



# American Legion Auxiliary

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

505 North Mountain Road Linglestown, PA 17112

## 27 April 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, and followed by a prayer by Chaplain Marilyn.

Those in attendance: Sharon Lynott, Emily Clark, Samantha Dowhower, Barb McCullough, Melissa Gebhard, Marilyn Short, Cathy Kissinger, Danielle Maneval, Mary Beth Durst, Sandy Gibo, Christine Cardwell, Debbie Vaughn, Brittany Robinson, Laura Turns, Belinda McCottry, Ruth Jeannerat, Andrea Rung

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

- Christine Cardwell – 1<sup>st</sup> time from Enola, 2 years

### **Secretary Report:**

- Minute emailed monthly, no need to review minutes & no corrections needed to March minutes
- Motion by Andrea, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy motion passed

### **Treasurer Report:**

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

### **Donation requests:**

- Tracey Seiders and Donna Monfelt going away present
  - Motion made by Cathy for \$100/ea – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Samantha – motion passed
- Combat Vets (501C) members of our post – Bob and Robert McCleary
  - <https://www.facebook.com/p/Combat-Veterans-PA-22-5-100064372224437/>
  - Motion made for \$500 by Cathy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb – motion passed
- Healthy Step Diaper Bank
  - <https://healthystepsdiaperbank.com/>
  - Motion made by Andrea for \$500, amended to \$250 by Barb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laura – motion passed with 1 no by Andrea



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## **President:**

- Many were asking about why the insurance for the Home Assn. went up from \$5,000 to \$25,000. What we was told, we are only allowed so many 5+ members in a band per year, and this includes the banquet room.
- Memorial Day Parade the ALA is responsible for decorating the speakers stand @ 9am (Laura, Sandy & Andrea ), 10:30 registration at Linglestown Firehouse (Ruth, Christine, & Marybeth), walk and hand out Poppies, candy and dog treats(Belinda, Laura & Melissa), and hand out food and drinks .
- Went to Silver Academy talked about Poppies.
- Poppy Poster contest – thinking of taking posters to sit out at bingos, dollar to vote
- I was asked at the Legion meeting to reach out to our Senators and Representatives to tell them to vote “NO” allowing the casinos to hold bingos which will kill our bingos.
- Round Table meeting item
  - Someone donated a week in North Myrtle Beach in September. It will \$20 a ticket, August 16, sleeps 6, 500 tickets being sold. Money supports the Legion
  - Entertainment Budget - \$1,800 a month
- Department Convention is at the Red Lion Hotel from July 17th to July 19th. July 17th meeting starts at 12:30, I need to know who is planning on going to Convention before May 3rd. Be there by 8am sharp on Saturday, doors lock at 8:30. You do not need to be there Thursday or Friday, just to register.
- National Convention is August 22nd to August 28th in Tampa

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

- Thanks you card
  - Silver Academy for visit
  - Food Bank for \$1,000 donation
  - Susquehanna Service Dogs

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

- No HA meeting, didn't have a quorum
- Board approved at the Executive meeting
- Breakfast on the first and third Sunday of the month starting in May.
- ALA, SAL, and ALR can sponsor social members, but be aware if those sponsored cause or get in trouble it reflects back on the sponsor.
- Entertainment will be limited to 5 band members
- Mini Splits (AC) has been installed and paid for by the SAL



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## **1<sup>st</sup> Vice (continued):**

- Made donations to two Eagle Scout projects, Combat Veterans, The Memorial Day Foundation, Linglestown Post 272 Baseball, PA Veterans Memorial at Indiantown Gap to repair fountains, and the Post Senior softball team
- Liquor pour is 1.5 oz.
- Served 55 Military Share families
- Honor Guard has been busy
- Blood Drive was just okay
- New House Rule, unauthorized recording devices will not be tolerated. You will be asked to leave or terminated.
- Volunteers needed as cemetery flags will be distributed on Saturday, May 24th, meeting at Shoop's Cemetery at 10 am. Rain date is Sunday, May 25th, at 1 pm. Bring a drill if you have to dig in the ground.
- It was also brought up about the casinos wanting to do bingos which will put us and the other veteran organizations out of the bingo business. We need to let our Senators and Representatives know we are not in favor of this.

## **JR ALA:**

- Placing the Flags on the Cemetery by Koons Park.
- Met last month to work on a patch,
- Kim McCleary was recognized by Combat Vets - attending funerals for vets that don't have family.

## **Poppy Fund:**

## **Sunshine:**

## **Public Relations:**

## **Children's Halloween:**

## **Breakfast with Santa:**

## **Membership:**

- 920 paid members for 2025
- Goal is 823 members
- 22 JRS, 135 new for 2025
- 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>



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

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> - set up at 6am
- We will be here at 4:30
- 48 spaces sold
- Food – we will need volunteers for food @ 7am
- We will need baked goods donated – Can drop off Friday night
- Next year sales in October

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

## **VA Holiday Dinner**

## **Angel Tree**

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

- Mary Ann went really well
- Hershey denied our request for Candy this year, first time.

## **Social – Mary Beth**

- Sent updates to our ALA website – not updated yet.
- We need to promote ourselves.

## **100 Year Anniversary:**

- Just starting, first meeting 2/23
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Potluck, start around 5pm
- Hamburgers/Hot Dogs
- Pot Luck for side dishes
- Reached out to Mission for donation
- DJ Larry will be here

## **Children and Youth:**

## **Community:**

- Need bakers for baked goods for Sunday Bingo – we made \$141 in baked good sales last month, basket for raffles

## **Girls State:**

- Applications need to be submitted by May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- If you have interest in visiting KGS, let Pat Carnes know 717-805-5516



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## 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)
- Sunday Bingo Dates.
  - 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
- Michelle is now in charge of entertainment

## New Business:

- **Nominations of Officers August 2025-2027**
  - President –
    - Sharon Lynott – nominated by Cathy
      - Accepted
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
    - Cathy nominated Barb
      - Not accepted
    - Samantha nominated Brittany Robinson
      - Accepted
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President **\*\*Will be voting at Next meeting May 18<sup>th</sup>\*\***
    - Andrea nominated Melissa
      - Accepted
    - Melissa nominated Barb
      - Accepted
  - Treasurer
    - Sharon nominated Tammy
      - Accepted prior to meeting
    - Marilyn nominated Andrea Rung
      - Accepted @ meeting
      - After considering her options, Andrea decided not accept the nomination. We thank her for considering.



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## **New Business (continued):**

- **Nominations of Officers August 2025-2027 (continued)**
  - Secretary
    - Marilyn nominated Samantha
      - Accepted
  - Chaplain
    - Samantha nominated Marilyn
      - Stepping down for Belinda
    - Andrea nominated Belinda
      - Accepted
  - Historian
    - Board nominated Danielle
      - Accepted prior to meeting
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Of Arms
    - Samantha nominated Cathy
      - Accepted
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sgt. Of Arms
    - Melissa nominated Emily
      - Accepted prior to meeting

## **Upcoming Bingo Proceeds:**

- 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

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

Next meeting is May 18th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.