



American Legion Post 75

Minutes of the in-person meeting held on **10 May, 2023**. Meetings are normally held at 23 Hutchison Street, Franklin, MA. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 1900 hrs. The mailing address is: 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 Commander – Dick Hynes	Excused
2 nd Vice & Post Service Officer-John Hefele	Present
Adjutant – Bruce Watkins	Excused
Finance – Dave Labonte	Present
SGT at Arms – Matt McGrath	Excused
Chaplain – Bob Markunis	Present
Historian – Steve Szilniczky	Excused
Quartermaster – Frank Coughlin	Present

➤ **9** members were in attendance

NOTES:

OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS and REPORTS:

1. The minutes from the April 2023 meeting were accepted and are on the post's website.
2. A motion was made and passed to make a \$50 donation to the Flying Yankees Centennial Celebration.
3. The Boston Symphony will host an "Afternoon of Brass" on May 27 and 28. John Hefele will send an email regarding this event
4. The finance officer's report was given. The current balance is \$3,742.82. The finance officer said he will continue multiple subscriptions to military magazines. One renewal was paid twice and monies will be returned to the post. The report was accepted and is posted on our website.
5. Chaplain Bob spoke about continued visits to the Franklin assisted living facilities:
 - First Tuesday of each month at noon – luncheon at Enclave
 - Third Saturday of each month at 1:45 – Bingo at Cedarwood Garden
 - Last Monday of each month at 2:00 – movie at Magnolia Heights (this month's visit will be rescheduled due to Memorial Day celebration)



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6. The Quartermaster stated he has 5 or 6 coats available in size large regular and large long. An all-season lighter weight jacket can also be ordered. One was available at the meeting to see and try on. Sizing seems similar to the heavier weight coat.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. *Operation Care Package.* With help from New England Chapel and other organizations, donations are being accepted to support our troops and their families during deployment. This program will be introduced at the next district meeting. Chaplain Bob will reach out to the Nights of Columbus and the Elks seeking their support in this effort. A list of requested items to donate will be posted on the website.
2. John Hefele reported all nomination for new Officer positions remain and are unopposed. The list of those nominations will be posted on the post's website.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Participants are needed for the Honor Guard and Rifle Squad. Volunteers are asked to sign up. Practice will begin as soon as possible.
2. The 50/50 raffle took in \$34 to support the Children and Relief Fund.

GENERAL OLD BUSINESSS AND REMINDERS:

1. Bricks for the walkway on the Common can continue to be purchased for \$100 each to honor any veteran. The honoree can be someone living or deceased and they do not need to be from Franklin. Applications can be found on the town's website. The next set of bricks will be dedicated on Memorial Day in 2023.
2. The veterans' coffee socials continue to be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10a.m. at the Franklin Senior Center. All veterans are welcomed.
3. The Sons of the Legion is looking for new members.
4. John Hefele's wife has offered to sew patches on uniforms for free if assistance is needed.
5. Members, please remember that Bob Markunis takes prayer requests for the sick. This will be added to the post's website.
6. If you know of any potential members, please direct them to the post's website for membership information and an application and also let Dick Hynes know so that he may give them a follow up call.
7. There is an American Legion Basic Training course. Upon successful completion you will receive a pin and a certificate of completion. See www.mylegion.org/training.
8. A podcast, Tango Alpha Lima, tells folks what's going on.



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COMMITTEES

1. Post Strategic Plan - Dave Labonte, Matt McGrath and Dick Hynes.
2. Raffle committee - John Milot, Matt McGrath, Dick Hynes and Dave Labonte
3. Franklin High School Scholarship committee. – Kent, Ray, Steve S.
4. Public Relations committee -John Hefele, Steve S.
5. Assisting/Visiting Veterans in Local hospitals. Matt McGrath leads this committee.
6. The American Legion Boys State program. Committee members: John Milot and Doug Wahl.
7. Franklin Funeral Homes committee –John Milot, Matt McGrath, Jim McNeil, John Hefele, Bob Markunis, Kent Belcher, Dave Labonte, and Doug Wahl.
8. Uniform Etiquette Committee – John Milot, Steve S. and Bob Markunis.
9. Poker tournament committee – Dave Labonte