



American Legion Auxiliary

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

505 North Mountain Road Linglestown, PA 17112

27 September 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, Brittany Robinson, Barb McCullough, Tammy Fleisher, Samantha Dowhower, Belinda McCottry, Cathy Kissinger, Melissa Gebhard, Marilyn Short, Cristy Weigel, Sandy Gibo, Sherrie Fry-Kauffman, Mary Beth Durst, Jan Snyder, Maryann Gajar, Linda Spagnolo, Laura Turns

Roll Call of Officers:

President – present

1st Vice President – present

2nd Vice President – present

Treasurer – present

Secretary – present

Chaplain – present

Historian – absent

Sgt of Arms – Cathy – present/Emily – absent

Past Presidents in attendance – Barbara McCullough

Guest: Sherry/Mary Ann

Secretary Report:

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

Unit President Report:

- Per Cristy's request, I looked over the donations for last year. We gave \$2,613 toward Children & Youth, most of that was parties, \$2,505 for Community, including expenses for Sunday bingo and Yard Sales, \$5,901 for Veterans including hosting them for dinners.
- Past Commander's Dinner was very nice. Three out of the eight Past Pres. attended.
- Sharon attended the POW/MIA Ceremony downtown Harrisburg. There were only 4 or 5 Auxiliary members there. There were only two Auxiliary flags, one being ours. Frank, Michelle and Sharon were the only ones from our Post attending.
- Fall Conference was good.
- Gold Star Mother's Game is October 23rd, same day as the Children's Halloween Party.
- George says our cut of the BBQ money should be around \$2,800.
- Thank you to all the ALA members that helped with the Members' Appreciation Day yesterday. It was a busy day.
- Read Standing Rules



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Unit President Report (continue):

- **Entertainment**
 - December 12th – Ugly Sweater Contest – Army Navy Game – Christkindlmarkt
- **From Department:**
 - Legion College is October 31st at Cumberland Valley Mountain View Middle School in Mechanicsburg. \$30 and the Unit will pay. If you are planning on attending you **must** let Tammy or Sharon know before October 13th so we can send it to Department and pay. These are all day classes. Michelle will take the van, let me know if that is your option. The van leaves at 8 am. Classes are usually over around 3ish. Yes, they feed you school cafeteria style.
 - Auxiliary 1 – Dept. Officers Work Shop or those who want to be
 - Auxiliary 2 – Unit Officers Work Shop or those that want to be
 - Auxiliary 3 – Member/Organizational Support Committees/Mission Outreach Committees Workshop.
 - At National the Legion, who is in charge of our membership eligibility, voted to allow grandfathers, fathers and brothers into the ALA. The new forms have been put in our books for membership. We may need to revisit voting in new members.
 - 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.

Treasurer Report:

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

Donation requests:

- Motion made to pay for Sharon and Barb gas for their trip to National – motion passed

1st Vice:

- **Home Assn meeting**
 - Home Assn. donation to the Legion was \$24,780.
 - They are looking for a part time line cook. Jolene has the banquet room, smoke-free dining room and sometimes the deck busy. They have hired a part time bartender, Jaimie, a food runner, Brandi, and a part time dishwasher, Mark.
 - Jolene, banquet manager, has been busy. She has already had the banquet, small dining room and deck busier than it was all last year.
 - J. R. Myers is now the Entertainment Committee Chair. Fourth Sunday of the month is scheduled for a meeting at 3 pm, if interested.
 - The Sons donated \$10,000 to repair the walk-in freezer.
 - They are reviewing the banquet and canteen menus. They are to shorten the menu to bring in more specials.



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1st Vice (continued):

- **Home Assn meeting**
 - They are looking at City Cheers to pay your bill on your phone.
 - Smoking survey. They will have a discussion on October 20th at 7pm in the banquet room and a vote in November. All are invited for the discussion, however, only the Legionnaires can vote.
 - The Skills Games are to be gone one way or another by October 14 th .
 - The HVAC has been repaired or replaced in the canteen.
- **Post Meeting:**
 - The deck has been paid off!
 - Gold Star Football Game Friday, October 23, 2026. ALA, SAL, and Legion walks on the field with our Honor Guard for opening ceremony and a half-time to present the families.
 - Legion College is Saturday, Oct. 31 st at CV Middle School, Mechanicsburg, 9am. Van leaves the parking lot at 8 am.
 - Donations made to District 19 and St. Jude's
 - Post Chaplain has been very busy, visiting nursing homes, contacting members, and visiting people.
 - Honor Guard had two events, opened the Hummelstown 5K event, and HACC Trainer and 9/11 presentation

2nd Vice:

- Thank you Notes read

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:** restarted up – all officers sworn in, Helping with multiple events coming up
- **Legislature:** Jan
- **Public Relations:** Mary Beth
- **Veteran's Dinner: Marilyn**
 - September 14th – went very well
- **Yard Sale: Emily and Barb**
 - Yard Sale cancelled – will try again in sprint
- **Halloween Party**
 - Set up October 22nd at 6 pm – party on the 23rd
 - Kids 12 and under fee, \$5 for everyone else
 - Sign up in daily book



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Old Business:

- 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.
- [PA Auxiliary Website](#)
- [National Auxiliary Website](#)
- [Unit 272 ALA Facebook Page](#)
- [Legion 272 Website](#)

New Business:

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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.*

****Next Meeting is October 25th**

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.