



American Legion Auxiliary

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

505 North Mountain Road Linglestown, PA 17112

23 August 2026 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 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 Belinda.

Those in attendance: Sharon Lynott, Cathy Kissinger, Barbara McCullough, Emily Clark, Danielle Maneval, Marilyn Short, Melissa Gebhard, Laura Turns, Mary Beth Durst, Cristy Weigel, Ruth Jeannerat, Patty Carnathan, Sandy Gibo, Jan Snyder, Diane Boyer, Belinda McCottry, Jan Adams, Andrea Rung, Alicelyn Sleber, Linda Spagnolo

Roll Call of Officers:

President – present

1st Vice President – absent

2nd Vice President – present

Treasurer – absent

Secretary – absent

Chaplain – present

Historian – present

Sgt of Arms – both are present

Past Presidents in attendance – Barbara McCullough

Quorum: Yes

Secretary Report:

- Minutes emailed monthly
- Motion by Barbara, 2nd by Danielle, to accept the minutes as emailed. motion passed

Unit President Report:

- Convention was interesting. They voted to hire a secretary who quit 3 weeks in.
- National upgrade the membership system, ALAMIS, and the system has been up and down since. It is more cumbersome than before. Reports are not available as before so we lost out on making 100% membership. In actuality, we did make 100%.
- Sunday's bingos for July and August grossed approximately \$2,400.
- There will be a membership renewal drive for Sunday, Sept. 6th from 1-5pm.
- Community Breakfast for the month of September is canceled because the TaTa Rebels bingo is that day. If you are interested in the bingo, they are selling tickets at the bar.
- We are hosting the Lebanon VA veterans on Sept. 21st. Guitars for Vets will be playing.
- Past Commander Dinner will be held on Wednesday, September 16th.
- The POW/MIA Ceremony downtown Harrisburg is Friday, September 18th.
- Members' Appreciation is Saturday, September 26th from noon to 4pm . We need help with setting up, tearing down, selling tickets and checking membership. Message Sharon if interested in helping.



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- The last BBQ yesterday went well. Special thanks to Char Riley who made zucchini bread and Duane McCullough who makes fudge.
- The Legion blood drive went well.
- The Coed Softball team made it to the playoffs.
- Installation was well attended. Julia installed the Junior ALA first and then the Seniors. Past Dept. Pres., Tracie Seiders was in attendance.
- FYI, Home Assn. meeting is at 7pm on the second Thursday of the month and the Legion meeting is at 7pm on the third Tuesday of the month. Anyone can attend these meetings, we have no vote, but if you have any questions or concerns, you can voice them.
- Friday, October 23 is the Children's Halloween party. This is also the date for the Gold Star Mother's Game. We will need help for the party and participants for the Gold Star Mothers' game.

Round Table Meeting:

- Sons' soup sale is Oct. 10th
- Michelle is contemplating a Community Fair in April or May to let the community know who we are and what we do.

Treasurer Report:

- Tammy is out due to illness, balances read by Sharon.
- Audit is scheduled for August 26th if Tammy is medically cleared. (Sharon canceled this till further notice). This is a fiscal year audit. Per our Standing Rules it should be done by our September meeting. Cristy asked if our donations could be broken down to Community, C&Y and Veterans.
- Cathy asked about purchasing a Blackstone Grill for the Legion, Sons, ALA, and Riders, Discussion followed and will be brought to the Sons/Legion/Riders.
- Cathy motion to accept the treasurer report, 2nd by Cristy – motion passed

Donation requests:

- Andrea made the motion to donate \$100 to Baby Bundles program, 2nd by Cristy. Discussion, Andrea amended her motion to \$500, 2nd by Diane – all in favor
- Andrea made a motion for \$100 to buy 10 Son's Deimler Scholarship tickets, 2nd by Cristy – all in favor.
- Andrea made a motion for \$100 to the Santa Fund for the VA, 2nd by Cristy. Discussion, Diane amended the motion to \$300, 2nd by Andrea.
- Danielle made a motion to donate \$500 to the VA for a new handicapped accessible vehicle, 2nd by Emily – all in favor.
- Motion to donate \$100 by Cristy to Guitars for Vets for September, 2nd by Melissa. Marilyn amended the donation to \$250. Diane 2nd – all in favor.

We have received our Mandatory Obligation form approximately \$200.

Andrea had a question about the bingo donations dates. It was explained these are for this year only and will be voted on for next year.

1st Vice: Report was read by 2nd Vice – Barb in the absence of Brittany.



