



American Legion Post 75

Minutes of Meeting on **3 February 2020**. 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 Hefele	Present
Adjutant – Kim Leone	Present
Finance - Kent Belcher	Present
SGT at Arms – Juan DelValle	Absent
Chaplain – Bob Markunis	Present
Historian – Steve Szilniczky	Present

- **16** members in attendance.
- Minutes from January 2020 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, Benchmark Senior Living, Enclave and the Cedarwood Gardens on Chestnut Street. Magnolia Heights visits are the 2nd Monday of the month at 10:00 and Cedarwood visits are every third Saturday of the month at 2:00. Enclave visits are luncheon events at 11:30 on the first Saturday of the month each month. Benchmark Senior Living (on Grove Street) sessions are scheduled the last Thursday of every month at 1:30. Benchmark is currently looking for folks to play cribbage on Saturday mornings. If interested contact Bob Markunis. Also Flag Day ceremonies are coming up on June 14th – 1;00 ceremony at Enclave, 2:00 ceremony at Benchmark.
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 1600 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. Post received a congratulations letter from the National Commander for achieving 103% membership.
2. The National Commanders Banquet will be Saturday, April 4 at the Best Western in Marlborough – Price is \$40 per person. Commander and Senior Vice will attend.
3. Finance Officers report was read and approved. Expenses last month included a pop-up tent and a grave marker for George Ferguson.



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4. Next year the post will be 100 years old – The 100 Anniversary Celebration Committee is working on a concert on the town common – Proposed date is Saturday, August 8 at 4:00. The Committee is trying to get a military band to be the headliner for the concert. The permit is free. Insurance will be about \$300.
5. Cemetery Rifle Squad – Need at least 4 volunteers.
6. Road Race – The committee has met and started preparations for this year's race which will be held on June 20 at Remington/Jefferson School.
7. Post will recognize Declan Lynch – Troop 29 at the next meeting.
8. There was interest from a Wrentham squadron to start a Sons of the Legion chapter in Franklin. The Post needs to initiate this. By-laws will need to be drafted. John H., John M and Bob agreed to look into this further. The squadron could assist with our efforts and events.
9. VFW Anniversary Banquet – Corn beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 21st – tickets are only available in advance. \$15.00 each. Event starts at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00.
10. Memorial Day Events – Need to find out more from the town.
11. Volunteers needed to march in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Southie.
12. Raffle for 2020 – Need to get a permit which costs \$25 – The town needs the names and addresses of all of last year's winners – Raffle Committee is John M., Matt McGrath, Dick Hynes and Dave Labonte.
13. Quartermaster position – needs to be added to the by-laws.
14. Veterans Coffee Socials are held at the Senior Center. These are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00. Starbucks provides the coffee and pastry.
15. Veteran Council meetings are held at the Senior Center – third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM.
16. John Hefe's wife has offered to sew patches on uniforms for free if assistance is needed.
17. Quartermaster Dave Labonte is able to assist members in purchasing uniform items.
18. There is a new American Legion Basic Training Course – see www.mylegion.org/training. Upon completion you get a pin and certificate of completion.
19. The Post Historian – Steve S. is assembling archives. If anyone has any material or pictures, please pass this on to Steve.
20. Members please remember that Bob Markunis takes prayer requests for the sick. This will be added to the Post website.
21. 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 and Dick Hynes.
2. Raffle committee - John Milot, Matt McGrath, Dick Hynes and Dave Labonte



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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 Hefele, 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 Hefele, Bob Markunis, Kent Belcher, Dave Labonte, Jim Gurganis and Doug Wahl.
9. Uniform Etiquette Committee – John Milot, Steve S. and Bob Markunis
10. 100 year anniversary committee – Steve S. John M, Dave Labonte, Dick Hynes, Kim