



American Legion Auxiliary

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

505 North Mountain Road Linglestown, PA 17112

26 October 2025

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 Belinda.

Those in attendance: Sharon Lynott, Brittany Robinson, Tammy Fleisher, Barb McCullough, Emily Clark, Cathy Kissinger, Belinda McCottry, Sandy Gibo, Marilyn Short, Sherry Feaster, Laura Turns, Jan Snyder, Deb Santopietro, Katie Krupski, Mary Beth Durst, Melissa Gebhard, Diane Boyer, Cristy Weigel

New members in attendance:

- Sherry

Secretary Report:

- Minutes emailed monthly, no corrections needed to September minutes
- Motion by Melissa, 2nd by Cristy, motion passed

Treasurer Report:

- Report handed out with balances
- Emily made a motion, Brittany 2nd - motion passed

Donation requests:

- PA Food Bank Central PA
 - Motion of \$500 made by Tammy, 2nd by Brittany – motion passed
- VA Meals
 - \$1,000 from the Poppy Fund – Tammy 1st – Brittany 2nd – motion passed
- Lower Paxton K9
 - \$500 donation request by Tammy – 2nd by Brittany
- Salvation Army of Harrisburg Coats for Kids
 - \$200 donation request – motion by Diane – 2nd by Tammy – motion passed



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President:

- 7 of us went to TriCounty. Very Informative
- Fraud Financial Event 10/5
- Yard Sales went well – Thanks to All
- Attended Legion College, came away with something as Always.
- Round Table Meeting
 - November 11th is Veterans' Day Breakfast. We serve all Veterans regardless if they are a member or not. We will need volunteers around 7am to set up and serve until about 10:30 and then clean up. This is also Post Everlasting
 - Dec 18th and 19th is Bike a Better Path
 - Saturday December 13th is Wreaths Across America at Indiantown Gap
- Report from Department
 - AEF Challenge – Unit/Council/Section entry in \$100 drawing, pick a date and donate whatever shows on that date.
 - Lebanon VA Holiday Tour is Dec 9th @ 2:30. We may take the van
 - Santa Fund for the Lebanon VA - \$300 motion by Brittany, 2nd by Barb – passed
 - Dept President Theme – Every Flutter Makes a Difference and Butterflies. National Theme is a rose
 - Depart of PA won at National Convention
 - Ee!len Brandt Award for Child Welfare, Medallion Award, AEF-State of the Year. Unit 360 on the Poppy Award, Department of the year, 6 national Essay winners and ReeAnn Ross was elected as the Nat'l Eastern VP
 - Tri County Community Service Challenge- we are to take bottled water, gift cards every \$50 donation = 3,000 oz of water to the Dec Tri County meeting - \$250 motion made – 2nd by Cristy – motion passed
 - Updated List of Lebanon VA needs in Canteen hallway, tear off tickets
 - Spring Conference will be April 16-18th @ Penn State in State College
 - Dept Convention July 16-18th @ Wyndham Gettysburg
 - Fall Conference Sept 17-18 2026 @ Sheraton Harrisburg
 - National Convention will be in Louisville, KY

2nd Vice:

1st Vice:

- HA Meeting October
 - Donation to Legion – 60/40 games of chance \$14947.80, Rent \$500, arrears \$5,000.
 - Staffing – Hired Line cook, Sonny. Renae Sites is now the Asst MGR.
 - New Menu has been implemented
 - December 15 Employee Party – Closing Early



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1st Vice (continued):

