

Post Executive Committee Meeting
5:00 p.m. - 18 February 2026 - Shadows
Minutes (Final)

Call meeting to order – 5 p.m.

Attendance – Commander, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, Adjutant, Finance Officer (Excused), Service Officer #1, Service Officer #2, Chaplain, Chuck A., Dean K., Bernie Booth, Dan Vine – Quorum (7) met. ALA Representative – Tim W. SAL Representatives – Ken S., Al B, Andrew P.

Review & approve January PEC meeting minutes – Motion & 2d.

Old Business

1. Sweetheart Raffle
 - a. Final numbers - \$5000 to Post, \$5000 in prizes
 - b. Checks presented – two of six done. Remaining by the end of the week.
2. Mid-Winter Conference – Seven members attended plus one x ALA, two x SAL.
3. GB RV Show – Five attendees - \$125 tips.
4. Suicide Awareness/Prevention Training – April timeframe.
5. Funeral flag & rifle training – before Memorial Day.
6. TUFT
 - a. Posters and updated donation letter (w QR code)
 - b. Radio ads – currently running Premier Sponsorship ads. Next Monday, move to hole sponsorship ads.
 - c. Website is live – register, donate, sponsor, volunteer, order apparel – ask all volunteers to sign up via the website to include adding shirt size. Registration, donation, sponsorships can be done if paying by CC. If check or cash, use email or text Dan.
 - d. Volunteers – anticipate needing 80+ over two days, currently have 35.
7. F2L Fundraiser – Milk Bottle Tournament – Early August 2026
8. Veteran Banner Update – 47 total as of 18 Feb 26
9. Celebration of Freedom Raffle – 1000 tickets, \$20 each – \$7500 in prizes - \$12500 toward the new flagpole at Meeme Liberty Pole site - drawing 4 July Noon
10. Celebration of Freedom Celebration - Meeme Liberty Pole – 4 July 2026 – 10 a.m. at the Liberty Pole. Capital campaign. Township very receptive.
11. Food Trailer Partnership – Manitowoc County Fair – Dean presented to Ant Hill Mob on 14 February – decision should be made by 15 March.
12. Post Audit – went well, minor discrepancies corrected
13. Review/update of the Post Budget – recommendations:
 - a. Increase Badger Boys State budget line (\$1200) three attendees

- b. Add Veteran Banner budget line (\$500) to cover the lift rental & replacement strapping for the brackets
 - c. Add Sponsorship Budget line (i.e.; Special Olympics, Teen Rodeo)
 - d. Add Mental Health/Be the One Budget Line (\$600) (i.e.; Veteran Ruck Marches, Be The One T-shirts)
 - e. Add Conference & Banquet Fees (\$1200) cover cost of attendees
 - f. Increase membership (\$2500) appr 30 Military Members, six members 85+ or in senior facilities, 30+ plus volunteer hours
14. Americanism Banquet – attendees will receive refund after attendance.

New Business

1. Read Across America – Cleveland Elementary School – 2-5 March 2026
2. Badger Boys – three total, 2 x Kiel HS, 1 x Valders
3. Post Awards- Highest Ever, Post Excellence Award, Honor Guard, Americanism – all being reviewed prior to submission
4. Spring Conference (26 April Neighborhood Bar & Grill) – reimbursed by Post after attendance
5. Review of the Legacy Scholarship – recommendations made to make the eligibility & submission process less stringent – tabled for further review
6. Ant Hill Mob – Gold Sponsorship - \$500 – motion and 2d - passed

Buddy Checks – Jeff

1. January #s – 505, down just a bit from December (512)
2. Plan for February – move one down on the roster provided in January

Membership – Nancy – effective 17 Feb 26

1. 159 members (two transfers Heather B & Mike M)
2. 157 members for 2026 membership (105.3%)

Auxiliary update – Nothing to report

SAL Update – Nothing to report

Good of the order (Kevin):

- Legion Riders – Al attended January meeting in FDL. Meet monthly, 6th District ALR (not Post), approximately 25 current members, requirements: 500 cc bike, \$30 annual membership, goal is to meet up and drive to meetings, ride in events close to where members live, next meeting 28 Feb at Post 75 11 a.m.
- Veterans Café–Complete Care(former Manitowoc Rehab)–19 February 2026 10-11
- Soup with the Vets – Elks Lodge – 25 February 2026 – noon til 1

- Gary Schmitz – Celebration of Life (28 March) Highland Lodge in Cleveland 11-2

Important Dates:

- 2 March–Manitowoc County Council Meeting–Post 165-Manitowoc Rifle & Gun Club
- 8 March – American Legion Birthday Celebration – Neighborhood Bar & Grill
- 15 March – American Legion Birthday
- 24 March – DEC – Post 70 – County Commanders, Committee Chairs
- 26 March – Post & SAL Meetings
- 28 March – Oratorical – Ripon College
- 28 March – Americanism Banquet – LaSure’s Oshkosh
- 1 April – CPR due
- 6 April – Manitowoc County Council Meeting – Post 477 Hosting
- 21 April – Manitowoc County Youth Government Day
- 23 April – Post & SAL Meeting
- 4 May – Manitowoc County Council Meeting - Reedsville
- 13 & 14 May – TUFT Golf Outing
- 19 May – MCVVC Meeting – CVSO – pick up flags and holders
- 25 May - Memorial Day Activities
- 19 & 20 June – Tractor Days – Shadows
- 4 July – Celebration of Freedom – Meeme Liberty Pole & Shadows
- 11 July – Linebacker Bar – Fishing Derby - Raffles
- 17 & 18 July – Department Convention – Appleton
- 19 July – Christmas in July
- TBD August – Milk Bottle Tourney
- 2 August – Cleveland Dairyland Parade
- 26-30 August – Manitowoc County Fair
- 27 August – 3 September – TAL Convention - Louisville
- 12 September – Meats Fest Parade

Next PEC: 11 March – 5:30 Shadows

Motion to Adjourn: Motion & 2d. Meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.