



American Legion Post 75

Minutes of Meeting on **4 February 2019**. 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	Absent
Historian - Matt McGrath	Absent

- **10** members in attendance.
- Minutes from 7 January 2019 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. Atria visits are luncheon events at 11:30 on the first Saturday of the month each month. Bob is working on setting up visits at Benchmark Senior Living on Grove Street. They are looking for volunteers to visit with veterans. More to come on this.
2. 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. *Please note – the bricks cannot be shoveled or it will damage the bricks.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. 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. Other raffle items: wine, a shower radio, a gift certificate to the Home Depot.
2. The Veterans Memorial Moving Wall (www.themovingwall.org), will be in Bellingham MA in August (August 22nd through 25th) and in Attleboro, MA September 26th through September 30th. The Bellingham dates do not appear on the Moving Wall website. This is a 375 foot traveling replica of the



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Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington DC. We need to confirm the Bellingham visit. Once confirmed we will need volunteers to assist visitors.

3. The Road Race Committee is working on the 2019 Road Race at the Remington School in Franklin. The date will be Saturday, June 22. Kim is confirming with the town on reserving the location. Spitler Race Systems has been booked and Dave Labonte is working on getting the insurance. It was agreed to maintain the same registration fee as last year. Next Road Race Meeting – Tuesday, February 12th at 7:00 at Acapulco's in Franklin center. All are welcome to join us!
4. Do we want to hold another charity poker tournament? The Odd Fellows have been given permission to do this in Walpole. It was agreed that we will discuss this at the next meeting.
5. John M. and Dick H went to the last district meeting. There is a discrepancy between our membership records and the district's records. They would also like the preamble read by all members at the beginning of each meeting. We will have a banner made with the preamble on it that can be posted at the meeting.
6. Steve S, drafted an article on the post's activities in 2018. The draft article was read during the meeting by John Milot. The article was very well done. Some suggestions were made, but overall it is a very comprehensive record of our events. A copy of the article will be shared with the rest of the post for their edits and suggestions.
7. The district is looking for volunteers to march in the St. Patrick's Day parade in South Boston. Those carrying a rifle need an FID card. The Legion will lead the parade in honor of the American Legion 100 Year Anniversary.
8. Do we need a veterans outreach committee? This committee would reach out to our older members to see if they need any assistance. John H. offered to participate – Need other volunteers.
9. Post elections coming up. Nominations will be taken in April.
10. There is a new American Legion Basic Training Course – see www.mylegion.org/training
11. We will be looking to sponsor participants to Boys State this year - \$350 early registration or \$375 for regular registration.
12. Legionnaire of the Year nominations are due by May 1, 2019.
13. Reminder to members that Post 75 has a display at the Franklin Historical Museum which is open most Saturday mornings.
14. Members please remember that Bob Markunis takes prayer requests for the sick.
15. 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.



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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, Juan DelValle
4. Franklin High School Scholarship committee. – Kent, Ray, Steve
5. Public Relations committee -John Hefelee, Steve S. and Jim G.
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 Hefelee, 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