

## American Legion Auxiliary

### Unit 272

#### Minutes – Monthly Meeting

March 22, 2026

#### Meeting was called to order by Sharon Lynott at 6:38 pm

POW/MIA flag and colors were posted.

This meeting is being recorded since the secretary was not in attendance.

#### Roll Call of Officers was made:

President – Sharon Lynott - Present	Secretary – Samantha Dowhower - absent
1st Vice-President – Brittany Robinson - absent	Chaplain – Belinda McCottry– Present
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President – Barbara McCullough - absent	Historian – Danielle Maneval - Present
Treasurer – Tammy Fleisher - Present	Sergeant of Arms – Cathy Kissinger - Present
	Sergeant of Arms – Emily Clark - Present

Chaplain Belinda McCottry said the opening prayer

**Members in Attendance were** Laura Turns, Mary Beth Durst, Michele Darrah, Melissa Gebhard, Marilyn Short, Sandy Gibo, Cristy Weigel, MaryAnn Gajar, Katie Krupski, Ruth Jeannerat, and Jan Adams

#### Roll Call of Officers:

President – present	Chaplain – present
1 <sup>st</sup> VP – absent	Historian – present
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP – absent	Sgt. At Arms – present
Treasurer – present	Present
Secretary – absent	

Sergeant at Arms: Cathy stated we have a quorum.

**Minutes:** .A motion was made by Cathy Kissinger to waive the reading of the minutes as they are emailed to everyone; seconded by Ruth Jeannerat, all were in favor, motion carried

#### President Report

- Keep Diane Boyer's son in your prayers for a work injury, he has multiple surgeries and a long road ahead
- March bingo was well attended. Bake sale money is in the bank.
- Nikki Valle called the County Treasurer. We are okay to use the roll tickets for same day raffles and 50/50. As long as we keep a good total of tickets sold, we can still sell 6 for \$5. Presale raffles need to have the printed tickets as was described at the last meeting.
- The Legion will be open for Easter from 2-10 pm and a ham buffet from 2-6 pm.
- Raffle basket tickets will be sold as soon as the lottery basket is available. Proceeds go to Mount Union Legion that burned. Winner will be pulled at the AYCE Breakfast on April 26. Sign up sheet was passed around for help with the breakfast.
- June 14<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Flag Round Up in Wormlesyburg with a chili cookoff starts at 11 am.
- Round Table meeting – AYCE presales of breakfast \$10 adults, children 5-12 is \$8 and under 5 is free. At door adults are \$12, children 5-12 are \$10.
  - July 4<sup>th</sup> is Lower Paxton Independence celebration at Heroes Grove 11 -1pm

## Board Reports:

**Treasurer:** Amounts given in the checking accounts. Any questions, Tammy will answer.

Motion to accept the Treasurer report by Cathy, seconded by Emily. All in favor.

Tuesday bingos are going to

Jan 13, 26 Tiny Homes - \$269	July 7, 26 Nutripaks
Feb 10, 26 TriCounty	Aug 4, 26 Lebanon VA Meals
March 17, 26 PA Wounded Warriors	Sept 8, 26 CD Cares
April 14, 26 Multiple Sclerosis	Oct 6, 26 -Vickie's Angels
May 12, 26 TaTa Rebels	Nov 3, 26 – Guitars for Vets
June 9, 26 Susquehanna Svc Dogs	Dec 1, 26 Children's Party

Donation list has been made for ALA donations from August 2025 to to January 2026.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: - Home Assn. and Legion Reports

- Blood drive Wednesday, March 25 from 10-6pm
- Mission BBQ National Vietnam War Veterans Day will be March 29<sup>th</sup> and give a free sandwich to all Vietnam and Era Vietnam veterans
- Memorial Day Parade meeting on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the Commander's Room
- Dept. Convention July 16-19<sup>th</sup> at the Eisenhower Hotel in Gettysburg (Legionnaires, SAL and Riders) ALA is at the Wyndam.
- Building Committee – kitchen dishwasher, three canteen AC's and the walk-in freezer had issues
- Home Assn: February was a good month for banquets and breakfasts
  - New kitchen manager, Calvin Sneed
- Entertainment Committee – meeting Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm
  - Crab Fest – Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Corn Hole Tournament – July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>
- Lebanon VA will be leaving a vehicle in our parking lot
- Ordering red shirts for red shirt Fridays
- Will be looking for a new Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, and Finance Officer
- Dues will remain the same \$40 per year

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

#### President Report from Department:

- Julie Maldonado – Dept. Central VP's dinner April 25<sup>th</sup> in Shippensburg
  - Ad for Julies's book, full page \$50, half-page \$30. Cristy mad a motion for testimonial
  - a full page. , Cristy made a motion for full page at \$50 and Seconded by Matily. All in favor.
- Year End report papers were distributed to Committee Chairmen, please make copies for Sharon
- July 16, 17, & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Dept. Convention at Wyndham in Gettysburg
- Sept. 17 & 18, 2026, Fall Conference at the Sheraton in Harrisburg
- National Convention will be in Louisville, KY

#### Committees Reports: Please consider being a Committee Chair or Co-Chair

Membership – 893 members 94%. Our goal is 950. 83 new members and 23 Juniors. Department owes us dues.

