



American Legion Post 75

Minutes of Meeting on **3 December 2018**. Meetings held at 23 Hutchison Street, Franklin, MA.
Mailing Address: American Legion Post 75, P.O. Box 42, Franklin, MA 02038.
Website: <http://www.mapost75.com/>

Officer roll call:

Commander - John Milot	Present
1 st Vice – Dick Hynes	Absent
2 nd Vice & Post Service Officer John Hefelee	Present
Adjutant – Kim Leone	Present
Finance - Kent Belcher	Present
SGT at Arms – Steve Szilniczky	Present
Chaplain – Bob Markunis	Present
Historian - Matt McGrath	Present

- **15** members in attendance.
- Minutes from 5 November 2018 meeting read and accepted.

NOTES

1. ***Post 75 – If you need a ride to one of our monthly meetings, PLEASE contact the Post Commander John Milot 508-520-8771.***

OLD BUSINESS

1. Bob Markunis continues to book visits at Magnolia Heights, Atria and the Franklin Rehabilitation Center on Chestnut Street. Magnolia Heights visits are every 3rd Wednesday at 2:00 and Franklin Rehab visits are every third Saturday of the month at 2:00. The next visit at Magnolia Heights will be on Wednesday, December 19th at 2:00 – movie and popcorn. The next visit at Franklin Rehab. on Chestnut Street will be on Saturday December 15th at 3:15 - bingo.

NEW BUSINESS

1. John Hefelee is on the committee for the Veterans Walkway on the town common. Bricks will be for sale until they are sold out. Over 1100 bricks sold so far. The bricks will display the honorees name and branch of service. The honoree can be someone living or deceased and they do not need to be from Franklin. The names will be laser engraved with the information. The price is \$100 per brick. Applications can be found online on the post website or the VFW website. Local businesses are assisting with the cost of the project by donating funds. 800 people attended the walkway dedication on Veterans Day.
2. Raffle – Still need donations for the raffle. A TV has already been donated. Also some Red Sox memorabilia has been donated to the raffle by the Boston Red Sox. The town permit for the raffle has been completed. The raffle timing is TBD.



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3. Wreaths Across America in Bourne will be held on Saturday, December 15th. A group of volunteers from the post are needed to attend. Ride sharing is encouraged. A group will assemble at Franklin Cable Access Studio to attend together. If interested, email Frank Coughlin.
4. Dave Matt and Kim assisted at the Brockton VA putting up holiday decorations. The VA asked for donations of wreaths (not real). Kim and John H. will coordinate this effort.
5. Paul Kennedy passed away on December 2nd. Services will be on December 7th at Oteri Funeral Home.
6. The Post received a thank you card from the Veterans Memorial Walkway Committee.
7. A motion was made, seconded and approved to make a donation to the Franklin Food Pantry. \$50 was donated to the Franklin Food Pantry.
8. The Road Race Committee had a preliminary meeting and has decided to hold a Road Race in June 2019 at the Remington School in Franklin. Kim will reach out to the town to book the school which should already be paid for.
9. Reminder to members that Post 75 has a display at the Franklin Historical Museum which is open most Saturday mornings.
10. Members please remember that Bob Markunis takes prayer requests for the sick.
11. If you know of any potential members, please direct them to the post website for membership information and an application and also let Dick Hynes know so that he may give them a follow up call.

COMMITTEES

1. Post Strategic Plan. Dave Labonte and Matt McGrath
 - a. Dave & Matt are meeting to discuss this effort. All invited to assist. Contact Dave or Matt for details.
2. Raffle committee - John Milot, Matt McGrath
3. Road Race Committee – Doug Wahl, Frank Coughlin, Jim Gurganis, Dave Labonte, Kim Leone, Judy Hynes
4. Franklin High School Scholarship committee. – Kent, Ray, Steve
5. Public Relations committee -John Hefeale, Steve S. and Bob M.
6. Assisting/Visiting Veterans in Local hospitals. Matt McGrath leads this committee.
7. The American Legion Boys State program. Committee members: John Milot and Doug Wahl.
8. Franklin Funeral Homes committee –John M, Matt McGrath, Jim McNeil, John Hefeale, George Ferguson, Bob Markunis, Kent Belcher, Dave Labonte, Jim Gurganis and Doug Wahl.
9. Uniform Etiquette Committee – Jim McNeil, John Milot, Steve S. and Bob Markunis