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2nd Vice:

- Thank you Notes
 - Zoe, TriCounty District President, for hosting the May TriCounty meeting. Thanks to Cristy for chairing this event.
 - Lower Paxton Community Foundation for the Newside Cemetery project.

President from Department:

- TriCounty meeting is Saturday, October 3rd in Shippensburg. We need to know by Sept. 11th so Tammy can get the check and names in the mail. Meeting starts at 9:30 am. Address for Shippensburg Legion is 100 Dykeman Rd., Shippensburg, PA 17257
- Our new Dept. President, Karla Zaar's theme is "Super Heroes". Unit President's are "Local Legends" and Juniors are "Future Force"
- Ree Ann Ross, National Eastern Vice-President's, testimonial dinner is Sept. 19th.
- National Convention will be in Louisville, KY, August 28 – Sept. 3.
- Sept. 17-19, 2026, Fall Conference at the Sheraton in Harrisburg. Again the 18th is the POW/MIA ceremony downtown. Cristy will go to Conference and take notes, Sharon will go to the POW/MIA Ceremony.
- Skip Carnes Golf Tournament will be given to the Post to possibly get a team together.
- VA&R reporting guidelines
- Letter from Kathy Warner, Lebanon VA Hospital Rep.
- Campbelltown Legion is having the Wall that Heals: Tribute to Vietnam Veterans, schedule of events, visitation from Sept. 3 to the 6th. Our Riders will escort the Wall to Campbelltown.

Community Reports

- **Membership:** - Marilyn – We reached our 2025-26 membership goal by July 31st 951, but we didn't get credit with the ALAMIS system. 70 members to date has paid.
- **JR ALA:** Melissa -Officers: Honorary Pres. is Kim McCleary, VP is Laine Spar, Treasurer is Amira Volz, Chaplain is Mollie Gebhard, and Sgt. Of Arms is Siobhan Volz. Kim is senior this year and plans on going into the Air Force after graduation. They will meet next month. Last year the donated to VA for altar flowers, received a \$20 check from Department for the year end report, and Mollie received the Outstanding Eighth Grade Student award. Anyone that has some one that is currently deployed could we get an address so we can send out the box. Keystone Girls State has moved to Messiah College next year.
- **Legislature:** Jan – VA Benefits for PA Veterans: Keystone State Guide (see attached)
- **Public Relations:** Mary Beth – working on getting email addresses so she can send out the Newletters on her own. Also, putting out the Bingo announcement.
- **Veteran's Dinner: Marilyn**
 - September 14th
 - Meet at 3 pm to setup, serve, pick up dishes, clean up, sit and talk with the veterans
 - Dinner: Salad, roll, pot pie and strawberry shortcake for dessert.
 - Guitars for Vets will play.



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- **Yard Sale: Emily and Barb**

- Next Yard Sale is October 3rd, rain date October 10th
- Shangri-La possible food truck
- Possibly will let us park in their parking lot
- Still have a bake sale for the Juniors

Volunteers Hours: Please hand in your hours.

AEF: Auxiliary Emergency Fund. We collected \$44

Old Business:

- Cristy thanked all who helped. Need to send thank you notes. Barb will make up a letter and we will put it on Letterhead.
- Honor Guard is still in need of members. You do not need to be a Veteran and if you attend at least 5 functions, they will pay for your membership and supply your uniform
- Tee Shirts/Sweatshirts – I have some extra and can still order if you'd like one. Barb found some nice moisture wicking shirts, \$7.53 each. See Barb if you would like to order, come in many colors.
- [PA Auxiliary Website](#)
- [National Auxiliary Website](#)
- [Unit 272 ALA Facebook Page](#)
- [Legion 272 Website](#)

New Business:

- Cathy made a motion to buy 250th Christmas tree ornaments. They are about \$10-\$15 each. Danielle 2nd the motion. There was discussion and Melissa made a motion to buy 6 (two for each Legion tree) 2nd by Barbara, All in favor. Cathy will order them.
- Cristy asked if anyone was interested in selling Boscov's discount tickets, \$5/each. Oct. 21st is the date, we keep the \$5. Cristy will get the tickets for next meeting.
- Diane and Dave Boyer took the smoke-free dining room chairs and cleaned them and will Scotch Guard them.

Upcoming Bingo Proceeds:

Sept 16th – Prairie Fire Farms
October 14th – Vickie's Angels

Nov 11th – Guitars for Vets
December 9th – Tiny Homes

Upcoming Sunday Bingo

September 21st – Sunday Bingo
October 19th – Sunday Bingo

Nov 16th – Sunday Bingo
December 21st – Sunday Bingo

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.