Americanism – Katie Krupski – No report.

Children and Youth – Brittany Robinson -no report

Community – Vacant

Education – Vacant

Junior ALA activities – Melissa Gebhard and Erin McCleary Had meeting today, one new member, about 6 active members. Meetings are usually 3-5 the same day as the ALA meetings in the smoke-free dining room. Collecting for military care packages – envelope for addresses of those deployed. Donation to the VA Chapel flowers. Upcoming – bake sale at the yard sale in May, sub sale TBD, Memorial Day flags on cemeteries

Keystone Girls State – Andrea Rung – no report

Legislative – Jan Snyder – no report.

National Security – vacant

Poppy – Emily Clark – getting with Melissa and work with the Juniors

Public Relations – Mary Beth Durst – advertising for bingos, etc.

VA&R – vacant – Marilyn took things to the VA that were in the box in the foyer

Sunshine – Brittany Robinson – no report

.Breakfast with the Easter Bunny – March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2027 is booked for Breakfast with Santa for next year. Laura Turns sent sign up sheet for volunteers. Thursday at 2pm to fill bags. Friday night 5pm to set up and Saturday is the breakfast.

Cristy Weigel on May 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. Sheet went around for sign up, needing help on May 1<sup>st</sup> for set up at 6pm, and day of selling raffle tickets. Favors have been received. Cristy made a motion to give \$100 to Roxanne Klinger who is doing a lottery frame basket. Seconded by Cathy. All in favor. Cristy made a motion to purchase a \$25 gift card from the Post for advertisement. Seconded by Emily. All in favor. Next meeting tomorrow at 6 pm.

Yard Sale – Barbara and Emily Emily hasn't received any phone calls. Barbara is to start contacting people and Sharon will be sitting at a table on Tuesday nights at bingo. There is an envelope at the bar for people to pay or sign up. Cathy said to take yard sale flyers when approaching businesses for the TriCounty fundraiser.

Volunteer Hours – Cindy Latin – reminder to get your volunteer hours.

AEF – Tammy Fleisher no report.

### **Old Business:**

- Honor Guard is still in need of members that can help mainly with daytime events. You do not have to be a Veteran
- Tee Shirts/sweat shirts – I have some extra and can still order if you would like one.
- PA Auxiliary website [pa-ala.org](http://pa-ala.org)
- National Auxiliary website [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org)
- Our Facebook page – [www.post272.com](http://www.post272.com)

- Constitution and Bylaws/Standing Rules
  - Instead of doing biannually to go back to yearly. Discussion. Motion to change to yearly by Cathy. Seconded by Emily. All in favor.
  - Bylaws; Changed wording to January 1<sup>st</sup>. Added, "Members shall be reinstated upon payment of back dues to keep their continuous years or the current year's dues". Motion by Melissa. Seconded by Cathy. All in favor.
  - Articles VII – New Members and Transfers. No need to vote on transfers. Transfers will need to provide documentation unless coming in under a Legion member of our Post. Membership Chair responsible to question transferring Unit if there were any issues. If so will need a blind vote. Motion by Danielle. Seconded by Tammy. All in favor.
  - Standing Rules: 2. Change odd year to yearly and add if more than one person running for an office there will be a vote. Motion by Tammy. Seconded by Cristy. All in favor.
  - 4. Fiscal year will be August 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>. Motion by Melissa. Seconded by Tammy. All in favor.
  - 5. Payment of obligations paid upon receipt. Motion by Ruth. Seconded by Tammy. All in favor.
  - 6. IRS form to be requested annually. Motion by Cathy. Seconded by Danielle. All in favor.
  - 10. Add be prepared to give a report if asked. Motion by Laura. Emily seconded. All in favor.
  - 11. Chairmen give a detailed report and receipts. Motion by Tammy. Seconded by Danielle. All in favor.
  
- Sunday Bingo dates: Sunday bingos are in place of some of the BBQ's to help fund the SAL, ALA and ALR endeavors.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 15, 2026 Kids Easter Bingo</li> <li>• April 19, 2026</li> <li>• May 17, 2026</li> <li>• June 21, 2026/Father's Day</li> <li>• July 19, 2026</li> <li>• August 16, 2026</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• September 20, 2026</li> <li>• October 18, 2026</li> <li>• November 15, 2026</li> <li>• December 20, 2026</li> <li>• January 17, 2027</li> <li>• February 21, 2027</li> </ul>
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- If you have suggestions for entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays, you can talk with Michelle Zandome. The meetings are on the first Sunday of the month at 3pm.
- Breakfast with Santa, we never found the money from the additional cost. Tammy will either be at all events or designate someone to be there. Tammy will make a form to total amount signed by
- Camp Freedom to help buy acreage for veterans, Tammy motioned for \$250 and Cathy seconded, motion was amended by MaryAnn to \$500. Seconded by Laura. All in favor.
- Child Welfare – Sharon to find out more about the Child Welfare for next meeting. Cristy motioned to table till the next meeting and Danielle seconded the motion.

**New Business:**

Ruth made a motion for her granddaughters to be Poppy Princesses this year. Seconded by Tammy. All in favor.

Chaplain Belinda said the closing prayer. ll

**Next Meeting:** April 26th at 6:30 pm in the small dining room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.