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

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES
August 8, 2026

1. **Meeting called to order:** 10:00am

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

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	Clarence 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 Vazquez	O			
House Committee 2 (Inventory)	Ronald Battles	O			
House Committee 3 (Building)	Adam Taylor			O	
House Committee 4 (Grounds)	Larry Hawkins	O			
Service Officer	Archie Kinnebrew			O	
Hubmaster	Jay Bush	N			
Auxiliary President	Krista Dupre	NA			
SAL Commander	George Greer	NA			
ALR President	Daniel O'Rourke	NA			
Events Coordinator	Linda Roseman	NA			
13	**Total Officers**	**10**	**0**	**2**	**1**
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 ten (10) officers present, two (2) officers excused, one (1) officer absent, thirty-five (35) members present, there was a quorum to proceed.

- Meeting attendance included: N/A

4. **Guest Speaker(s) Presentation:**
   - Advent Health – Presented $2,000 check to support
   - Service For a Cause Education Foundation – Presented $1,500 check to support
   - Purple Heart Chapter 1876 – John Footeman presented Post 573 with trophy in support of the Purple Heart Association.

5. **Previous meeting minutes:**
   - The minutes of the previous Executive Board were read. A motion was made by Sonja Skinner to approve the minutes as read, 2d by Clarence Wallace; motion carried.

6. **Finance Report:**
   - The finance report was read. Motion made to approve the finance report pending an audit by Debbie Wallstead, 2d by John Footeman; motion carried.

7. **Reports:**
   - 1st Vice:
     - Thanked everyone for helping to meet 2026 membership goals.
     - 2027 membership goal is 1560; 360/1560 or 23.8% and 19.1% retention.
     - Early Bird is currently going through October 31; half price membership, brick, and dinner.
     - Club 50 is not discounted since this a privilege.
     - Motion made by Mike Matarazzo to accept the 27 new members read off, 2d by Larry Hawkins; motion carried.
     - Debbie Wallstead has been added to the membership committee

   - 2nd Vice:
     - Aug 17 – SAL Dinner
     - Aug 22 – Pan-American Event
     - Sep 5 – Labor Day Events, 2pm-UTC – food, giveaways, tournys all day
     - Sep 13 – NFL Season Opener – 12p to Close, Wear Jersey's, Food, and Fun.

   - Adjutant: Nothing to report

   - Finance:
     - Discussed JrROTC scholarships; Motion made by Mike Matarazzo to add JrROTC scholarships as a budget line for $8,000 each year (2x each high school JrROTC program), 2d by Derek Roseman; motion carried.

   - Chaplain:
     - Discussed veteran suicide

   - Judge Advocate: Nothing to report

   - Historian:
     - Watch FB for pics and updates.

- Sergeant-At-Arms: Nothing to report

8. **House Reports:**
   - House 1:
     - New cooler at POS 2 has been installed.
     - Sponsors are permitted to sign in four (4) guests at a time; after three (3) visits, no more visits; if they aren't eligible for membership then join Club 50.
     - Only members are permitted on Thursdays
   - House 2: Nothing to report
   - House 3: Nothing to report
   - House 4: Nothing to report

9. **Other Reports:**
   - Service Officer:
     - Assisted 5 people for a total of 10 hours
     - Schedule updated to:
       - 1st and 3rd Saturday – 10a-UTC
       - Wednesdays – 530-UTC
     - NO charge
   - Entertainment Coordinator: Nothing to report
   - Bar Manager: Nothing to report

10. **Family Reports:**
    - Auxiliary: Nothing to report
    - Riders: Nothing to report
    - SAL: Nothing to report

11. **Old Business:**
    - ALR Breakfasts – When the ALR provides breakfast during General Membership Meetings, please provide a TIP to help pay for this benefit.

12. **New Business:** Nothing to report

13. **Good of the Legion:**
    - Commander's Vision – Share, Do, Listen
    - C&BL runs the legion…nothing else
    - Mike Matarazzo discussed that Post 573 is talked about and we are being used as a training tool as well…keep up the great work.
    - Debbie Wallstead thanked everyone for their support since her husband passed away.

14. **Meeting Adjourned:** 10:50 am

ATTESTED TO BY:	APPROVED BY:
Jay Lyn Bush	*James Finley*
Jay Bush	**James Finley**
Post Adjutant	Post Commander

Date approved by General Membership:_____