AMERICAN LEGION
T/SGT Jack D Levy Post No. 573
Harker Heights, Texas

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES
May 9, 2026

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 10:00am**

2. **Administrative Items:**
   - Flags: Completed
   - Prayer: Completed
   - Preamble: Completed
   - Drape / Un-Drape Charter:

3. **Roll Call:**
   - Attendance is as follows:

Position	Name	Present	Virtual	Excused	Absent
Commander	James Finley	C			
1st Vice Commander	Marcus Hilton	O			
2nd Vice Commander	CJ Wallace	O			
Adjutant	Jay Bush	O			
Finance Officer	Sonja Skinner	O			
Chaplain	Pete Vanderham	O			
Judge Advocate	Rick Michael	O			
Historian	Jose Zayas	O			
Sergeant-At-Arms	Clark Zantos			O	
House Committee 1 (Canteen)	Jimmy Vasquez	O			
House Committee 2 (Inventory)	Ronald Battles	O			
House Committee 3 (Building)	Adam Taylor			O	
House Committee 4 (Grounds)	Larry Hawkins	O			
Hubmaster	Jay Bush	N			
Service Officer	Vacant				
Auxiliary President	Krista Dupre			N	
SAL Commander	George Greer			N	
ALR President	Daniel O'Rourke			N	
Bar Manager	Nicole MacCallum				N
16	**Total Officers**	**10**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Per Post By-Laws, Art. VIII, Sec. 8, a Quorum is 4 members in good standing present not to include the Commander					
(C) = Commander, (O) = Officers, (N) = No Vote					

- With 10 officers present, 1 officer excused, 0 officers absent, 35 members present, there was a quorum to proceed

- Meeting guests included:
  - Cyndi Miller – Post 55 Cdr, Previous District Commander and running for 2nd Division Commander; discussed membership, legion activities, and communication at all levels
  - Dave Ferris – Bring Everyone In the Zone (BEIZ) – Presented the Commander a COA for our continued support and donation
  - Brian Piacentini – VFBA; discussed pre-arranged funerals and other programs available

4. **Previous meeting minutes:**
   - Minutes from the previous Executive Board meeting were read. Motion made by Sonja Skinner to accept minutes as read; 2d by Larry Hawkins, motion carried

5. **Reports**
   - 1st Vice:
     - Membership goal is 1295, currently at 1534 or 118%
     - Retention is currently at 94.4%
     - 31 new members, names read; motion made by Mike Matarazzo to approve the members; Ronald Battle; motion carried

   - 2nd Vice:
     - See calendars and bulletin board for even fliers
     - Thank you for supporting your legion and all the events
     - May 16 – Armed Forces Rally
     - May 23 – Memorial Day Observance
     - Jun 14 – Flag Day
     - Jul 4 – America's 250th Birthday Celebration
     - Jul 18 – Auxiliary Christmas in July vendor/craft show
     - Nov 6 – Post Golf Tournament

   - Adjutant: Nothing to report

   - Finance:
     - Finance report was read; Clarence Wallace made a motion to approve the finance report as read pending an audit, 2d by Ronald Battles; motion carried

   - Chaplain:
     - If you don't see a member around, reach out to them to check on them. If you don't have their information get with Post Chaplain

   - Judge Advocate:
     - Rick Michaels is working with Department on the requirement of a emergency container

   - Historian:
     - Eddie Zayas discussed that he takes new pictures of the bulletin boards every Friday and posts to facebook

   - Sergeant-At-Arms: Nothing to report

- House 1:
  - New smoke system is installed; Cigars smokers are not allowed to be seated at the bar

- House 2:
  - Do not remove anything from the Legion without going through Ronald Battales.

- House 3: Nothing to report

- House 4:
  - Please pick up trash if you see it and report any maintenance issues

- Service Officer:
  - The new Service Officer is Archy Kennabrew; he introduced himself and thanked the Legion for letting him be VSO

6. **Old Business:**
   - Marcella thanked the Post for sponsoring her at the Veteran's Special Olympics
   - Mike from the 55 and over softball team thanked the Post for their support and presented the Commander with their last trophy plaque
   - Daniel O'Rourke reminded everyone about the Armed Forces Rally on May 23; live band, $1200 meat package drawing; please come to support
   - Debbie Wesserman reminded everyone that Juneteenth is coming up
   - Membership cards – we do check periodically; please ensure you have your cards and don't give our checkers a hard time
   - Taco & Tequila in HH is May 9, 4-8pm

7. **New Business:**
   - Debbie Wesserman spoke about replacing the chairs in the Canteen/Games Room; Commander stated we would investigate it
   - When we do shirts, you have to be present to get the shirt

8. **Good of the Legion:**
   - The is OUR Post, pick up trash if you see it, report a maintenance issue, report any issues or concerns to an Executive Board member, the Bar Manager, or the Bartender on shift
   - VSO Training – We will have VSO training on May 30 if you are interested
   - Be advised the July General Membership meeting may be adjusted due to the Department Convention the same weekend

Meeting Adjourned at 1057am

ATTESTED TO BY:

Jay Lyn Bush
Jay Bush
Post Adjutant

APPROVED BY:

James Finley
James Finley
Post Commander