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

505 North Mountain Road Linglestown, PA 17112

25 October 2026
Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:37 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 fill in Chaplain, Marilyn.

Those in attendance: Sharon Lynott, Barb McCullough, Tammy Fleisher, Cathy Kissinger, Danielle Maneval, Emily Clark, Melissa Gebhard, Marilyn Short, Cristy Weigel, Sandy Gibo, Mary Beth Durst, Jan Snyder, Maryann Gajar, Linda Spagnolo, Laura Turns, Andrea Rung, Diane Boyer

Roll Call of Officers:

President – present	Secretary – absent
1st Vice President – absent	Chaplain – absent
2nd Vice President – present	Historian – present
Treasurer – present	Sgt of Arms – Cathy – present/Emily – present

Past Presidents in attendance – Barbara McCullough

Secretary Report:

- Minutes emailed monthly
- Corrections were made to September minutes by Cristy Weigel as the bingo dates were wrong. Under New Business, Cristy brought the idea of selling Boscov's discount tickets for 25% discounts on Oct. 21st.
- Motion by Cathy, 2nd by Danielle, to accept the minutes as corrected. motion passed

Meeting is being recorded.

Unit President Report:

- Helped the Sons' with shredding meat and their soup sale.
- Sharon attended the POW/MIA Ceremony, (Forgot to mention that Cristy Weigel, Marilyn Short and Sharon attended Fall Conference).
- Good turn out for Vickie's Angels bingo.
- Sharon attended the Gold Star Mother's Wreath Laying
- Nick Klitsch was our young man that we sponsored. He is the flag bearer.
- Jan and Sharon attended the football game.
- Items for Baby Bundle project ordered from Amazon and sent directly to Fort Indiantown Gap
- Sharon sent sign up sheets around for:
    - Veteran's Day breakfast Nov. 11th
    - TriCounty and Children's Breakfast with Santa, Dec. 5th
    - Cookies for Linglestown Tree Light, Dec. 6th
    - Employee Christmas Party, Dec. 6th – canteen closes early.

- Lebanon Veterans' Holiday Dinner, Dec. 7th
- VA Tour Dec. 8th
- We have Christkindlmarkt on Dec. 12th, Army/Navy game at 3, and Ugly sweater contest at 7
- Membership Drive and Breakfast in the Banquet Room on Dec. 13th
- Indiantown Gap Wreath-laying Dec. 19th
- New Year's Eve party in the canteen, 2080 band will be playing

Entertainment Committee meeting was not held.

Round Table:

- Events calendar some things had to be changed. The calendar will be updated. Christkindlmarkt meeting to be held on Nov. 4th at 5:30 pm in the Commander's Room.

Treasurer Report:

- Balance Reports handed out
- Motion to accept the treasurer report by Cathy, 2nd by Emily – motion passed

Donation requests:

- Need to look at bingo donations for next year.
- Letter from Lebanon VA list of shirts with sports logos requested. Motion for one Steeler's and one Eagle's shirt by Cristy and seconded by Tammy. Andrea motioned to see what is still available and purchase two shirts. Seconded by Diane. Motion passed.

Auditing Committee met and the audit was done for the 2025-26 year. There were no issues and was signed off. Budget was created and the only difference is there is a membership expense.Melissa made a motion to do a quarterly budget to cut down on time, seconded by Barbara. Motion passed. Tammy will send out a message to set something up soon. Doesn't have to be the same people all the time, but needs to have three people, two of whom are Board Members if possible.

1st Vice:

- **Home Assn meeting**
  - Home Assn. donation to the Legion was $24,201.60.
  - Skill games removed Oct. 9 as well as the vape machine.
  - Hiring bartenders and wait staff.
  - Niki Alwell had a little girl. All are doing well.
  - Keeping machines clean and maintenance schedules .
  - There is a bylaw that prohibits talking on cellphones at the bar. This will be more closely monitored.
  - Flights for local breweries and wineries

- **Post Meeting:**
  - Gold Star Football Game Friday, October 23, 2026.
  - Legion College is Saturday, Oct. 31 st at CV Middle School, Mechanicsburg, 9am. Van leaves the parking lot at 8 am.
  - Patriot Guard Riders collecting military, emergency responders fun patches for children . Place in an envelope attn: Commander.

- TV's in the canteen and on the deck for advertising. Absolutely NO TAPING of things on walls or doors.
- Purchasing 5 round tables.
- Discussion, then a motion was made on smoking in the club. Voted to make the club non smoking on April 1st.

2nd Vice:

- Thank you Notes from Keystone Human Services, Guitars for Vets, and CD Cares.

From Department:

- Legion College is October 31st at Cumberland Valley Mountain View Middle School
- VA Holiday Tour is Tuesday, December 8, 2026 at Lebanon VAMC at 2:30 pm. Michelle usually takes the van.
- I have more tickets for Pres. Project to benefit Keystone Girls State.

Community Reports

- **Membership: -** Marilyn – Sharon gave Marilyn the Award and pin for achieving 100% membership goal last fiscal year. Goal is 950, currently have 445.
- **JR ALA:** Melissa, meeting last month and today. Juniors helped set up Halloween. Selling "Nothing Bundt Cakes" in November in time for Thanksgiving. Will be at Christkindlmarkt.
- **Legislature:** Jan – Major Richard Star Act – hasn't passed yet. Will end the military retirement and disabled veterans pay offset. The other one is Take Care of America's Veterans Act. Expands care for mental health, caregivers support and survivor benefits. They want to take away $20 billion in future disability ratings. It is on hold. Wounded Warriors web page for more information. The Veteran's Access Act of 2025 to improve access by the Community Care Program to seek care from private non VA Community health care. Call your Representatives.
- **Keystone Girl's State –** Andrea also doing something with the Oratorical Contest.
- **Public Relations:** Mary Beth – Newsletter and bingo advertising. Diane suggested taking flyers to the surrounding hotels.
- **Angel Tree –** Tree should be put up after Thanksgiving.
- **Veteran's Dinner: Marilyn**
  - Dec. 7th. repeat of one we had in September, lasagna, salad, rolls and peach cobbler with vanilla ice cream.
  - Set up at 3 pm, Vet's arrive between 4:30 and 5.
- **Halloween Party**
  - Went well, not as many kids.

Melissa is stepping up for the Poppy Chairman and Diane is taking the Sunshine Chairman. Thank you ladies.

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Old Business:

- Distributed shirts.
- 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
- Cristy – Boscov's Friends Helping Friends -50 coupons sold for a profit of $250.
- Tee Shirts/Sweatshirts – I have some extra and can still order if you'd like one.
- PA Auxiliary Website
- National Auxiliary Website
- Unit 272 ALA Facebook Page
- Legion 272 Website

New Business:

- Melissa – at Tricounty they have a donation evaluation rubric.

Upcoming Bingo Proceeds:

Sept 8th – CD Cares
October 6th – Vickie's Angels
Nov 3rd – Guitars for Vets
December 1st– Children's Parties

Upcoming Sunday Bingo

September 20th – Sunday Bingo
October 18th – Sunday Bingo
Nov 15th – Sunday Bingo
December 20th – Sunday Bingo

Cristy – TriCounty meeting final report. We had 21 people on the Committee and had 124 people with the scholarship winners and families.

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

****Next Meeting is November 22, 2026**

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.