



American Legion Post 75

Minutes of Meeting on **7 January 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	Present
2 nd Vice & Post Service Officer John Hefelee	Absent
Adjutant – Kim Leone	Present
Finance - Kent Belcher	Absent
SGT at Arms – Steve Szilniczky	Present
Chaplain – Bob Markunis	Present
Historian - Matt McGrath	Present

- **13** members in attendance.
- Minutes from 3 December 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. 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.

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.
2. Wreaths Across America was on December 15th in Bourne. 8 members of the Post volunteered to help place 11,000 wreaths in Bourne. Thanks to the volunteers!



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3. 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 Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington DC.
4. 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.
5. Reminder to members that Post 75 has a display at the Franklin Historical Museum which is open most Saturday mornings.
6. Members please remember that Bob Markunis takes prayer requests for the sick.
7. 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, Juan DelValle
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