- Staff must be a member to work here, they are giving new staff a \$30 comp pass HA Card for a year but then must get a social membership at discount rate. If terminated card is revoked
- Changed to Martin's Chips – salesman is a member
- Getting more competitive food pricing
- Networking with Veterans Businesses
- Music Bingo was a big hit, once a month (2nd Saturday) \$2/card and 100% payout
- Dec 14th is the Army, Navy game, Same day as Christkindlemarkt, looking to do shareable
- NY Eve – On Stride playing from 8:30-12:30 – Champagne Toast Included in Canteen.
- Working on Valentines and St Patrick's Day special Menus
- Thanksgiving will be setting out meals for Veterans
- Post Meeting October
 - Mission BBQ Nov 11, Veterans get a free sandwich
 - Welcome Home Veterans Event, Hershey Lodge, 11/21 11am-2pm sponsored by Hospice of Central PA
 - Rep Joe Kerwin's Veteran's Breakfast – Nov 6th 8am-10am Post 272, RSVP by Oct 30 – 833-431-0495
 - Lmer Haftr Youth Camp June 17th @ Messiah Univ for State Police and National Guard
 - 2026 Oratorical Scholarship Program application deadline Nov 30th
 - 2026 Pa American Legion Essay deadline Jan 7th 2026
 - Owe \$165,668.66 on deck
 - Home Assn, arrears \$44,598 plus the Legion was loaned \$8k for electric bill
 - Donated to Tunnel to Tower \$450, Memorial Day Foundation \$100, Linglestown Fire \$100
 - Buddy Check – Lee Lippi has good and bad days
- HA Meeting October
 - Honor Guard had one event for Iraqi Freedom. Bill Dornsife is handing out pins and certificates to veterans in Hospice
 - Tim C is the head of the building committee and is looking for someone to do snow removal this winter. Will be fixing the tripping hazard at the front door of the canteen
 - Riders are going to reach out to other clubs to do rides and get more members
 - Sunday Breakfast is once a month on the 3rd Sunday
 - NY Eve looking at maybe having a lobster/filet dinner and some kind of chicken entrée
 - Looking at doing another Edward Jones seminar
 - Two members were to have a hearing, they transferred out and have been barred for life



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Americanism: Katie

- sent to PR and posted on Facebook local groups

Legislative: Jan

- See attachment

Keystone Girl State:

JR ALA: Melissa

- made \$107.25 with bake sale at yard sale and \$305 for dog biscuits
- Helped with Halloween party
- JR Hygiene project – need hats, gloves, chap stick, toothbrush and Toothpaste donations

Poppy Fund: Emily

- Poppy Party or Poppy Paint Night to raise money

Children's Halloween Party: Melissa and Brittany

- Thank you for all the help, best party yet!

PR: Mary Beth

- Monthly Newsletter

Sunshine: Brittany

- Thank you to Hershey/Jesse and Get Well to Michelle Darrah

Breakfast with Santa: Katie

- Hot Coco Bar
- Son purchased new Santa Suit

Membership: Marilynn

- 453 paid members for 2026 - goal is 950
- <https://www.legion-aux.org/renew>
- New Transfer Request
 - Darlene Purvis -
 - Voted - Transfer Request Accepted

Yard Sale: Emily and Barb

- 33 spaces sold and 30 tables rented
- Profit of \$978.58



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Veteran's Dinner: Marilyn

VA Holiday Dinner

Angel Tree

- Will be up after Thanksgiving
- names by Nov 26th, 2-3 per school – gifts returned by Dec 15th
- Katie will p/u 21st and deliver to school 22nd

Old Business:

- PA Auxiliary website – pa.ala.org
- Tee Shirts – We 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.
- Honor Guard needs Members
- Sunday Bingo November 16th and December 21st.
- PA Auxiliary website – pa.ala.org
- National Auxiliary website – alaforveterans.org

New Business:

Upcoming Bingo Proceeds:

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

- November 11 - Guitars for Vets - motion made to make donation at least \$500 – 2nd by Cristy – motion passed
- December 9- Veterans Outreach- Tiny Homes
- January- PA Food Bank – Motion by Tammy, 2nd by Brittany

****Please make sure you are handing in your volunteer hour sheets at least quarterly** **ALL volunteer hours count, we need to show the IRS we are volunteering hours to keep our not for profit status. ****

Next meeting is November 23rd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.