



# American Legion Auxiliary

*In the Spirit of Service Not Self for Veterans, God and Country*

505 North Mountain Road Linglestown, PA 17112

## 23 February 2025 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 by President Lynott.

Sergeant of Arms confirmed a quorum is present

Sergeant at arms advanced the colors and prepared the POW chair.

Meeting opened with Pledge of the Allegiance, singing of the national anthem and followed by a prayer by Chaplain Marilyn.

Those in attendance: Sharon Lynott, Emily Clark, Marilyn Short, Cathy Kissinger, Danielle Maneval, Samantha Dowhower, Laura Turns, Sandy Gibo, Mary Beth Durst, Michele Darrah, Ruth Jeannerat, Cristy Weigel, Brittany Robinson, Laura Janovich, Jen Singer, Judy Bedford, Belinda McCottry

### **Guests/New Members in attendance:**

- Judy Bedford & Jen Singer

### **Secretary Report:**

- Minute emailed monthly, no corrections needed to November minutes
- Motion by Cathy, 2nd by Emily, motion passed

### **Treasurer Report:**

- Report handed out with balances
- Book is always available if you have questions
- Motion made by Marilyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brittany – motion passed

### **Donation requests:**

- Central VP Donna Monfelt
  - \$50 for Half page
  - Motion by Tammy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy – motion passed
- Children's Welfare Fund
  - \$50
  - Motion by Tammy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marilyn – motion passed
- Food Bank
  - Marked for Military Share
  - \$1,000 motion made by Tammy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brittany – motion passed

### **President:**



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- We lost a Unit Past President, Lillian Mummert, Karen Courchaine, better known as Fuzz, Joan Miller, Joan WIngert, Janet Suhr, and Shari Vallati this past year
- Christkindl mart went well, but it was really cold.
- The Lebanon VA Tour went well.
- The Sons, Riders, & Auxiliary has been working together to get the Sunday bingos up and running efficiently. They are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted
- The Sons/Riders Commander/Director, Dave Lyons, is proposing for the ALA to get a Bingo
  - Motion Failed.
- Larry Oakes, HA Manager, said the breakfasts are doing okay, not great, but they are to continue in hopes they will get better. They are every Sunday from 9-11:30
- Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Legion is requesting, "All Hands on Deck" from 6-10am to deep clean the canteen, deck and bathrooms. Any help between those hours is appreciated.
- Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> is the Oratorical Contest in the banquet room. You must be in a seat by 10am. Once they start, there will be no entry or exits.
- March 14<sup>th</sup> at 3pm is Kilts and Kandy Pub Crawl
- March 18<sup>th</sup>, the Legion is hosting the National and Department Commanders Dinner. Tickets are \$45/ea. Please contact Michele Z if interested in going
- Report from Department
  - TriCounty is March 1<sup>st</sup> @ Penbrook Legion
  - We received no Americanism Essays again this year.
  - Spring Conference is March 20-22<sup>nd</sup>
  - PA American Legion 78<sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament is 6/20-6/22 in Erie
  - PA American Legion 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowling Tournament is 4/26-4/25. 5/3-5/4 and 5/17-5/18 at Trindle Bowl in Mechanicsburg
  - Year End Reports for all committees.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:**

- Read by Tammy.
- Thank you Notes from Tata Rebels, Guitars for Vets and Fort Indiantown Gap.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Vice:**

- Read by Sharon
- Home Assn. Meeting was cancelled, no quorum.
- Post Meeting
  - Oratorical Contest will be held at our Post March 8<sup>th</sup>
  - National & Department Commanders Dinner is March 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Home Assn said Liquor License insurance went from \$5,000 to \$25,000
  - Blue Angels will be at the airport May 24-25
  - Veterans Outreach of PA is working on Tunnel to Towers which would house 90 homeless veterans apartment type style
  - Tiny Homes has graduated 3 veterans from the program.

## **Keystone Girls State**



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- Applications need to be submitted by Mat 19<sup>th</sup>. Kids going into senior year and can get scholarships.

## **JR ALA:**

## **Poppy Fund:**

## **Sunshine:**

- Sympathy Card to Fuzz's Family

## **Public Relations:**

## **Children's Halloween:**

## **Breakfast with Santa:**

- Was a Success
- 60ish kids, 80ish adults. \$500 for adults was made
- Danielle and Cathy will not be running next year, will need someone to set up and take over.

## **Membership:**

- 860 paid members for 2025
- Goal is 823 members
- 104% renewal
- No credit cards at the bar anymore. You can pay with cash or check
- If you would like to pay with credit card, please pay online:
  - <https://www.legion-aux.org/renew>

## **Yard Sale: Emily and Barb**

- Start promoting in March but spots can be bought now
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>

## **Veteran's Dinner: Marilyn**

- Lasagna and Gift Bags

## **VA Holiday Dinner**

## **Angel Tree**



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- 510 Gifts including bikes for kids who lost everything in a fire, a 15 year old with cancer who has since passed away. Also helped get a little boy a Christmas tree and were able to give him extra gifts. Gave extra hats and mittens to Chambers Hill Elementary School to hand out.

## **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny:**

- April 12<sup>th</sup>
- Will need help setting up and filling bags on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **100 Year Anniversary:**

- Just starting, first meeting 2/23

## **Old Business:**

- Honor Guard is still in need of members. They only have a few that can be there during the week days. You do not have to be a Veteran and if you attend at least 5 Functions, they will pay for your membership and supply your uniform
- Tee Shirts – I have some extra and can still order if you would like one. Payment at time of pick up is expected cash or check please, check made out to Sharon. I can still order shirts if you want one.
- PA Auxiliary website – [pa.ala.org](http://pa.ala.org)
- National Auxiliary website – [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org)

## **New Business:**

- Sunday Bingo Dates.
  - 3/16\*\***special 40/43" TV\*\***, 4/13,5/18\*\***special boy bike and girl bike\*\***,6/15,7/20,8/17,9/21,10/19,11/16 & 12/21
- Chicken BBQ Dates
  - 5/17,6/21,7/19, 8/23
- Son's Soup Sale – late Sept/Early Oct

## **Upcoming Bingo Proceeds:**

- March 23<sup>rd</sup> – PA Wounded Warriors
- April 15<sup>th</sup> – National MS Foundation
- May 13<sup>th</sup> – Lupus Foundation of America
- June 10<sup>th</sup> – Tata Rebels
- July 8<sup>th</sup> – Nutripacks
- August 5<sup>th</sup> – VA Meal
- Sept – Prairie Fire Farms
- October – Vickie's Angels
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Guitars for Vets
- December – Tiny Homes



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**\*Please make sure you are handing in your volunteer hour sheets at least quarterly.\*\***

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Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.