



American Legion Auxiliary

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

505 North Mountain Road Linglestown, PA 17112

March 1st, 2026 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:38 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, Tammy Fleisher, Emily Clark, Cathy Kissinger, Belinda McCottry, Kelley Fisher, Roxanne Klinger, Mary Beth Durst, Cristy Weigel, Sandy Gibo, Laura Turns, Deb Santopietro & Ruth Jeannerat

New members in attendance:

- Kelley Fisher

Secretary Report:

- Minute emailed monthly, no corrections needed to November minutes

Treasurer Report:

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

Donation requests:

- Children & Youth Fund
 - Recommend \$1 per member, would be \$1,000
 - Tabled until next month
- VA Chapel
 - Asking for Flowers for the Chapel
 - Cost is \$50 per week
 - Cathy made a motion for \$100, 2nd by Emily – motion passed
 - If you would like to donate separately, you can send donations to: Lebanon VA; 1700 S Lincoln Ave, Lebanon, PA 17042 Attn: Volunteer services and earmark the check with a letter stating Chapel Flowers
- TriCounty Community Chairman
 - Asking for donations to help purchase land for Camp Freedom
 - Tabled until a later date



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President:

- Sharon is not running for President in 2027. Someone needs to step up
- Change meeting in May from the 24th (day before Memorial Day Parade) to May 31st
- Sharon recognized Mary Beth for her Newsletters. She is doing an excellent job
- Sharon had a phone call from a young lady interested in going to KGS, Roshna Rai
- Since the Mount Union Legion burned down, Michelle and Adrienne would like to do a raffle basket every two weeks. Cathy Z made a motion to do a lottery ticket basket. Cristy W seconded. All were in favor. Tammy will take care of this
- March bingo is a kid's bingo
- Nikki Valle attended a Raffle seminar given by the State. We are doing it wrong. 5/50 tickets are okay but no more selling 6 for \$5. We cannot put alcoholic beverages in a basket. We cannot use the roll tickets for raffles as it has to have the SGOC #, how much the basket is worth and the buyer has to fill out their name, addresses, and phone number and this has to be given to Nikki to comply with their regulations. Cristy asked about sending a letter to the State to see if we can work around it. Sharon to talk with Nikki more and she has a contact to ask more questions. Mary Beth will put this in the Newsletter
- The Legion is sponsoring a Blood Drive in the banquet room on March 25th from 10-6pm
- Entertainment Committee meeting was today. Upcoming events, President's Picks (high end liquor tasting), Wine with the Wife (high end wine tasting), Bar Olympics, Corn Hole Competition, AYCE Breakfast on April 26th to support Mount Union Legion. June there will be Bike Night and a Crab Fest
- BBQ Dates Announced – 5.30, 7.25, & 8.22
- Report from Department
 - Spring Conference will be April 16, 17, and 18 at the Penn State in State College Ad for Jackie's book, full page \$50, half-page \$30. Cristy made a motion for a full page. , Second by Belinda. All in favor
 - Junior Project Gift Cards can be taken to the conference and convention
 - Junior meeting and election will be at Spring Conference
 - Bowling Tournament Shiloh Post, York PA on April 25-26, May 2-3; May 16th-17th
 - PA American Legion 79th Golf Tournament June 26-28
 - Since National & Department dues are not increasing our dues remain at \$35 for seniors and \$10 for juniors
 - July 16-18th Department Convention at Wyndham in Gettysburg
 - Sept 17 * 18th Fall Conference at Sheraton in Harrisburg
 - National Convention will be in Louisville, KY



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2nd Vice:

- Thank you Notes
 - TaTa Rebels
 - Guitars for Vets
 - VA
 - Prairie Fire Farms
 - Diaper Bank
 - Vikie's Angels
 - Gold Star Mothers' and Suzanne Sheaffer
 - Dawn Foster for her membership
 - Angel Tree Family
 - Mission BBQ

1st Vice:

- 3 new skills games
- HA is caught up with arrears
- Looking to hire two more cooks, one with banquet experience
- According to IRS rules, the Home Assn is only allowed to have 70 social members
- St Patrick's Day special menu, Jay and the Jingos, no bingo. (March 10th is ALA bingo)
- March 13th is Kilts 'n Kandy
- Oratorical Contest March 14th @ 10am sharp – if you are late, you can't enter
- Change in House Rules to allow electronic membership cards (picture on phone)
Not all Legions will accept this
- Smoking in the canteen has been tabled till after the deck is paid off in October
- Red Shirt Friday's, first drink on the house (beer,wine or single) if you wear Red shirt.
- Replacing bar stool chair seats
- Mike Volz is in charge of the Memorial Day Parade.

