



American Legion Post 75

Minutes of Meeting on **5 November 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
Interim 1 st Vice – Dick Hynes	Present
2 nd Vice & Post Service Officer John Hefele	Absent
Adjutant – Kim Leone	Present
Finance - Kent Belcher	Present
SGT at Arms – Steve Szilniczky	Absent
Chaplain – Bob Markunis	Present
Historian - Matt McGrath	Present

- **12** members in attendance.
- Minutes from 1 October 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, November 21st at 2:00 – movie and popcorn. The next visit at Franklin Rehab. on Chestnut Street will be on Saturday November 17th at 2:00 - bingo.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Thanks to Yanks is holding a donation drive for Veterans and deployed – November 8th through November 11th. Looking for new bedding, towels, sheets, gift cards, hygiene items, shaving cream, hats, gloves, socks, etc. See their website thankstoyanks.org.
2. John Hefele 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. The committee will dedicate the Walkway on Veterans Day. This event will be on November 12th at 1:30 (rain or shine) and will include a recognition of the anniversary of the end of WWI. The ceremony will be 45 to 60 minutes. There will also be a reception at the Senior Center immediately after. The Army National Guard will be providing a color guard.



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3. 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 will be held in November or December. Matt, Dick H. and John Milot are organizing the raffle.
4. It was suggested that we need to take pictures at our events and post these on the website.
5. Save the Date – 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.
6. Post Social – Thursday November 8th at 6:15 at the Rome.
7. Matt is setting up another Brockton VA visit before the first of the year.
8. Reminder to members that Post 75 has a display at the Franklin Historical Museum which is open most Saturday mornings.
9. Members please remember that Bob Markunis takes prayer requests for the sick.
10. 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 Hefelee, 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 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
10. Building Committee – John Milot, Jim McNeil and John Hefelee.