



GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Post 2 General Membership Meeting Minutes

>Date & Time: 2025-06-17 19:20:53

>Location: American Legion Boat and Memorial Home (aka The Boat and Canoe Club)

1. ****Opening Ceremony**** By Commander Mark

- Invocation led by Chaplain Dean.
- The empty chair tradition observed for POW/MIA remembrance.

2. ****Roll Call****

- Attendees: Commander Mark Chamberlain, Vice Commander Bob Anderson, Finance Officer John Boylan, Historian Isaac Mangione, Chaplain Dean Decanyer and Adjutant Bill Palczewski, excused was Resource Officer Bob Toland. Absent: Judge Advocate Paul Kazmierski and Sgt-at-Arms Mike Boye.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (April 2025) were read and approved.

- Previous meeting reported quorum established at 18:30.
- Updates: Membership at 100%, Boy State sending 1 participant named Simon, and finance status discussed.

4. ****Finance Report****

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- Gains: \$50 in checking account, \$6 in money market (total \$7,097), and \$1,565 Poppy fund.

Poppy Drive at Lowe's (raising Chaplain account to \$6,354).

- Financial committee needs more contributors for better allocation.

5. **Membership Updates**

- Current members: 128, goal was 127. Achieved 100% + 1 over goal. New member Julie Schweitzer introduced, officially joining in July.

6. Install new Officers for 2025-2026 was done by Past Commander Don Fletcher

- Newly elected officers:

- Commander: Marks Chamberlain

- First Vice Commander: Bob Anderson

- Second Vice Commander: Mike Boye

- Finance Officer: John Boylan/ Dean Decanter

-Historian: Isaac Mangione

- Chaplain : Colleen Christie

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Officers not present:

Judge Advocate: Paul Kazmierski

Service Officer: Bob Toland

Sgt – at – Arms : Ken Gatchel

- Officers installed and oath performed.

7. **New Business - Scheduled Events**

- Upcoming Boy State replace June 23–27.

- September meeting for approving financial allocations (over \$500) and appointing Finance Committee members.

8. **Community Engagement Events**

- August Suicide Awareness Event - daily placement of 22 crosses for 30 days, highlighting veteran suicide prevention.

- Memorial Day activities appreciated, further engagement encouraged.

9. **Bar Board Review**

- Audit showing prior fiscal mismanagement for last 3 years.

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- Steps taken: Managing without prior administrator, financial improvements observed.

Summer Events:

July 3, Family Day at Club, Food 5-7 pm \$15.00, Music 6-9:30 (126 Army Band) No cover.
Fireworks at Dusk Open to Public.

July 11, BUDDY CHECK GET-TOGETHER, 5-8PM AT THE CLUB.

July 11 – Aug 9 at Noon daily- 22-A-Day 201 N. Park NW

Aug 2nd, Family Range Day. 10:00 -4:00pm Flat River Conservation Club, 300 Greenville Rd. M-91
Greenville Mi. 38838. Camping Aug 1st.

Aug 15, Vietnam Vets Dinner, Free for Vietnam era Vets and all Post 2 members (we are co-
hosts) at the club 5pm-7pm.

Sept 16 18:30 Post Meeting.

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