Americanism: Katie

- Did not get any essays.

Legislative: Jan

- The House passed two key, bipartisan bills: The Veterans Readiness and Employment Improvement Act and the VETS Opportunity Act, both bills will reform, expand, and modernize certain Department of Veteran Affairs GI Bill education and workforce programs. Including the Veterans Readiness & Employment program. Introduced in the House in Feb. Modernizing the Veterans on-Campus Experience Act and Veterans Education and Technical Skills Opportunity Act/VETS opportunity Act



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Keystone Girl State: Andrea

- Roshna Ria contacted Sharon

JR ALA: Melissa

Poppy Fund: Emily

- Looking for Poppy Princess (Katie and Brittany's nieces) Poppy posters are due in April before Sprint Conference

Children's Halloween Party: Melissa and Brittany

PR: Mary Beth

- Sent March newsletter to Sam to send out.
- Only had information on Breakfast with Easter Bunny
- If anyone has event coming up, you can email directly marybeth1412@gmail.com

Sunshine: Brittany

Breakfast with Santa: Katie

- had about 78 kids, 72 adults.
- Mr. & Mrs Santa attended
- Hot breakfast, hot chocolate bar & pictures with Santa along with games and crafts
- Mission BBQ donated lunch for volunteers

Membership: Marilynn

- 875 members, 92.10% of our 950 goal
- 70 new members and 24 juniors
- <https://www.legion-aux.org/renew>

Yard Sale: Emily and Barb

- Barbara has flyers and asked if people would take some around to other businesses
- October 3rd for Fall yard sales, Barb does not want to do it so will need a volunteer to step up and help
- Emily cannot help the day of the Spring Yard Sale and is asking for volunteers as well

Veteran's Holiday Dinner: Marilyn

- had 9 veterans, 4 or 5 aids, 16 guitars for Vets and many volunteers and a few Vets, approx. 47 people were serviced
- Cost was \$107.50 and the Home Association hasn't bill us.
- Thanks to everyone for all their help.



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Angel Tree: Diane Boyer and Ruth Jeannerat

- Served between 50 and 60 kids
- Very impressed with the kids wish list, mostly needs

Breakfast with Easter Bunny: Laura Turns

- Hershey will send candy
- Signup sheet for kids is in the Daily Book, signup sheet for volunteers as well
- Texas Roadhouse will be giving us gift cards again
- Cathy has the okay from the Riders to get candy
- Checking to see if we can set up the night before

TriCounty Committe: Cristy Weigel

- 27 or 28 unites in Cumberland, Dauphin and Lebanon County to get ideas and updated
- Anyone can join the committee.
- Next meeting was March 2nd.

Old Business:

- 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
- PA Auxiliary website – pa.ala.org
- National Auxiliary website – alaforveterans.org
- Sunday Bingo dates: Sunday bingos are in place of some of the BBQ's to help fund the SAL, ALA and ALR endeavors.
 - March 15, 2026 Kids Easter Bingo • 'April 19, 2026 • May 17, 2026 • June 21, 2026/Father's Day • July 19, 2026 • August 16, 2026 • September 20, 2026 • October 18, 2026 • November 15, 2026 • December 20, 2026 • January 17, 2027 • February 21, 2027
- If you have suggestions for entertainment, please talk with Michelle Zandome. Meetings are the first Sunday of the month @ 3pm.



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New Business:

- Changes to the Constitution and ByLaws to conform with the National Constitution were not read. And to update some of our ByLaws and Standing Rules
- Constitution – it was suggested to not elect all new officers every two years. However, we couldn't figure out which officers. There was a discussion and it was suggested to go back to one term.
- ByLaws- there was some wording changes that all were okay with
- Standing Rules – added Membership papers to be kept on premises until death (not DD214)
 - One third of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.
 - Transfers from one unit to another will need to provide documentation, unless transferring under a Legion member of our post. Membership chair will verify the prospective transfer is in good standing in previous unit. If there is an issue, then it should be brought to the unit for blind vote.

Upcoming Bingo Proceeds:

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Jan 13, 26 Tiny Homes - \$269; Feb 10, 26 – TriCounty; March 17th – PA Wounded Warriors; April 14th, Multiple Sclerosis; May 12 – Tata Rebels; June 9th – Susquehanna Svc Dogs; July 7th, Nutripaks; August 4th – Lebanon VA Meals; September 8th – CD Cares; October 6th – Vickies's Angels; November 3rd – Guitars for Vets; Dec 1st – Children's Party

****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.**

****ALL HOURS NEED TURNED IN by 3/22 so reports can be done by APRIL****

Next meeting is March 22nd @ 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.