
Finance - Dave Labonte	Excused
SGT at Arms – Tim App	Present
Chaplain - Bob Markunis	Present
Historian - Steve Szilniczky	Present
Service Officer - Shannon Nisbett	Present
Quartermaster - Frank Coughlin	Present

16 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 Chaplain Bob Markunis.
- 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:

- Minutes of the previous two meetings 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 of each month's meeting for their evaluation.
- After a discussion was held, a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of both March and April, subject to audit. A vote was taken, and the minutes were accepted, subject to audit.

Reading of Communications and Bills:

- Dick received three documents that were baseball tournament related. He gave them to Jim Garganus so that he can ask Tyler Pasquarosa what they are.
- A letter was received from Wayne Ross, who is seeking our support once again for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, which will be held in Detroit, MI in July this year. After a discussion was held, a motion was made and seconded to give him $50.00 to support his trip. A vote was taken and seconded, and the Post will support Wayne for $50.00.
- A letter was received from Team Mass to thank the Post who supported Coral Grout in her journey to the National President of the Ladies Auxiliary. In five months, she will be installed as National President in Louisville, KY. She is the third National president from Massachusetts.
- A motion was made and seconded to send $50.00 to the Department for the raffle that will be held at the upcoming Convention in June. The tickets are $10.00 each.

Finance Officer report (Dave Labonte was absent but provided report):

- 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 has spoken to Dick about increasing the size of the post office box as it is too small for the amount of mail that the Post is sent. He suggested going from a 3 x 5 ½ box to a 5 x 5 ½ box. The cost for the small box is $258.00 and the larger one is $330.00. After a discussion was held, a motion was made and seconded for Dave to get a larger post office box. A vote was taken, and the larger box will be rented.
- 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.

1st Vice Commander report (John Milot):

- The target membership is 100% with the post at 97.53. The Post needs two more members to hit 100%. We are at 79 members and we need 81. The Post is 11th place in the District.

Historian report (Steve Szilniczky):

- Steve will be providing the annual report soon.

Quartermaster report (Frank Coughlin):

- Frank said the flags will be placed at St. Mary's Cemetery on Saturday, May 23rd at 10:00 and at Union Street Cemetery on Saturday, May 23rd at 10:00.
- Dick said that he and a few others will take care of the small cemetery.

- Volunteers will be needed to cut the stars off the flags that are to be disposed of.

Chaplain report (Bob Markunis):

- Outreach programs are ongoing. The Enclave will let us know when they would like us to participate in a short Flag Day ceremony.

Service Officer report (Shannon Nisbett):

- The sign-up for the Memorial Day breakfast is full.
- Jim Gurganis will direct the rifle teams at the three sites on Memorial Day.

Unfinished business:

- The Veteran's Council meeting will be held on May 21st. Dick asked the people who will be helping out on Memorial day to attend this meeting. It will be at the Senior Center at 7:00 pm.
- There will be seven Fallen Heroes ceremonies held in the month of June.
- There are two candidates for $500.00 Scholarships. They are Amelia Chambers and Ashton Levesque. They will be given to them at the FHS Awards night on May 21st at 6:00 pm.
- Monica McIntyre and Roman Caccavelli will be going to Girls State and Boys State respectively.
- Jim Garganus will provide a schedule for the upcoming Baseball Tournament in August. More than enough people have signed up. The Post will provide a Color Guard at the opening game if needed.
- The Post will host a Korean War Veterans luncheon at Franklin TV on July 27th from 11:00 to 1:30. Shannon will provide the names of these Veterans.
- Nominations for Post Commander, 1st Vice Commander and 2nd Vice Commander are closed. Elections for the current slate will be voted on at the next meeting.
- Buddy Checks: Most packages have been turned in. John Hefele will provide a report next month.
- The Post social event at the Rome Restaurant will take place on June 3rd at 6:00 pm. The cost is $10.00 each and members will pay for their own drinks.

New business:

- Franklin Father's Edward Grant Memorial Kickball tournament will be held at the Beaver Street Recreation area on June 14th to honor Eddie Grant. Jason Joyce, the Secretary said that he is the same age now that Eddie Grant was when he died. He asked if the Post could attend. Dick will see if they want a Color Guard.
- Ed Foti will host a summer pool party again this year. He has lots of new furniture. The date is July 25th with the rain date July 26th. People can bring food items and the Post will provide burgers, hot dogs etc.

For the good of the Legion:

- The District Meeting will be held at the Wrentham Post on May 27th. It is also the national Memorial Meeting. The names of members in the District who have passed will be read. Stan Musiak and Al Kober were from Post 75.

- Natalee has "Freedom Flags" that have her poem on them and she would like to dedicate the Poem to the Post.
- One member asked if the Post can get a brick on the walkway. Dick will look into this.
- Bob asked if the Post could make a donation to the Senior Center to help cover some of the cost of day trips to widows who might need financial help. The Director of the Senior Center will be asked about this. They would have to manage these funds and not the Post. Shannon expressed a concern that when the word gets out about this money, everyone will want a portion of it.

Closing the meeting:

- Chaplain Bob Markunis 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.